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## KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

### 1. Infrastructure Renewal

#### *a. New Recreation Centre*

We continue to await replies from the programs in which we have submitted funding applications and assess any other programs or steps we should take.

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

Our work continues with Infrastructure Solutions on collecting data and assessing the condition of our facilities, developing an asset management plan, implementing an asset management software, creating policy and procedure framework and training on asset management.

This work will be ongoing in the next few months with the collection of data and assessment of the condition of our facilities being the first step.

#### *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*

Over the past month we have been fielding inquiries relating to the Barrington East and Port La Tour internet projects as their anticipation completion dates were the end of August. Our contact with Bell has been providing us with updates as we've been touching base with them regularly.

We've been advised that there are a number of delays on approvals for water crossings and pole installations that are affecting the progress of the projects. Bell is hoping that they will be in position to complete the bulk of the projects by October, but other unforeseen disruptions could delay it further.

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On another note, we are expecting another announcement this week regarding the construction of more FiberOP infrastructure in our Municipality. We are excited to hear of additional investment in this vital service to residents and necessary in some cases for conducting business or attaining employment and will share this announcement once it is made public.

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

#### *a. Amenities at Beaches*

We continue to meet regularly with the Beach Resource Team. At our last meeting, which was held on Sept. 21, we received a presentation from Birds Canada relating to the report card

We installed three “clean beach bins” at three of our beaches – Stoney Island, North East Point and Daniel’s Head. These bins hold grocery type baskets and trash pickers and signage. The project encourages people to grab a basket and a picker when they walk our beaches to clean up any garbage they see along their stroll. Special thanks to Island Traps in Clark’s Harbour who constructed the bins and donated all three of them for the project. A Lost and Found Bin was also installed at Stoney Island Beach.

#### *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 AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

### **TOPICS**

#### **Nova Scotia COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination**

In light of the Province's *Proof of Full Vaccination Policy* starting October 4 and the announcement that the owner of facilities will be responsible for checking for proof of vaccination, Staff has been working on a plan that ensures we are well prepared and able to communicate our intentions to the public in advance of its implementation.

At this time, we know that the policy has not yet been finalized. Information may change and more details will be available before the policy is in effect. Therefore, our plan may change if the policy changes.

The general statement of the policy is that it will require individuals 12 and over to provide proof of full vaccination to participate in most events and activities that bring groups of people together (like restaurants, gyms, movies and performances). Proof of vaccination will not be required for children 11 and younger (they can attend events and activities with a fully vaccinated adult). The proof of vaccination policy will not apply to employees of the businesses or organizations, and no one will be required to show proof of vaccination if their job requires them to access a business or organization that is subject to the proof of vaccination policy (such as a liquor inspector, delivery person, public health inspector, contractor).

Based on where proof of vaccination will be required, the following municipal facilities will be required to check proof of vaccination:

- Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
- Recreation Centre
- Curling Club
- Administrative Centre
- Library

Since the Province's announcement, we been consulting with our respective associations, provincial departments, and neighbours on getting clarity on what our role and responsibilities are. In the coming days, we will update the public on our social media channels, our website and our user groups to communicate how we will be addressing this policy.



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### **Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena**

The Arena opened on September 17, welcoming the newest team of the Nova Scotia Regional Junior Hockey League, the South West Storm, to the arena for the first Jr. C game in Barrington since 2015. We are excited that the team will call the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena its home for the season and look forward supporting them throughout.

### **Lobster Pot Christmas Tree**

A campaign for donations of Lobster Traps for our Lobster Pot Christmas Tree is now in full swing. We are hopeful that we will have 300 lobster traps donated in time to build our tree this year. We are also looking for people to sit on a working group to help design and build this year's tree. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please let them know to contact me.

### **Recreation Programming**

We are continuing to work on an evaluation of the **Sherose Island Nature Trail** to inform future development. We are applying to the Active Communities Fund to cover the costs of Dalhousie researchers to evaluate the trail and provide suggestions and recommendations.

We have joined with others in the Tri-Counties to work towards a consistent **Community Use of Schools** process and agreements across all schools in the TCRCE. Our hope in Barrington is to increase access for community groups to school recreation facilities.

We are assisting the **Shelburne County Fish & Game Association** with their project proposal and funding applications for a fishpond, to be developed in partnership with the Barrington Exhibition.

A **Fall Hike Series** has been planned with a variety of walks/hikes for all ages and abilities. More information on the fall hike and other programs and events taking place this Fall, residents can visit <https://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/programs-and-events>.

Our after-school programming starts in early October with **After the Bell** for girls in grades 6-8 and also specially themed events for all ages 7-12.

We are partnering with others on the South Shore to pilot a **Make Your Move Campaign**. This will include messaging, signage and media and we will incorporate what works well in our community: i.e exploration challenges, scavenger hunts, etc.



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Finally, we were successful in our application to the **Active Communities Fund** for a trail tracker on Sherose Island Nature Trail. This funding will also cover a loose part shed at Woods Harbour Playground. The cost of this project is \$3,571.99 and we are asking ACF to cover 75%.

### **Lobster Crawl**

A Lobster Crawl Brainstorming session was held in Barrington last week. We are planning for the 2022 Lobster Crawl with a bigger presence of events happening here in the Lobster Capital of Canada. If anyone is aware of any groups, organizations or businesses that would be interested in hosting an event/experience, they can get in touch with Suzy.

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

From August 16 to September 19, 33 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,379,500. This is a \$684,800 increase compared to the same period last year. 119 building inspections were carried out along with 6 fire inspections for Barrington.

During this period, 2 new civic numbers were issued, and 20 households were visited.

We received 3 new subdivision and 4 were sent for registration which now leaves us with 1 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we received 2 new by-law complaints which were both resolved along with the two outstanding complaints from previous months.

### **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.

Dwayne began Level 1 training with a class of 14 students, set up a local assistant to the fire marshal course for local fire departments.

Otherwise, Dwayne attended several training courses, attended virtual sessions relating to emergency management planning, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.



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This August, the fire departments responded to 6 calls, and they responded to 23 in August 2020. Here is the data for the month of August:

<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS August 2021</b>							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD					1		1
Island Barrington Passage FD						2	2
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				1		2	3
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE**

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

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

