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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

We continue to facilitate discussions between a hotel management and development company and a local developer in the hopes of increasing the number of accommodations in the Municipality.

3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Cell Service

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Municipal Property Development

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

The Request for Proposals for architect services to undertake the next phase of work for a Community Health Centre closes on Thursday, April 27. The proposals are now being evaluated by staff and a recommendation will be made in June.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

Nothing new to report at this time.

2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

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3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.2 Housing

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Wastewater Services

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Accessibility

Our Accessibility Advisory Committee continues its work. At the last meeting, the results of the assessments of the nature trail, our rest stop and picnic areas and community garden were shared. A priority list of issues identified during the assessment was also presented.

We met with officials of the Department of Public Works to see if there are any solutions to the issue of the discontinuation of the sidewalk in front of the Petro-Canada Service Station, in Barrington Passage. They suggested that white lines could be painted to help guide individuals from one end of the sidewalk to the other. This option will be pursued further to assess its feasibility.

In celebration of National AccessAbility Week, we will be having a grand opening of Stoney Island Beach, our first accessible beach, on Friday, June 2. The opening will take place from 1:00-3:00 pm and include a short ribbon cutting ceremony followed by beach games and activities.

3.5 Diversity and Inclusion

Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Operating Efficiently

4.1 Develop an Employee Retention Program

Nothing new to report at this time.

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4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

The final draft of the 2023/2024 budget includes funds to undertake a life cycle assessment of our Site. The results of this assessment will help us determine what steps will be required to continue its operation into the future.

4.4 Transparency

Nothing new to report at this time.

5. Keeping Barrington Moving

5.1 Enhance Recreation Programs

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.2 Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.3 Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.4 Trail Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 25TH TO MAY 22ND, 2023

TOPICS

Shelburne County Lobster Fest

Lobster Festival plans are well underway. Most events this year are scheduled from June 7-11. This year we have the Tinkers Challenge, now renamed to the Benjamin Ross Memorial Tinkers Challenge in collaboration with Kevin Ross. The Great Lobsterman Challenge, Trivia Night, the Lobster Fest Market, which has over 50 vendors already registered and a Tide Kite event at the North East Point Beach. We also have events planned by the Barrington Leisure Park (Family Fun Day and Lobster Races), a Seal Island Breakfast by the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department and a dance hosted by the Barrington Curling Club.

Nova Scotia Marathon

The Marathon Committee has been working hard and are seeing extremely good response from participants. There are currently 331 registered for the marathon – which is similar to the numbers at this same point last year. The Marathon Committee along with Mile East administering the event, is working incredibly well and we are very happy with the arrangement.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From April 16 to May 13, 33 permits were issued for a total value of \$1,262,000. This is a decrease of \$100,000 compared to the same period last year. 80 building inspections along with three fire inspections and four fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

Five new civic number were issued, two were deleted as the buildings were demolished and seven homes or businesses were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received two new subdivision applications and sent one for registration. We presently have five outstanding subdivisions that we continue to work on.

Two new by-law complaints were received and 4 were resolved. This leaves us with five open complaints that we continue to work on.



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Fire Services & Emergency Management

This past month, our Coordinator taught a pump operators course with 15 students and attended another Region 3 exercise planning meeting. A reminder that we will be participating in a regional emergency management exercise on June 7 which will practice our people and test our plans to be better prepared in the event of an emergency. Some of the objectives of the exercise will include activating our Emergency Coordination Centre, requesting an Alert Ready message, and assessing the need for municipal officials to declare a State of Local Emergency.

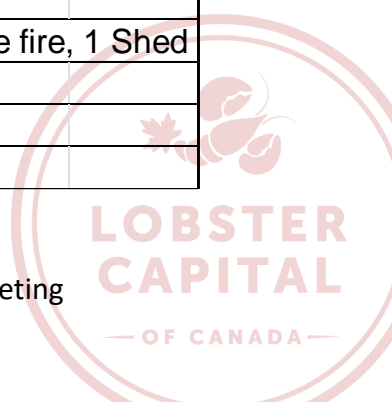
Our EMO Coordinator has been approved as an ICS instructor so he can now teach ICS 100 and ICS 200, once he co-instructs that course twice.

Otherwise, our Coordinator continues to help fire departments develop their budgets and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

We continue to monitor precipitation and as of the end of April we were down 15 mm from the 13-year average and down 86 mm as compared to April 2022.

This past April, the Fire Departments responded to 27 calls, compared to 22 in April 2022. Here is the data for this past month:

| BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| EMERGENCY CALLS April 2023 | | | | | | | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | Fire | Mut | Auto | MFR | MVC | Other | TOTAL |
| | | Aid | Aid | | | | |
| Barrington/Port La Tour FD | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Island Barrington Passage FD | 7 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 11 |
| Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 8 |
| TOTALS | 14 | 6 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 27 |
| B/PLT - 1 electrical fire, 1 shed fire, 1 Grass fire | | | | | | | |
| IBP - 1 grass fire, 1 chimney fire, 1 trash fire, 1 Appliance fire, 2 Vehicle fire, 1 Shed | | | | | | | |
| WH/SH- 3 grass/brush fire, 1 Vehicle fire | | | | | | | |
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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2023-2024 Capital Projects:

| Rank | Project | Status |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4 | Beach Facilities Water Drilling | Not Started |
| 6 | Arena Shower/Flooring | Not Started |
| 8 | Goose Lake Road Improvements | Not Started |
| 10 | Lobster Sculptures | Not Started |
| 1 | Recreation Centre | In Progress |
| 2 | Community Healthcare Centre | In Progress |
| 3 | Pool Liner/Pool Lift | In Progress |
| 5 | Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach | In Progress |
| 7 | Property Services Building Heat Pump | Completed |
| 9 | Brass Hill Clarifier | Completed |

