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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

This week, we announced a new two-bag system for recycling. This means that residents will now be required to separate their recyclable containers and paper products into two separate blue bags before placing curbside for collection. In other words, moving forward all paper such as newspaper, flyers, cereal and cracker boxes, tissue boxes, magazines, frozen food boxes and paper towel rolls belong in one blue bag, while recyclable containers such as all plastic bags, containers, glass, metal and tin cans belong in a separate blue bag.



This is being implemented as the processing facility that accepts our recyclables is now requiring that paper be kept separate from other recyclables, and we are preparing for once Nova Scotia moves to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in 2025.

This is the same system used throughout most of the Province (including our two municipal neighbours), so this change will keep us more aligned with other municipalities across the province but will also ease the transition to EPR next year.

We announced this on our Facebook page, but we will also be advertising it in print and radio ads and in our municipal newsletter. In addition, we will be publishing more information on our Facebook page. More information on the new system can be found on our municipal website at <https://bit.ly/3QshCVx> and residents can also email info@barringtonmunicipality.com or call the municipal office at 902-637-2015.

On April 1, our Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Disposal Site moved to its summer operating hours. The hours are:

- Monday to Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Every Saturday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

For more information, residents can visit <https://bit.ly/3fsl8gO> or call 902-637-2015.

The budget has been one of our main priorities in the last few months. Council reviewed the first draft of the operating and capital budgets on March 9 and discussed adjustments on



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April 9 and 16. The final draft of the budgets which include the feedback received during these meetings is attached to the agenda for approval.

The interim tax bills were issued the first week of April and are due May 15. This bill represents 50% of a calculation based on the current year's taxable assessment and the last tax rate set by Council along with 50% of the previous year's sewer service charge, when applicable.

We are working with the Town of Clark's Harbour to collaborate on a volunteer recognition event (scheduled in September) **and nominations are open until May 8**. Online nominations can be submitted at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKbTIRUFHTdofspt6oLATOBwnfCodWbFr0AAlXAU1_uKINPw/viewform and if there are any questions or requests for paper forms, they can made to Misty at (902) 637-2015 ext. 239 or mjames@barringtonmunicipality.com.

The Marathon Committee has been working hard and are seeing extremely good response from participants. At this time, there are 299 participants registered for the marathon – which is slightly higher than the same time last year. The partnership with Mile East, continues to work incredibly well and we are very happy with the arrangement.

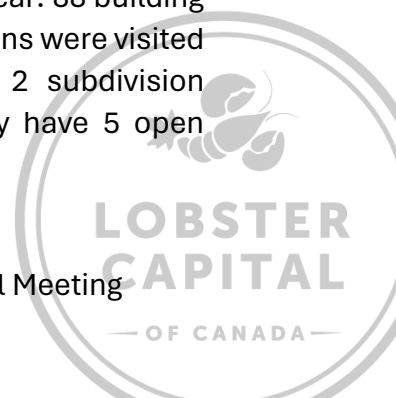
Timbits U6 Soccer registration opened on Friday, April 12 and was sold out in less than an hour with 75 registrations along with full wait lists. We are warmed up for summer program registration now.

We are partnering with BASA on a soccer skills event on May 5. The number of Barrington players has grown significantly in recent years and the Richard Swaine field will be used every night of the week this season.

We are offering gardening kits for residents in the Municipality so they can do gardening barrier free at their household. There have been over 50 kits reserved so far.

In the month of March, 179 people used the Sherose Island Nature Trail. The highest amount was on March 20 with 25. The Easter event was postponed to April 1 due to weather.

From March 18 to April 14, 35 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,803,974. This represents a \$41,974 increase from the same period last year. 88 building inspections and 1 fire inspection were conducted over this period. 17 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 16 new civic numbers were issued. 2 subdivision applications were received and 1 was sent for registration. We currently have 5 open



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subdivision files. 2 new by-law complaints were received, and one was resolved. We currently have 6 outstanding complaints to address.

Fire departments responded to 17 calls this March compared to 16 in March 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS March 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1	1			1	2	5
Island Barrington Passage FD	3		1		1	1	6
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
TOTALS	5	2	2	1	3	4	17
B/PLT -1 heating equipment fire							
IBP - 1 vehicle fire, 1 electrical fire, 1 Grass/brush fire							
WH/SH- 1 Grass/brush							

This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator performed fire and life safety inspections on municipal properties, taught an ICS 100 course to staff with 10 completing the course, attended a Yarmouth County Mutual Aid meeting and participated in a teams meeting with the premier concerning the Nova Scotia Guard and Changes to provincial EMO.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

The summer hiring process will begin next week with returning applicants followed by new applicants. Regardless of the number of available positions, all applicants will receive an interview as it is good experience since many are applying for their first job and it is good for us to meet young people interested in working with our department.

Our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator will be attending the upcoming FSANS conference and will be teaching a pump operators course in June and July.



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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	Completed
5	Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach	Completed
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed
10	Lobster Sculptures	Completed

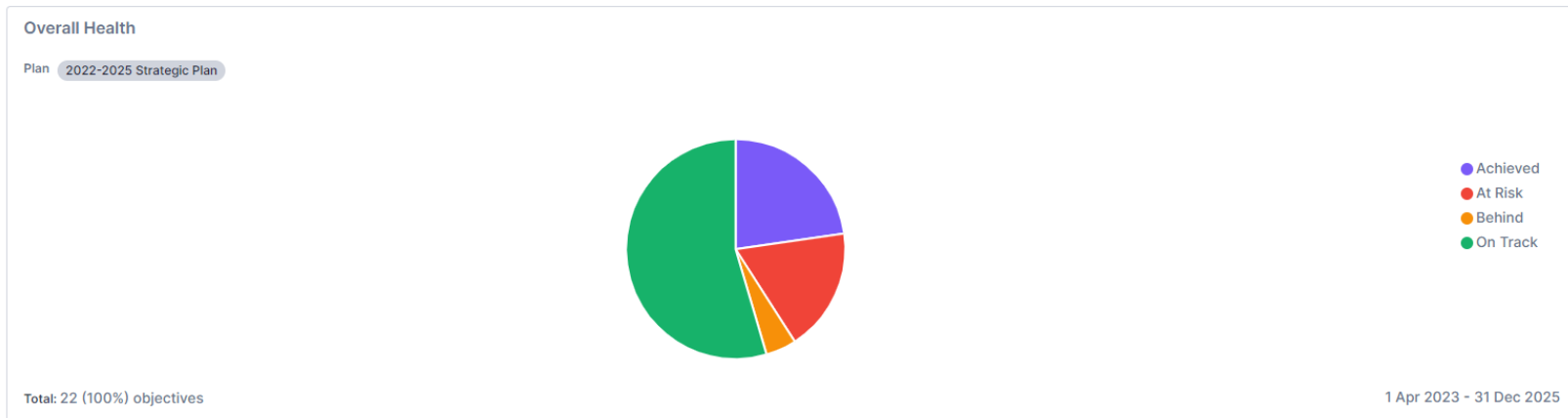


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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Here is a brief update on our strategic plan's progress. This update outlines our achievements, key performance indicators, and the impact of initiatives.



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Housing	● On Track	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Diversity and Inclusion	● On Track	↑ 38% (0% - 38%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Improve Wastewater Services	● At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Accessibility	● On Track	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Infrastructure Renewal	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	● On Track	↑ 43% (0% - 43%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Develop an Employee Retention Program	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Create an Economic Development Office	● At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Transparency	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024



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FOCUS AREA: GROW OUR ECONOMY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Invest in our Beaches and Parks	● On Track	↑ 71% (0% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● On Track	↑ 95% (0% - 95%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Municipal Property Development	● At Risk	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Improved Cell Service	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Renewable Energy	● Achieved	↑ 20% (80% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	● On Track	↑ 20% (0% - 20%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● On Track	↑ 68% (0% - 68%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● On Track	↑ 75% (0% - 75%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Trail Expansion	● Behind	↑ 56% (0% - 56%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Sidewalk Expansion	● At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Public Transit	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Community Health Centre	On Track	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	On Track	↑ 48% (0% - 48%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

