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YouTube - Have you seen the videos Ian Swinermer has been producing about the Lockeport area? He has produced reports on: Lucy's Cottage, Becky's Knit and Yarn Shop, Lockeport's July 1st, and me, the Mayor being dressed as a Mummer. If you can't find Ian Swinermer's Reports on YouTube, check Lucy's Cottage and Becky's Knit and Yarn Shop Facebook sites. They are posted there. **Enjoy!**

Our Mission Statement: *My Town*

Lockeport- where we partner to build a prosperous future with services that provide value and a quality of life in which we take pride.

The Crescent Beach Centre

There were record numbers of tourists dropping by the Visitors Information Centre at Crescent Beach this summer. 2016- 5107; 2017- 6100. This is a significant increase. People are finding their way off the 103. I believe having the limited canteen helped keep visitors on our beach and thereby coming into Town.

It was great to see the Crescent Beach Centre filled to capacity during Becky's Knit and Yarn *Lockie The Lobster Knitting Festival*, October 2nd-6th. There were participants from all over and even other provinces. I spoke with many of these people and they all commented on how impressed they were with the facility, our beach and Town. We have much to be proud of. Let's keep making improvements and be welcoming.

Looking Down the Road

Small incremental changes can make big differences. You may get tired of hearing me say this but it is one of my core beliefs.

Asset management is one of the issues Council will be looking closely at in 2018. We want to have a good understanding of the best possible utilization of our buildings and assets. Your input will be important and I think we should be thinking outside the box and being creative.

Council has been purposely delaying making a decision concerning repairs/remediation of the Trestle trail. We are hoping this Provincial Asset Management Pilot Project will give us some free direction. If not, we will have to hire an engineer firm to give this direction with costs. We would rather spend money on repairs instead of a study but this may not be possible. We will know within the next couple of months and will keep you informed.

I am becoming concerned with the NS Health Authority's delay in providing Nurse Practitioner office hours in Lockeport. We

have not had this service for quite some time. We have had discussions with the NSHA and voiced our concern. Let's hope this is resolved soon.

Council is exploring ways to make our Town Hall more accessible. We have made application under a Federal accessibility grant program to make some renovations to meet this end. Hopefully we will be successful and the building can become more accessible and better utilized over the long term.

Important Town Events: Mummers Parade on December 30th and The 2018 Levee on January 1st. I hope residents and visitors come out to the Mummers Parade and event. The "Modern Grass" band will be playing lively music in the Fire Hall and it will be a fun time for the whole family and for us to remember the Mummers tradition. Look for more detailed information soon.

What do you see down the road?

Fall Newsletter 2017

From the Mayor's Office

November 2017

Town of Lockeport



Message from the Mayor

Hard to believe that one year has passed since I became Mayor. As I look back I am happy with what Council has achieved. Following are some of the highlights:

1. Council meetings are completely transparent. The public has access to all the information Council has before them.
2. The public has access to the Mayor. People are utilizing the Mayor's office hours to bring forward concerns as well as suggestions for improvement and compliments!

3. The significant co-operation between the Town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport. See page 2.
4. The passing of By-Laws dealing with dog control, open burning and civic numbering.
5. Revising policies with the help of Paul Wills from the Provincial Government. Policies such as: Procurement, and Operating Reserves.
6. Putting in place more layers of oversight regarding financial controls.

7. Re-instating staff performance reviews. This will ensure we are delivering best practice and that we are better able to support our staff.
8. Having Joint Meetings with the Councillors from the Town of Shelburne and The Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Our next meeting is November 22nd.
9. Getting the Market at the Pavilion up and running.
10. Successful Lockeport 110 and Canada 150 events even with poor weather.

13 Ways to Kill Your Community (There is a copy at our local library.)

Council has been looking at Doug Griffiths' book *13 Ways to Kill Your Community* to better understand how everyday decisions of a council can impede a community's progress.

It is important for a council to be inclusive and to understand

how the ramifications of decisions can be negative if not handled properly and thoughtfully.

Here are the 13 ways according to Griffiths: Water Quality; Business Attraction; Youth Involvement; Assessing

Community Needs and Assets; Shop Elsewhere; Appearance of Businesses and the Community in General; Cooperation; Live in the Past; Ignore the Seniors; Nothing New; Ignore Immigration and Newcomers; Take No Risks; Don't Take Responsibility.

Your Council

- * Mayor George R. Harding
- * Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm
- * Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- * Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- * Councillor Kent Balish

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Mental and Physical Health in Our County

Tri-County Heart & Stroke Support Groups

For people who have survived stroke or cardiac illness and their caregivers. Contact- bernie1946@hotmail.com

- A social time
- A place to share stories, find support and companionship
- A resource for information about professional services and learn from the experiences of others
- A place to ask "the right questions"
- A place to talk about independence and respect the value of the individual and their experience
- A place to discuss medications and their side effects
- A place to learn how to value family support, and say so
- A place to see "it's not all that bad, that there are still good things in life"
- A place that stresses the opportunities that a stroke offers, how to work with the stroke, rather than fighting it and
- A place to learn what's new in stroke prevention and treatment

Learn the signs of Heart Attack

Chest Discomfort—(uncomfortable chest pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain, burning or heaviness)

Discomfort in other parts of the upper body— (neck, jaw, shoulder, arms, back)

Shortness of Breath

Sweating

Nausea and Light-headedness

Call 9-1-1

Learn the signs of Stroke

FACE is it drooping?

ARMS can you raise both?

SPEECH is it slurred or jumbled?

TIME to call 9-1-1 right away.

Act **FAST** because the quicker you act, the more of the person you save.

The Lockeport

Medical Centre, 44

Spruce Street, provides

an important convenience for blood collection

services on Wednesdays

from 8 a.m. -10 a.m.

Co-Operation Between the Towns of Shelburne and Lockeport

In the Summer Newsletter I wrote about the Town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport putting in a joint proposal to the Provincial Government to complete a study of the condition of our sewer systems and that we were approved for 50% funding.

As a result of this co-operation the Province selected the two Towns to participate in their Asset Management Pilot Project. Engineers will be in Lockeport and Shelburne to complete

assessments of our infrastructures such as water, solid waste management, roads and trails. This is at no cost to our two Towns.

We value the co-operation and strengthened relationship we are developing with the Town of Shelburne.

I look forward to other possible co-operative ventures with all the Municipal units in Shelburne County.



Let's not tug and pull but work together.

Worthy Quote

"Why would you risk what you need and have for what you don't need?"

-Warren Buffett

Thank You to Fire Department

Volunteers are vital to the success of a Community. The second week of October was Fire Prevention Week and Council would like to thank the members of the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication and service. A heart-felt thank you from Council to the following members: Fire Chief Wayne Chetwynd, James Chetwynd, Lindsay Williams, Dean MacKenzie, Darrell Hiltz, Kevin Parks, David MacKenzie, Kyle Williams, Darian Huskisson, James Goyetche, David Buchanan, Bobby Cotter, Kevin Chetwynd, Cory Nickerson, Hilton Chymist, Dennis Stuart, Larry Mayo, Blair Acker, Jim DeMings, Trevor Gregory, Nicole Townsend, Kevin Grant, Ryan Chetwynd, Kristian Stright, Phillip Young, Donnie Roy, Benny Acker and Ernie Morash.

Bits and Pieces



Our minds like to wonder about things!

Shop locally as much as possible. It is what keeps our Community alive.

Council Meetings

Our Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There is an Open Mic time and also you may arrange to make a presentation. The agenda is posted on our web site.

Transparency

I hope, after next Council meeting, you will be able to see mine and Councillors' expense claims on our web site. A motion to enact this policy will be voted on. For example when I attend meetings my travel expenses will be published monthly.

NEW HOPE FERAL/STRAY CAT

RESCUE SOCIETY
New Hope is a non-profit society organized by a small group of volunteers who work within the boundaries of the Town of Lockeport to help control the over-population of feral and stray cats. The group has been very successful in the last three years by conducting TNR – trap, neuter, release. Any resident of the Town that is experiencing trouble with feral or stray cats is asked to contact our group. New

The Town provides an annual honorarium to each member based on the member's attendance record.

Volunteers Needed

Recreation Committee - The Rec. Committee provides many activities in the Town such as sports, playground, summer programs, special events, trails, etc. Contact Frances Scott 902-656-2565

July 1st Committee (Sub-Committee of Rec. Committee) - Be a part of organizing Lockeport's July 1st. Contact Frances Scott 902-656-2565

Shelburne County Community Health Board - the SCCHB needs Board Members. There is an interview process. Contact Brenda Burgess at BrendJ.Burgess@nshealth.ca for an application. This Board works to improve the well-being of our citizens in Shelburne County. I am a member of this Board.

Roseway Manor Board - over the next year the Roseway Manor will be seeking volunteer Board Members. Would you be interested when this call for members is advertised? Think about it.

Paving Projects

There has been some paving completed around town. These were high priority sections. More will need to be done. The Asset Management Pilot Project will certainly identify areas and prompt Council to develop a long term remediation plan.

Hope can also offer financial assistance to residents who need help with the cost of spaying or neutering their family pet (cats only). Each request is reviewed confidentially by the New Hope Board of Directors. Please contact Joann Swimm @ 902-656-2497 or email joannswimm@ns.sympatico.ca or inbox on Facebook. Please be responsible and have your pets spayed or neutered. New Hope thanks all those who support us in our fundraising activities and welcome anyone who would like to volunteer within our organization.

Please complete the Housing Survey being circulated in the Tri-County. It's important.

Keep informed about events by going to the Town website. Click on "Events" and also check out www.ShelburneandLockeport.com