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December 12, 2023

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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.

1.4 Municipal Property Development

We continue the work of listing a number of properties and coordinating with our real estate agent to streamline the sale process. Our goal is to ensure a smooth and transparent transaction for both the municipality and prospective buyers.

1.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

Meetings with local stakeholders are being scheduled between December 18-20. Our architects have finalized a discussion document which will be distributed to stakeholders for review prior to the meetings.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

Nothing new to report at this time.

2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

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This objective is completed.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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.

4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.4 Transparency

We continue to work on having a strong social media presence to inform our residents on municipal matters and we continue to actively publish all publicly available municipal documents. Our Director of Marketing and Tourism and Recreation Director participate in a community of practice for municipal communications professionals being hosted by the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia. The goal of the community of practice is to share knowledge, advice, and best practices on a pre-determined communications related topic, as well as to foster relationship-building throughout the municipal communications community.

5. Keeping Barrington Moving

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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

In the month of October, 1,173 people used the Sherose Island Nature Trail. The highest day was on October 28, which was the Halloween event put on by the Sherose Island Rocks group. There were 817 people on the trail that day.



Last month, upgrades to a section of the Sherose Island Rocks Trail were complete! A boardwalk over what was referred to as the "muddy" section and a bench seating area overlooking the water were installed.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.



An ocean of opportunity

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 28TH TO DECEMBER 12TH, 2023

TOPICS

Given the short timeframe between the last Regular Council meeting and the preparation of this report, there are no updates to provide on any activities.



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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
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
10	Lobster Sculptures	In Progress
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed