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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

As mentioned last month, we have now turned our attention to aggressively pursuing funding programs to help offset a majority of the cost of the project. We were preparing an application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program but, unfortunately, upon further review, we discovered that it only covers up to 60% of new builds rather than the 80% which is only for retrofits. Due to the increase in costs of a net-zero building option, our share would have been well beyond our ability to pay. For this reason, we will not be applying to this program and will be pursuing other options.

Finally, we are still planning to organize a virtual Q&A to inform the public on the project and provide them an opportunity to ask questions. We hope to be able to finalize a design package in the next month to allow us to host this Q&A.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

On June 9, it was announced that the Government of Canada is investing \$50,000 in the Municipality of Barrington through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on behalf of the federal government. This announcement is based on the application we submitted back in June 2020.

The program helps municipalities strengthen local infrastructure planning and decision-making by increasing local asset management capacity through investments in activities such as asset management training, technology and software enhancements and information sharing. Here in Barrington, this funding will help us create an asset management plan and implement software, collect data, and assess the condition of its facilities assets, and develop a policy and procedure framework and knowledge building. More information on the next steps will be shared in the coming weeks.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Economic Growth

a. Development of Additional Business/Commercial Property

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Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Reduction of Commercial Taxation

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improved Access to Internet

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Our Beach Resource Team met twice this month. As a reminder, the group includes representation from the Municipality and a number of Provincial agencies that are key to the promotion and development of our beaches. We have reviewed suggested edits to the terms of reference which will be presented to Committee next month and have been presented with information from all of the government agencies at the table on topics such as protected areas, provincial parks, piping plover, etc. Now that a solid foundation has been established, we will begin discussing our conceptual plans, one-by-one, at our next meeting to gain feedback from the provincial agencies before submitting an official permit application. The first beach we will be discussing is Stoney Island.

b. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

a. Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Develop Water Access Plan (docks, wharves, and marinas)

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM MAY 25TH TO JUNE 27TH

TOPICS

COVID-19

We continue to closely monitor the progress of the province’s reopening plan and adjust to the evolving restrictions. On June 14, we reopened most of our indoor facilities and transitioned back to normal in-office service hours.

As noted, our plan is dependent on the province's Reopening Safely Plan. For this reason, there may be adjustments made along the way to ensure we are following current restrictions/guidelines. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility while we reopen.

For up-to-date information on our municipal response and measures, visit: barringtonmunicipality.com/covid19. You are also encouraged to visit novascotia.ca/coronavirus for more information on the provincial restrictions.

Nova Scotia Marathon

The Marathon takes place on Sunday, July 25. As of June 25, we had 618 registered participants. broken down as follows:

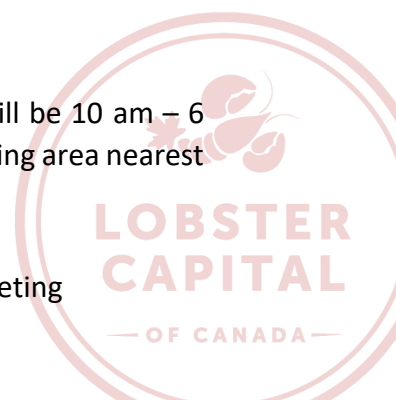
Registrations	Export
Full Marathon	150
Full Marathon Waitlist	13
Half Marathon Waitlist	24
Half Marathon	150
10 km	138
6 km	50
Virtual Run All distances	93
Total:	618

The province has released race event guidelines that we are using to develop our safety protocols and plan. The gathering limits should be at 250 by race day which fits well within our 150-person cap per event plus additional room for officials and volunteers.

Spectators will not be permitted at the start and finish, but we will not be able to stop people from viewing along the race route.

Recreation Programming

Sherose Island Beach Supervision is set to start June 30. Hours of operation will be 10 am – 6 pm, 7 days a week. A storage shed which has been placed at the edge of the parking area nearest



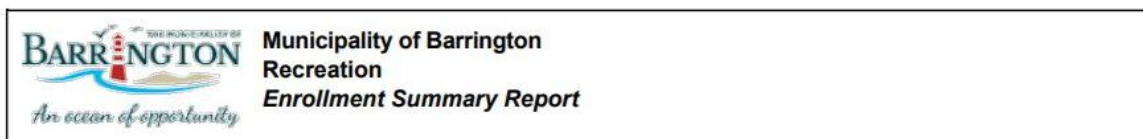
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the entry for the storage of the lifeguarding equipment and the staff is really excited about guarding there as they feel it is one of the best beaches in the province.

We are undergoing looking into an evaluation of the **Sherose Island Nature Trail** and the play environment it provides. When we discussed with experts about plans to develop the trail, they expressed the need to use caution as to not change the playability that currently exists because it “is unlike anything they have seen anywhere else”. The work we do will help develop policy and make decisions around all playground/trail/green space development.

We are working to encourage the Municipality to participate in the **ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge**. We have created a team challenge where people can create teams on the app to see who Barrington's most active team is. There are twenty teams registered in this competition. Each week, teams send their weekly results to Joel, and he updates it on the Team Barrington Facebook group page. As of now, Barrington is the 2nd most active community in Nova Scotia, and 42nd in the Nation.

Summer Program Calendars are now online, and registration opened on June 9. The system can be accessed here: <https://app.booking.ca/barringtonmunicipalitypub>. The system has functioned very well with only a few kinks that we are working to iron out. Here are two reports from the system that we can adapt depending on the desired/relevant data:



Enrollments by Season
2021 Summer

Transaction Counts

Total Enrollment Transactions	1092
Internal Enrollment Transactions	507
Online Enrollment Transactions	585
Total Withdrawal Transactions	58
Total Waitlist Requests	218
Total Course Spaces	1437
Total Course Hours	2086
Course Utilization (Enrollments / Total Spaces)	71.96%

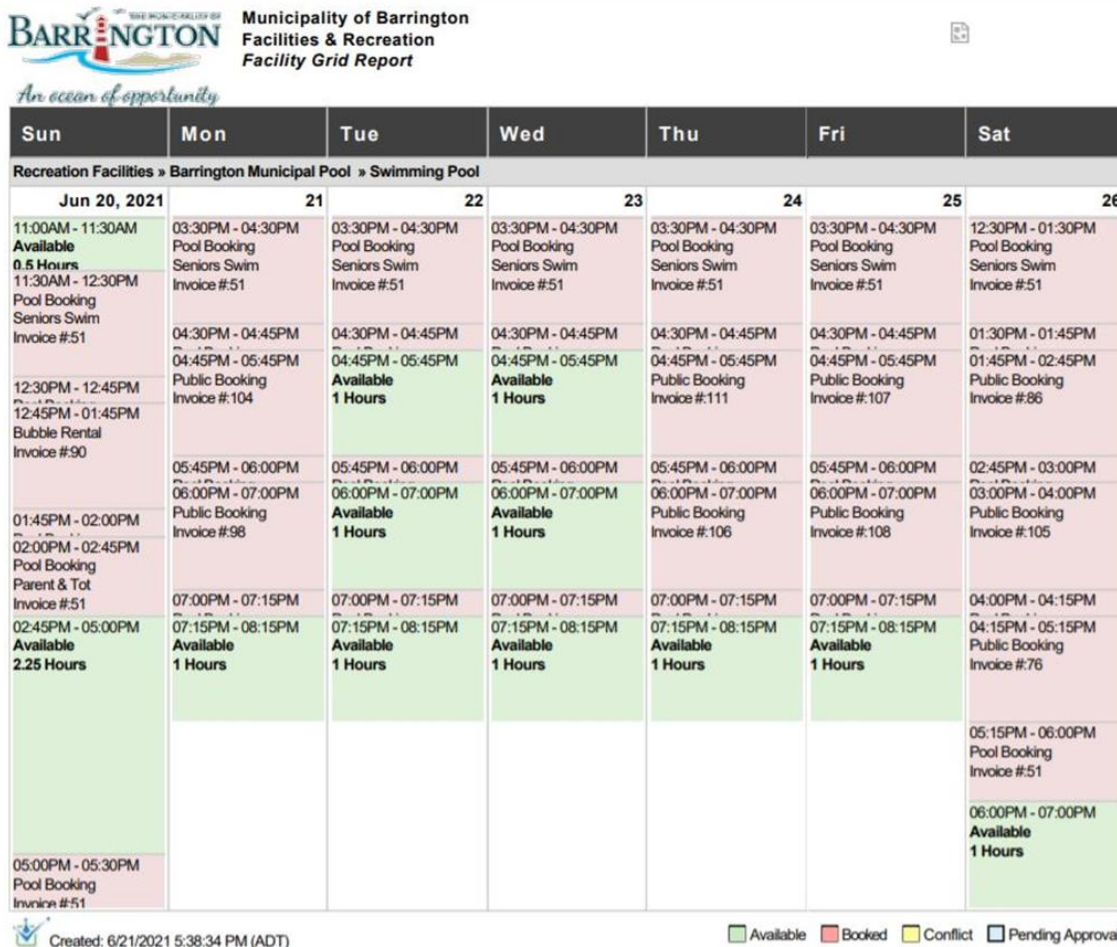


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This summary includes day camps, leadership camps, swimming lessons and sport days as well as senior swims. Swims will move to a non-registered drop in next week.

It is important to note that there is a waiting list feature on the system and have been very useful in managing the increasing gathering limits as we progress through the province’s reopening plan. In phase 4 (July 14) we will open and take those on the lists up to appropriate ratios.

The next image depicts a “week at a glance” of the pool schedule. We can do this for any facility. Currently the pool is open 3:30 pm - 8:15 pm during the weekdays and all-day on the weekends. Bad weather forecasts impact bookings but people can login online, request the space and be approved within minutes.



**Municipality of Barrington
Facilities & Recreation
Facility Grid Report**

An ocean of opportunity

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recreation Facilities » Barrington Municipal Pool » Swimming Pool						
Jun 20, 2021	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:00AM - 11:30AM Available 0.5 Hours 11:30AM - 12:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	03:30PM - 04:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	03:30PM - 04:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	03:30PM - 04:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	03:30PM - 04:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	03:30PM - 04:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51	12:30PM - 01:30PM Pool Booking Seniors Swim Invoice #51
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Legend: ■ Available ■ Booked ■ Conflict ■ Pending Approval

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Joel has become a **Stand-Up Paddle Board (SUP)** instructor and is now a certified SUP instructor through Paddle Canada. The Barrington and Shelburne Recreation Departments share 10 SUPs and will be offering SUP sessions for girls aged 12-18, women 45+ and through day camp programs.

We have also purchased 5 sit on **kayaks** for programming for this summer. Joel will be providing “try it” sessions and group paddles for all age demographics this summer. Our goal is to expose as many people as possible to kayaking.

Finally, we have distributed our first two sets of **mud kitchens** to the Early Childhood intervention center families. Mud kitchens are used to increase outdoor unstructured play. Joel is working with families with less opportunities.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From May 18 to June 20, 33 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$723,300. This is a \$245,000 decrease compared to the same period last year. Building supplies and modular homes are getting hard to come by as a result of COVID and it seems to be having an impact in all areas. 66 building inspections were carried out along with 1 fire inspection. Fire inspections were suspended during the lockdown, but they have since resumed.

5 new civic numbers were issued this reporting period while one was deleted due to a demolition. We will be working on getting civic numbers at our beaches and all cemeteries in the near future.

We received two new subdivisions with two sent for registration. This leaves five open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we received 1 new dangerous and unsightly complaints which was investigated and closed. We received 1 new by-law complaint which continues to be investigated.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator.

Fire departments are also following the province’s reopening plan and are getting back to more normal operations as restrictions are eased.

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There were a few major fires this past month in which Dwayne attended to help and investigated with the Deputy Fire Marshall. He kept in close contact with the Department of Lands and Forestry while two forest fires were on going, including doing a fly over of the scenes in one of their helicopters. In one fire, the ladder truck was used and was a great asset in bringing the fire under control quickly while making the scene safer for firefighters. Finally, in another fire, two firefighters needed to bail out a second storey window, one of which sustained a hand injury. Dwayne has been reviewing all aspects of that fire for future training/safety purposes and has been working with our insurers in regard to the injured firefighter and the equipment that was damaged at the fire.

Otherwise, Dwayne provided several training courses, attended virtual sessions relating to water shortage planning and the upcoming hurricane season, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This May, the Fire Departments responded to 20 calls, and they responded to 11 in May 2020. Here is the data for the month of May:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS May 2021							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	3		1			1	5
Island Barrington Passage FD	1		1			8	10
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	3					2	5
TOTALS	7		2			11	20
B/PLT - 1 motor bike fire, 1 forest fire which was to far for the fd to access, 1 brush							
IBP - 1 Grass fire, 1 alarm due to furnace malfunction							
WH/SH- 1 grass fire, 1 Fish plant fire, 1 rekindle							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2021-2022 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	Not Started
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

