



Winter 2015/16 Newsletter

NOMINATE A DESERVING VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are special people in all of our communities that organize events and serve the area in many ways. Some have been doing it for many years and others have just begun their community service and are doing an outstanding job.


Nomination forms are available at www.municipalityofshelburne.ca. Nominations to be considered for Provincial recognition must be submitted by February 15, 2016. Those received after that date will be recognized locally. The Provincial Awards Luncheon will be held in early April with the local Recognition Reception in mid April, hosted by the Town of Shelburne.

UpSkilling Workshop Series

Learn new skills and have some fun for FREE!

Workshops include:

- Christmas Tour on December 5th
- Pie Making - Basic Sewing - Beginner Knitting - Bread & Jam Making - Slow Cooker Demo & Recipes

 Shelburne County UpSkilling or call 902-875-7705

ADULT DAY LEISURE

This program is a club that supports feelings of independence and continued community living. It is open to the public in hopes of providing family members with an opportunity for respite when caring for loved ones. Programs include:

- Baking - Music - Bingo - Crafts
- Gardening - Board Games
- Woodworking

For more information, please call Roseway Manor at 902-875-6030.

FUNDING AND/OR IN-KIND SUPPORT APPLICATIONS

ALL requests shall be received through the Municipality's Grants to Organizations Committee on or before **January 31, 2016**. Requests **MUST** be submitted on an application form to be considered. Forms are available in our office or on our website.

PET SAFETY

The SPCA has prepared a list of safety tips to ensure you and your pets have a safe winter:

- Never leave your pet in a cold car
- Ensure your pet has a warm place to sleep
- Keep animals away from bodies of water
- Clear your pet's paws of snow and salt
- Be aware of cats under vehicle hoods
- Include your pet's needs in your emergency kit

BE PREPARED & STAY SAFE

It is that time of year again when we should be getting ready for the coming winter. Besides the normal yard maintenance, winter tires and getting fire wood ready, you should also think of the possibility of power outages and severe winter storms. What can you do to be prepared for such events to ensure the safety of you and your family?

HAVE A HOME EMERGENCY KIT

Your kit should at minimum contain:

- A 3 day supply of water (1 gallon/person/day)
- A 3 day supply of non-perishable and easily prepared food
- A flashlight
- A battery powered radio
- Extra batteries for those items
- First Aid kit
- Pet supplies (food, water, etc.) if required
- Warm clothing and extra blankets
- Medicine, if required

HAVE AN ALTERNATE HEAT SOURCE

A fireplace, wood burning stove or generator are recommended as alternate sources to electric heat or an oil furnace. Never use a camp stove, barbecue or propane/kerosene heater indoors. If your home heating system does fail, consider the following precautions:

- Remain calm, your house will stay warm for several hours
- Avoid opening doors and windows
- During a power failure, unplug all electric appliances
- Use your alternate heat source before your home cools down
- Stay warm by dressing in layers and using blankets
- Consider closing off one room for heating
- If concerned about pipes freezing, let your taps drip

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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EQUIPMENT SWAP

Looking for sports or recreation equipment? We have a selection of new and used equipment for all ages and it's FREE!

Have equipment to donate? Give a second life to your unused equipment. Donations of gently used equipment can be dropped off at the Recreation Office. Equipment can also be left in or picked up from the "Gear Up" bin.

Donate things like protective equipment, skates, bikes, camping gear, balls, rackets, etc.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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BEACH Stewardship...

Promoting healthy beaches for people and wildlife in Shelburne County.

Since February 2014, a group of people made up of representatives from the Municipality of Shelburne, the Municipality of Barrington, Shelburne County Tourism and Bird Studies Canada has been meeting to explore ideas and take action on the stewardship of Shelburne County beaches. Our project goal is to bring beach stewardship practices into tourism and municipal operations and share information with residents and visitors.

Check out the new beach stewardship section of the Municipal website at www.municipalityofshelburne.ca/beach-stewardship.html.

Keep in touch or volunteer to help:
Email: nsplovers@gmail.com

 [ploverconservation](https://www.facebook.com/ploverconservation)

RECREATION & PARKS

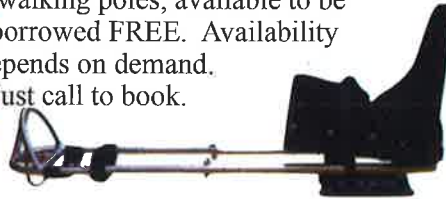
ENJOY THE WINTER SEASON OUTDOORS

Doing activities outdoors, whether it be playing with the kids, going for a walk or even shovelling after a snowfall, has many benefits such as increasing physical activity, reducing stress and improving your mood.

It can make you happier! The motivation to go outside can be a bit more challenging in the winter but the rewards of doing so are worth the effort. Here are a few things you can do:

SNOWSHOE LOAN PROGRAM

A great motivator to get outside!
We have snowshoes in both child and adult sizes, as well as walking poles, available to be borrowed FREE. Availability depends on demand. Just call to book.



SLEDGES NOW AVAILABLE

Sledges enable participants with physical disabilities or individuals who don't know how to skate, to enjoy the game of hockey or just to go for a sled on the ice. Players move on the ice by propelling their sledge with two sticks with picks on the end or sledges can be pushed with a push bar attachment. Various sizes are available for rent. Just give us a call.

TAKE THE ROOF OFF WINTER ACTIVITIES

Take The Roof Off Winter (TTROW) is Nova Scotia's winter active campaign designed to help Nova Scotians of all ages improve their health and quality of life by being outdoors and active this winter. Each season, the Municipal Recreation & Parks Department partners with the Town of Lockeport Recreation Department to offer several activities that will include an outdoor activity challenge, snowshoeing and outdoor family events. Be sure to check out our Facebook Page (Municipal Recreation Parks) in January for TTROW updates.

PUBLIC SKATING

Shelburne County Arena holds public skating sessions twice a week. It only costs \$2 per person. Join in on the fun!

Sundays 12:00- 1:30 pm
Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm

Contact the Arena for details
@ 902-875-2977.

CHIMNEY SAFETY TIPS

Failing to maintain your wood stove or fireplace properly can lead to a chimney fire. Chimney fires occur when combustible deposits on the inner walls of the chimney ignite. These combustible deposits, called 'creosote' are a natural by-product of wood burning. A fire hazard exists if 1/4 inch of creosote (or more) coats the inner walls of the chimney.

PREVENTION: Chimney fires do not occur in clean, intact, properly installed chimneys. Have a professional clean and inspect your appliance every year. More frequent cleanings may be required, depending on the age of the appliance, type of wood burned and how often it's used. Burn only well seasoned firewood and never burn papers and garbage. Paper can easily be lifted up the chimney by the natural draft and ignite the creosote.

DETECTION: The first indication is usually a roaring sound that grows louder. Clouds of black smoke and sparks will be seen exiting the chimney. In severe fires, flames may be seen as well.

ACTION: Call 911 and evacuate the house immediately.

IMPORTANT: Do not use the chimney after a fire until a professional has inspected it.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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TAX & FINANCE

PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS

This program is administered by Service Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services and designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes.

You are eligible if:

- You were receiving either the GIS or Allowance in January, 2015;
- You own and are living in your home; and
- Your previous year's property taxes are paid in full.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2015

Visit www.novascotia.ca/sns/ or call 1-800-670-4357 for applications and more information.

WASTE Management

The 2016 Sorting Guide will be mailed out to residents in late December. As requested, it is more detailed to easily show how to sort a variety of items.

You will notice the new 2 Blue Bag System is included on the sorting guide. Although this program won't be enforced until January 2017, many people have started and are finding it very easy to do. You sort the items the same way- the only difference is that paper goes in a different bag from other recyclables. Scotia Recycling requires this in order to sort items more efficiently at the warehouse. We are one of the few areas in the Province that hasn't already started this program; it is currently being enforced in most areas throughout Nova Scotia. We hope the new sorting guide will help you prepare for the change.

A few things to keep in mind when putting items at the curb:

- Cat litter can either go in grocery bags and be placed outside at the curb with other waste (beside, not hidden beneath, other waste bags) or inside your regular clear bag (as long as it's visible and the bag doesn't weigh more than 35 lbs.).

FROZEN COMPOST

During winter, the contents of green carts may freeze to the sides or the bottom, making it difficult to empty. Here are a few tips to help:

- Strain soups and sauces, then place the solid pieces in the compost;
- Wrap wet food scraps in newspaper;
- Layer high moisture content food with sawdust or cold stove ashes;
- Spray cooking oil on the inside of the cart;
- Line your cart with a compostable bag or paper bin liner;
- Place your cart at the curb every collection, so if it freezes, space for additional food scraps will remain.

- Unbroken glass must be placed in your blue bag for recycling.

- Broken glass must be placed in a cardboard box marked "broken glass" to avoid injury.

When putting items at the curb, try to line them up in groups to ensure each truck picks up all the correct bags and buried bags don't get left behind.



Waste Diversion Coordinator or call 902-875-5336 for more information.

2016 TAX SALE

The tentative date for the 2016 Tax Sale is **Tuesday, March 8th** at 10:00 am at 136 Hammond Street, Shelburne.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding tax sale proceedings, please contact Janice MacKinley, Tax Clerk at 902-875-3544 ext. 222 or email infoofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca

CAN I BURN THAT?

Unsure about what you can burn and what you can't? Check with our By-Law Enforcement Officer at 902-875-6773 to be sure. Our Solid Waste Management By-Law states that "no person shall dispose of any type of solid waste by the burning of same except for brush or tree limbs and only in such place and under such conditions as are permitted by any applicable Provincial and Federal laws".

Penalties are in place for violation of this by-law. This by-law and others can be viewed on our website.

WASTE PICK-UP

Please have all waste at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.

Clear bags, blue bags and green cart items all get picked up separately at different times throughout the day.

These times may vary week to week, due to a number of factors, which is why we require items to be curbside by 7:00 am.

TREECYCLE



Don't forget to put your undecorated christmas tree out at the curb for pick up on your regular collection day from

Monday, January 18th to **Friday, January 29th**

Entrepreneurship EXCELLENCE

GOSBEE'S SPORTING GOODS LTD.

Anthony Gosbee, a resident of Lower Ohio, is the successful business owner of Gosbee's Sporting Goods Ltd., located at 161 Water Street, Shelburne. This general sporting goods store sells footwear, clothing, hats and a large selection of sports equipment. They have an embroidery machine on site and they offer heat pressed custom t-shirts, name bars, team jerseys, etc. They also sell, sharpen and repair skates.

"I always wanted to run a sporting goods store. Back in high school, in our small town, we could never get equipment or find quality footwear and clothing. So, I thought I'd give it a shot," Anthony recalls. "When we first opened in March of 1991, we started with under 800 square feet and had just eight different pairs of sneakers on the wall."

For Anthony, it's about more than running a store. "It gives me the freedom to go out in the public and be a part of different groups and sporting associations. It gives me the opportunity to work with younger athletes; that, I love to do!" One of his favourite aspects of being at the store is when kids come in to try on equipment. At times, a hockey game could break out downstairs in the hockey section.

If considering becoming an entrepreneur, Anthony notes that it's important to do your homework. "Be sure you know your product or service well, consider location, foot traffic, square footage as well as financing. Don't go in under-financed; it can make or break you. Expect to work hard."

Anthony is known in our communities as more than an excellent entrepreneur. His resume includes coach, community advocate, musician, athlete, physical activity promoter and a champion for local youth, just to name a few.

Gosbee's Sporting Goods Ltd. will celebrate **25 years** in business this March.

Anthony Gosbee and his team are dedicated, professional and caring contributors to the Shelburne area.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Think local this holiday season:

- Support Local Businesses
- Get Great Deals
- Buy Unique Gifts
- Avoid Busy Malls
- Save Travel Costs

When you buy local, your money stays in our communities. That benefits us all!

Buy Small

WIN BIG

Shelburne Shop Local Week

Monday November 30th - Sunday December 6th

Visit participating businesses or our website for details.

You could WIN BIG! Local Shopping Experience
Prize Value of 1st \$500 - 2nd \$300 - 3rd \$200

Late Night Madness - Thursday, December 3rd
(participating businesses open until 10 pm)

SHARE YOUR STORY

Are you, or is someone you know, a successful entrepreneur? Contact Erin Hartley, Strategic Projects Coordinator at 902-875-3544 ext. 226 or ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca to nominate an entrepreneur from the Municipality to be featured in our next newsletter.

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HAPPY Holidays



- Municipal Offices will be closing for the holidays on Thursday, December 24th at 12:00 noon and re-opening on Monday, January 4th at 9:00 am.
- RMRFC&D Site will be closing for the holidays on Thursday, December 24th at 12:00 noon and re-opening on Tuesday, January 5th at 9:30 am.
- Waste Collection regularly scheduled for Friday, December 25th will be picked up on Monday, December 28th.
- New Years Levee will be held jointly with the Town of Shelburne on Friday, January 1st at the Shelburne Community Centre, 63 King Street from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. *Please come ring in the new year with us!*

