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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.

Canteen Service at the Crescent Beach Centre

We have opened a small canteen at the Beach Centre. This is a very limited canteen which will sell coffee, tea, water, pop, fresh fruit, some snacks like potato chips and granola bars. We will make our best effort to purchase the product from local businesses.

Our intention is to service the tourists and beach users better. They want this service and have told us this. We are prepared to meet this demand in a limited way. We want to keep them on the beach, keep them coming back and to stay around so they come into Town to use other services.

We are on the web: www.lockeport.ns.ca

Looking Down the Road

Small incremental changes can make big differences. The Lobster Cutout at the Beach Centre is an example. In a way it is public art but also advertising for our Town. When you or a tourist take a picture with family or friends' faces in the cutout and share this on social media, Lockeport is recognized. We have plans for a few more different cutouts to be placed around Town. It will be a fun and different way to promote our Town. Don't underestimate the need to bring people to our community. Our businesses depend on this.

The trestle walking trail is presenting a challenge for Council. Two engineers on loan from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg have visited and given us their opinion. We thank MODL for providing us this service and offering their opinion for our next step. This is another example of co-operation between municipalities. We will need to hire an engineer firm

to make a thorough assessment with costs outlined. It is only then that Council will be in a position to make a decision. Council also has to look at a second access to the island or other options to secure possible evacuation and emergency vehicles to leave or enter the island in an emergency. This will be part of long term planning. This was mentioned to the candidates in the recent election. Lockeport is vulnerable to higher tides and storms. Council needs to be addressing these issues because climate change is impacting us now and will in the future.

The two buoys, at the beach entrance off South Street and the one on the boardwalk, will be painted. Weather permitting, we hope this will be completed by July 1st. This work is being contracted out.

What do you see down the road

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

Our minds like to wonder about things!



June 2017

Summer Newsletter 2017

From the Mayor's Office



Town of Lockeport

Message from the Mayor

Summer is on its way and we are all looking forward to some sunny, warm days.

As you know, our Deputy Mayor, Lonnie Townsend, passed away on May 22nd. Lonnie was a hard working and supportive Deputy Mayor to both the previous Mayor and myself. He will be missed.

A Special election will take place on Saturday, August 19th. Nomination Day will be on Tuesday, July 25th and Advance Polls will be on August 10th and 15th. Election dates and timelines are dictated by the Elections Act and the above dates adhere to these timelines. I would like to see an election and know that

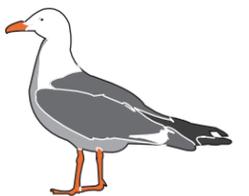
there are citizens interested in participating on Council.

Lockeport's July 1st is around the corner. 2017 is special for both Canada and Lockeport. This year's theme is Canada 150 and Lockeport 110. Have you considered entering a float or being a "walker" in the parade? Think about it. There are many ways you could represent Canada and Lockeport's history, culture or workforce. Give me a telephone call or email. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to live in Lockeport to join in the July 1st celebration of Canada's Confederation.

On page 3 you will see how many tax dollars go into waste/

garbage collection. With this kind of curb-side service it is hard to believe why some people choose to throw their garbage in the community. Someone is throwing their household garbage in the ditch on Chetwynd's Lane and at Roods Head. Household garbage is being thrown in ditches throughout the County. Why?

On May 13th Sue Crosby organized a town clean-up. 21 people participated and over 40 bags of garbage including tires were collected. Thank you Sue. It was appreciated.

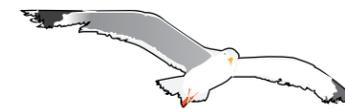


neighbourhood. There is nothing wrong with having pride in your neighbourhood and community.

Look around your property and decide what you can do to improve its curb appeal. Look at it with fresh eyes. Thank you.

Your Council

- Mayor George R. Harding
- Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- One Councillor position is Vacant



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Making Our Community Attractive and Welcoming

It's all about presentation. Sometimes we become accustomed to how things are and we tend not to notice them anymore. How a community presents itself is important to how we and others feel about ourselves and the pride and

perception we have for our Community.

Recently, letters have gone out to some property owners asking them to take some initiative in improving their property. We all have neighbours and neighbours like being part of a well kept

Mental and Physical Health in Our County

Tri-County Women’s Centre

One service provider is the Tri-County Women’s Centre which provides programs and services to all women and girls and addresses public policy to ensure equality and equity for women and girls.

Yarmouth Office: 12 Cumberland St. 902-742-0085.

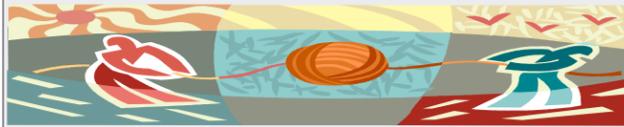
Outreach Office: Shelburne, 35 King St. 902-875-4777.

Toll free: 1-877-742-0085.

tcwc@tricitywomenscentre.org

www.tricitywomenscentre.org

Leahey Wellness Clinic – 902-742-1790



Let’s not tug and pull but work together.

Medical Services – by appointment only to:

- Anyone who does not have a family doctor (all genders, youth, children)
- Women and adolescent girls who prefer gynecological services by a female physician
- Youth of all genders

The Women’s Centre will also help suggest that if you don’t know where to go, come see them. They can possibly assist or refer you to another service.

The Women’s Centre offers . . .

- Support counselling, advocacy and programs
- Trauma-Specific Therapy for victims of sexualized violence
- Accompaniment to appointments (community services, legal aid, court, lawyer)
- Drop in for women and girls to meet and relax

New RCMP Superintendent

Southwest Nova District has a new Superintendent. Martin Marin met with the Eastern Shelburne County Mayors/Warden and CAO’s/Town Clerk on May 16th.

We were also Introduced to Sergeant Mike O’Callaghan who will command the Shelburne Detachment. Mike is a longtime resident of Shelburne but worked at the Barrington Detachment. We look forward to working with both Martin and Mike.

Worth Repeating

You don’t have to live in Lockeport to feel free to offer me your opinion on improving the Town. I may not be your Mayor but good ideas don’t have boundaries.

County Co-Operation

Good things can happen when we co-operate. An example is that the Town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport put in a joint proposal to the Provincial Government to complete a study of the condition of our sewer systems. This application was promptly approved for 50% funding and our two Towns will share the remainder. A company will access our system thoroughly, including sending a camera into the underground pipes. Their report will give Council data that will enable us to

make plans and budget for any needed improvements. It is this kind of co-operation which reduces our costs and strengthens relationships within the county.

We hope to embark on other co-operative projects; from tourism, sewer upgrades, to sidewalks and paving. There are many possibilities for co-operation within Shelburne County Municipal Units.

The Town has hired four students to work during the summer through government student hiring programs. It is a win/win for the students and for the Town’s summer programs and services.

By-Laws to Be Presented

There are 2 new by-laws that Council will be presenting in the near future. You will have an opportunity for input.

Civic Addressing By-Law

A request for this by-law came to us from the Mutual Aid group for Shelburne County. It is important and possibly life saving that your property is properly numbered, visible at night from the road, and standardized. The First Responders, Ambulances and Fire Departments need to be able to find your property quickly. This by-law addresses this need.

Open Air Fires By-Law

Open burning regulations and guidelines for the Town of Lockeport presently fall under the jurisdiction of the Nova

Scotia Department of Natural Resources and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

This new by-law addresses open burning restrictions, types of burning pits and outdoor fireplaces permitted, enforcement and penalties. You will still need to adhere to burning times, etc. by contacting NS Department of Natural Resources 902-875-2501 (Shelburne) or NS Department of Environment 1-902-742-8985 to find out when and what you can burn on your property, also to report illegal burning. Novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe 1-800-565-2224

Shelburne County Beach Stewardship

Promoting healthy beaches for people and wildlife in Shelburne County

Beach visitor log-books

The beach stewardship group would like to know more about residents’ and visitors’ experience on our beaches. If you’re at the Crescent Beach Centre, or Louis Head or Roseway beach this summer, leave a comment in the beach log book about your visit.



To find out more, contact: Chris Curry 902-656-2513, email chriscurrys.mail@gmail.com

Bits and Pieces

Outstanding Taxes

There has been a good effort by ratepayers to pay their outstanding taxes since the Spring Newsletter. Thank you.

By June 30th there may be a couple of properties that will be in a tax sale position.

Policing Costs

In our budget for 2017-2018

RCMP Policing Protection \$157,719.00

Correction Services \$7,545.00

Law Enforcement - Prosecutorial Services \$250.00

Pubic Meeting

Our Federal Member of Parliament, Bernadette Jordan, will be in Lockeport on Tuesday, July 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Plan to attend.

Keep informed about events by going to the Town website. Click on “Events” and also check out the Lockeport/Shelburne link.

Shared Services

The Town of Lockeport purchases services from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Some of these accounts are simply in and out; funds from government for Lockeport services but MDS looks after the service on our behalf. Some are paid by your Town tax dollars.

Costs:

Administration	\$ 9,724.00	C&D Operation in East Green Harbour	\$ 13,003.00
Building Inspections	\$ 7,832.00	Solid Waste	\$ 85,388.00
Fire Inspections	\$ 2,590.00	Misc. Garbage Expenses	\$ 400.00
Waste Diversion	\$ 7,429.00	TOTAL	\$ 126,366.00

The full Councils of the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport will be meeting on June 14th to discuss Shared Services.