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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

We have begun our preliminary plans of getting power and lighting at Stoney Island Beach as well as water at both Stoney Island and North East Point beaches.

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 proposals received following our Request for Proposals for architect services have now been evaluated by staff and a recommendation will be made in August.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

We have participated in a few doctor recruitment activities in the past few month by providing gift baskets or snacks for residents or medical students.

2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

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3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

We've completed and approved our new Asset Management Plan. Work will now begin on integrating the plan in our day to day operations and our budget development process.

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

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.



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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

In the month of June, the trail seen 332 people on the trail. This has been the lowest amount in a while, however this was during the time that usage on trails was banned due to forest fires. June 22nd was the most popular day with 92 people recorded.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM MAY 23RD TO JULY 24TH, 2023

TOPICS

Nova Scotia Marathon

The 52nd edition of the Nova Scotia Marathon took place this past Sunday. Overall, the event went very well - the weather cooperated, and the volunteers and the runners enjoyed themselves. The addition of the Youth Run on Saturday by committee volunteers was a great addition to the event and we hosted more people in-person than ever before! In the end, we had a total of 554 total participants within the following categories:

Registration	Number
Full Marathon	122
Half Marathon	138
10 km	123
6 km	84
Youth Run – 350 m	11
Youth Run – 700 m	25
Virtual – All Distances	51
Total	554

We'd like to thank our sponsors, partner organizations - Atlantic Chip and Run Nova Scotia, all of the volunteers and the members of our organizing committee who worked all year to ensure our marathon was successful and continues to grow. Their knowledge and experience on the organization and coordination of marathons was very helpful again this year and we can't wait to host the 53rd edition next year on July 21, 2024. For those interested in participating, registration is already open at <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/78165/53rd-annual-nova-scotia-marathon!>



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Summer Newsletter

Our summer newsletter was mailed out last week to all residents of the Municipality. It can be accessed online at <https://bit.ly/43HbJHx>. If anyone would like a few copies to have on hand, please let us know as we always have extra.

Recreation Programming

The Recreation Department is in full swing at this time of the year. We are offering weekly camps for 3 different age groups. Each camp runs Monday to Thursday and is built around special interests and activities. The full outline is on the website: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/summer-programs>.

Swimming lessons are underway, and we have some new programming available: mermaid swimming and a swim team. Aqua dance is also coming soon. We are training young leaders in lifesaving to build a future aquatic staff team.

We are offering several outdoor recreation opportunities: kayaking, stand-up paddleboard, hikes, and Friday community beach days. We also have a story trail up at the Sherose Island Rocks Trail in partnership with the Barrington Library.

We have made some accessibility upgrades to the community garden as a service to our older adult users. We had several garden plots cleaned out (invasive weeds had taken over) and built up to an easier height to work.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator has hosted free kayaking clinics for the general public in the month of July. The purpose of the clinics is to enhance people's ability to kayak, and expose them to our equipment loan program.

Our Coordinator has also been gathering gardening kits for seniors. These kits are being distributed for free to residents in our municipality to enhance physical activity levels as gardening is a great form of low intensity physical activity. Finally, we will be hosting a walking poker activity, which will be held on the Barrington Bay Trail. This will encourage seniors to come for a walk and move their bodies in a fun social setting.

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Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From June 18 to July 15, 42 permits were issued for a total value of \$2,594,500. This is an increase of \$1,483,600 compared to the same period last year. 90 building inspections along with 12 fire inspections and 5 fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

8 new civic number were issued – four of which were a result of a new private road that was created, and four structures were renumbered off this private road from Highway 3. 8 properties were visited to discuss civic numbering.

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

Three new by-law complaints were received, and one were resolved. This leaves us with 8 open complaints that we continue to work on. We also received two streetlight complaints this period and we continue to work to resolve those.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

The end of May and beginning of June was a challenging time for everyone but we all came together and got through it. Our fire service really stepped up to deal with the wildfires and should be commended for the roles they played in dealing with a rapidly changing and complex event.

Otherwise, the new rescue truck for the IBPFD should be delivered this month which is a bit behind schedule.

Our Coordinator is compiling the data from surveys sent out to staff and external partners for our after-action review of the wildfire response and has been rescheduling courses that were impacted by the wildfire.

The amount of rain we have had since the first of June has lessened the chance of any drought issues this summer.

This past May and June, the Fire Departments responded to 94 calls, compared to 33 in May and June of 2022. Here is the data for these past two months:

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EMERGENCY CALLS June 2023							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	16					2	18
Island Barrington Passage FD	6	6	1		1	2	16
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	2	6	1	1	1	5	16
TOTALS	24	12	2	1	2	9	50
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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
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
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	In Progress
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed

