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## KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

### 1. Infrastructure Renewal

#### *a. New Recreation Centre*

At our last Council meeting, the design was approved. The architects have therefore begun to finalize the design package for tender. We have now turned our attention to aggressively pursuing funding programs to help offset a majority of the cost of the project. The first program that is being targeted is the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program which aims to build more community buildings and improve existing ones while also making the buildings more energy efficient. This program will support the construction of new publicly-accessible community buildings in communities across Canada. The deadline for receipt of applications for the scheduled intake stream is July 6, 2021, 23:59 PDT and as the applications is very complex and technical, we will be engaging consultants to help us complete it.

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 host this Q&A in the next two months.

#### *b. Development of Asset Management Plan*

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### *c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### 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*

Earlier this month, we were advised by Bell that a portion of the Port La Tour project is now complete and ready for customer sales.

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Any resident interested in signing up should call the Bell store at Wilson's at 637-2300 ext. 242 or visit <https://aliant.bell.ca/Bell-bundles>. As we've seen with the Woods Harbour project, since the service is brand new there could be occasions where residents/businesses that call are told the service is not available to them even though they are on the list of serviceable civic addresses. If you hear of any issues, please let me know and I will forward them to our contact with Bell.

For more information on these projects, visit our dedicate webpage at <https://bit.ly/3li8Zeh> or <https://internet.developns.ca/zones/shelburne-barrington/>.

### **3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry**

#### *a. Amenities at Beaches*

Our Beach Resource Team met for the first time on May 4. The group includes representation from the Municipality and a number of Provincial agencies that are key to the promotion and development of our beaches. A brief overview of our work thus far, the group's terms of reference, our Beach Strategy and conceptual plans was given. The group had a productive discussion on each and the next steps include organizing another meeting where the Department of Environment will present on their work and the Endangered Species Act and suggested edits to the Terms of Reference will be sent in by the Provincial agencies for consideration.

In addition to the Beach Resource Team's work, a report card on our Beach Strategy is attached to the agenda to provide an update on our progress.

#### *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 APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### **TOPICS**

#### **COVID-19**

As part of our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, all of our indoor facilities have been closed to the public since Wednesday, April 28.

As for our outdoor facilities (playgrounds, trails, beaches, sports fields, tennis courts, etc.), remain open and we encourage the public to use them in their household bubbles. No bookings are required to use the facilities, but we ask you use caution when busy.

For up-to-date information on our municipal response and measures, residents can visit: [barringtonmunicipality.com/covid19](http://barringtonmunicipality.com/covid19). They are also encouraged to visit [novascotia.ca/coronavirus](http://novascotia.ca/coronavirus) for more information on the provincial restrictions.

#### **Shelburne County Lobster Fest**

Activities are being planned to be self directed/virtual at this point but with preparations to do some in-person events should the restrictions lift.

- **Tinker Run** - Virtual Edition - June 4<sup>th</sup>. The entire family can participate in this event with 500m, 1km, 2km and 5 km categories.
- **International Trail Day** - June 5<sup>th</sup>. Special mini events will be happening all day along sections of the Barrington Bay Trail, Woods Harbour Multi-Use Trail and the Sherose Island Nature Trail.
- **Barrington Treasure Trail** - June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Catch the Luminous Lobster! This event will have participants track the clues around Barrington in an attempt to be the first to catch this rare species of our local favorite. This event is suitable for the whole family with clues to be completed at night.
- The **Barrington Farmer's Market** is planning its opening day on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Recreation Programming**

The Department is very busy preparing and training on our online registration and facility booking system. Misty, Joel and Cora have met weekly with the trainer and they are feeling confident to have it in place for registration currently scheduled for the beginning of June. The plan at the moment is to offer online, in person, and over the phone registrations all to open at the same

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time. We have aquatic and summer recreation schedules drafted but are awaiting confirmation of opening dates and guidelines around gathering limits.

**Summer staff** have been selected and planning and coordination begins this week with senior summer staff. They work together to do daily planning and leader scheduling, coordinate larger event planning as well as plan multi-sport days, community special events and leadership development opportunities.

Joel has been working on applying to the Sport Fund for funding to purchase kayaks for the Municipality. The kayaks will be used for various programming such as try it clinics, equipment loan, after the bell, partnerships with schools plus, youth kayaking groups, and women on water.

The Department has launched a **ParticipACTION Challenge** as a response to the current lockdown to keep people motivated and active during the lockdown. There are 9 teams, including one of municipal staff, involved with each team having 8 players per team. We are trying to promote the participACTION app because in June, there is the community better challenge, which is a challenge to see who Canada's most active community is.

Finally, the Department met with BMHS HPS leader, Kevin Holland to discuss plans on supporting BMHS on creating a **bicycle trail** at BMHS. We will be looking into the Active Communities Fund to get the necessary funds for this project (i.e. trail consultant). The engagement process will start in September, and we will hopefully be able to go to the school and connect with the youth.

### **Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement**

From April 19 to May 16, 22 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$703,000. This is a \$1,068,250 decrease over last year during the same period. 61 building inspections were carried out along with one fire inspection and four fire re-inspections.

Five new civic numbers were issued this reporting period while one was deleted due to a demolition. 54 homes were visited regarding civic numbering this period prior to the lock down taking effect.

Fire inspections and civic numbering site visits have been paused due to current COVID restrictions.

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

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During this period, we received no new dangerous and unsightly complaints and have no open files. We received four new by-law complaints which were investigated and resolved.

The Development Office is preparing for a busy summer season with a number of inquiries and large projects in the works.

**Fire Services & Emergency Management**

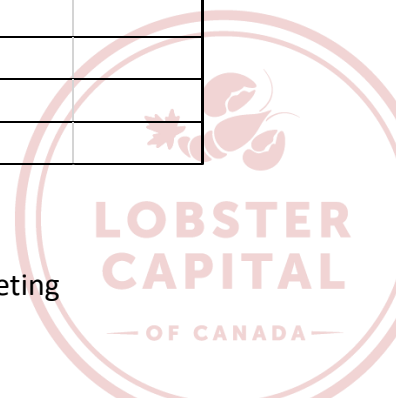
There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator.

Fire departments closed their buildings on April 28 and members only access the halls for emergency response and maintenance. They have also increased PPE and response protocols. These measures will be adjusted as restrictions change.

Otherwise, Dwayne has finalized the training schedule for the rest of the year, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This April, the Fire Departments responded to 12 calls and they responded to 18 in April 2020. Here is the data for the month of April:

<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS April 2021</b>							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2	1			2		<b>5</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD	4	1			1	1	<b>7</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
B/PLT - 2 calls for forest fires, both to far back in woods for FD to access							
IBP - 4 grass fires							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE**

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

Rank	Project	Status
1	Landfill Truck Scale	Not Started
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	Not Started
4	Property Services Building	Not Started
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
13	Library Heat Pump	Not Started
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
6	Internet Project	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	In Progress

