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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

The renovation work at our Brass Hill Treatment Plant continues.

2. Economic Growth

a. Development of Additional Business/Commercial Property

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.

Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

d. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

e. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

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

Work continues on the Community Health Centre project. Staff should be in a position to provide Council with a conceptual plan and preliminary budget next month.

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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 JULY 26TH TO AUGUST 22ND, 2022

TOPICS

Recreation Programming

The evaluation, along with recommendations, of the 2022 Nova Scotia Marathon will be available after the September Marathon Committee meeting. We had another very successful event and wish to continue building the event.

Pickleball has proved to be extremely popular this summer so we will be looking for a winter home for the activity. Summer is normally difficult to have people participate in evening activities but drop-in activity at the Curling Club often saw 20+ people come out. We are hoping to work out new community use of school agreements as the school year begins.

The Sherose Island Nature Trail will be rebranded to what people now know it as – Sherose Island Rocks Trail. New signage is being created with updated maps that reflect the wonder and fun of the trail.

The swimming pool season ended on August 26 as staffing was unavailable to maintain any hours in September. We have plans to continue to train staff with Ella Swim during the year and current staff may have access to courses when away at school. We are looking to start a competitive swim program next summer and have a couple staff members interested in delivering it. Bubble rentals stayed popular all season with August seeing 85% of available spots booked and that rising to 100% in the last 2 weeks.

Our day camp programming met some challenges with child participation and behavior, but staff were communicative, and the team created solutions that worked. I am very happy with the staff and how they developed during the season. We also identified some very good changes to implement next summer. The younger camp for ages 5-8 had almost full registration all summer as did the Youth leadership program. We have some future summer leader staff up and coming through this program.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From July 18 to August 20, 2022, 37 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$2,894,900. This is a \$939,500 increase compared to the same period last year. 129 building inspections along with 7 fire inspections and 4 fire re-inspection were carried out during this period.

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5 new civic numbers were issued this period and 2 were deleted as buildings were demolished.

We received 1 new subdivision application, have one outstanding and sent 4 others for registration. We now have 2 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

We received 3 new by-law complaints and closed 4 that were outstanding. We currently have 4 open complaints. As mentioned the last couple of months, with the increased workload in the development office, by-law enforcement is taking a little longer than normal but we are still working through the complaints within the timeframes described in our complaints handling policy.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator is also monitoring rainfall amounts and correspondence from EMONS for possible drought issues.

Our Coordinator is preparing for ongoing and upcoming training programs. The firefighter 1 course in Eastern Shelburne is completed with the fire suppression course practical being done at our facility. The Strategy and Tactics course is booked for August 27, 28 with 11 students registered, the Firefighter 1 course for the Municipality is scheduled to start September 1 and the Safety Officer course scheduled for September 17 and 18.

Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This July, the Fire Departments responded to 21 calls, and they responded to 26 in July 2021. Here is the data for this past month:



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS July 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2						2
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				1	3	6
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			8	1	3	13
TOTALS	5			8	2	6	21
B/PLT - 1 assist DNRR brush fire, 1 forest fire							
IBP - 1 Boat fire, 1 Brush fire							
WH/SH- 1 Trash fire							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2022-2023 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
2	Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms	In Progress
7	Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs	In Progress
8	Council AV System	In Progress
9	Healthcare Centre	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (21/22)	In Progress
1	Barrington Ballfield Aluminum Seating	Completed
3	Stoney Island Accessible Mats & Wheelchairs	Completed
4	Property Services 3/4 Ton Truck	Completed
5	Property Services Equipment	Completed
6	Solar Speed Sign	Completed
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	Completed