



## Fall 2016 Newsletter

### WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Good day ladies and gentlemen. In this message I would like to focus on health care within the Municipality.

I have commented on it many times so I am sure you understand the delivery of health care services within the Municipality is recognized by our Council as one of the primary factors for retaining and growing our population. It is also a key factor in economic development.

The delivery of health care services is a Province-wide problem, that is controlled exclusively by the Provincial Government. We have had nurse shortages, however, this problem seems to have been solved for now. The lack of doctors in the area is our major concern.

I believe that the solution to this problem is incentive pay for doctors to work in underserved areas like Shelburne and Digby. This is not a new concept. It has been used for years to get health care workers and others to work in Northern Canada. The challenge is to get the Minister of Health to agree to pay doctors more for working in **underserved** areas. The Mayors and Wardens who attended the recent regional meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) were convinced of the idea to provide incentive pay and this issue will now come before the Provincial meeting of UNSM in November. If we can get Province-wide support for this initiative, perhaps the Minister of Health will support it.

For the past eight years, the Municipality of Shelburne has taken a leadership role in doing everything possible to ensure our residents have acceptable health care services. I wish that I could say that we have been completely successful. I can say we have made positive progress in the following areas: 1. The Municipality paid a signing bonus of approximately \$5,000 per year for an ER doctor for over four years of service. 2. We invested \$450,000 in the new collaborative care centre and have been lobbying on this project for over 8 years. The project is now moving forward. This clinic will be the type of facility where doctors want to practice. 3. We played a lead in a bursary program by contributing \$4,500 annually for nurses and technicians who commit to work at the Roseway Hospital. 4. We offer an annual bursary of \$500 to students from Lockeport and Shelburne High Schools entering the health care field. 5. Council recently agreed to provide support in the amount of \$6,000 for an initiative of the Physician Recruitment Committee to provide interim accommodations for doctors providing temporary medical services in our area. Other areas are doing this so we must be competitive.

The Provincial Government has adopted a position that they cannot tell doctors where they must practice; therefore, incentive pay seems to be the only option. It would be helpful if residents would write the Minister of Health requesting that the Provincial Government give doctors incentive pay to work in underserved areas. The Province is currently using incentive pay as a method, but it is all going to specialists. We want and need doctors. Please help. Thank you and best wishes to you all.

- Warden Roger Taylor

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Municipal & School Board Elections will take place on **October 15, 2016.**

This year the residents of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne will have the opportunity to cast their vote two different ways, electronically or, as in previous years, using paper ballot. The advance polls and alternative polling days will only be held electronically or by telephone starting Monday, October 3rd through Wednesday, October 12th. The conventional paper ballot voting will only be available on Election Day which is Saturday, October 15th.

Information on how to vote electronically will be mailed to all residents at the end of September.

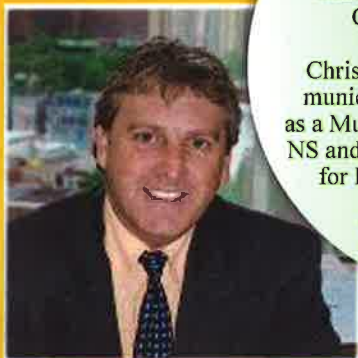
If you would like information on how to run for Council, voting, or election procedures, please contact Jocelyn Poirier, Returning Officer at 902-875-3544 ext. 239 or [returningofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:returningofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca).

### WELCOME OUR NEW CAO

The Municipality is pleased to announce Chris McNeill as our new Chief Administrative Officer.

Chris has many years of experience in municipal government. Most recently, as a Municipal Advisor for the Province of NS and previously as the Municipal Clerk for Region of Queens Municipality.

Welcome to the team Chris.



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Municipality's Sustainability Committee, and Heritage Advisory Committee are looking for members of the public who may be interested in becoming representatives.

If you have an interest in sustainability or heritage topics, please contact Erin Hartley, Acting Municipal Clerk for more details at 902-875-3544 ext. 226 or [ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca).



# RECREATION & PARKS

## CANADA 150

2017 will be a year to celebrate! The Shelburne County municipalities are working together to co-ordinate and support opportunities for local groups and organizations to participate in local, regional and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and connection to Canada.

If you are, or would like to be, involved in Canada 150 events, contact Erin Hartley, Acting Municipal Clerk by email at [ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca) or 902-875-3544 ext. 226.

## SENIOR SAFETY & SERVICES

Shelburne County Senior Safety & Services is a non-profit organization that partners with the RCMP to provide safety programs and social events to Seniors in Shelburne County.

For more information on safety workshops, in-home visits, bus tours and special events contact Shawna Symonds at 1-800-565-0397 or visit [www.ourseniorservices.com](http://www.ourseniorservices.com).

With the warm weather coming to an end and the leaves beginning to change, there is no better time than the Fall to get out and explore nature on the beautiful trails in the Municipality. The Municipality offers four trails that provide a variety of natural landscapes to enjoy, along with wildlife, birds and amazing scenery. For more information on our trails, visit the trails section of the municipal website under the Department of Recreation & Parks category.

In addition to our trail experiences, the Recreation & Parks Department has a number of potential events coming up this Fall including guided hikes, a canoeing "try it" session, sports day, pickle-ball, an outdoor program for kids, along with so much more. Stay tuned for more information on these and other upcoming events by visiting our website and our Municipal Recreation Parks Facebook and Twitter pages.



## SHELBURNE COUNTY ARENA OPENING FOR THE SEASON

The Shelburne County Arena will open in mid-October and offers public skating times for both adults and children, pick-up hockey and ice rentals. The Municipal Recreation & Parks department will again be offering the Free of Cost Ice Time Program, through which residents can apply for free ice time for things like birthday parties, fundraisers or recreation activities. Application forms are available at the Recreation & Parks Office at 136 Hammond St., Shelburne, and on the municipal website.

## KIDS FAIR PLAY FUND

The Kid's Fair Play FUND's (KFPF) mission is to help provide opportunities for all kids in Shelburne County to participate in Sport, Recreational, and Cultural activities. KFPF is a fund administered by the Municipality of Shelburne in cooperation with the other municipal units in the County as well as businesses, community groups, and individuals to assist children and youth in Shelburne County.

The program receives assistance from Canadian Tire Jumpstart. Application forms can be downloaded from the municipal website or can be requested from any of the Recreation Departments in Shelburne County.

## HIGH FIVE® Training Workshops

The Recreation & Parks Department offers HIGH FIVE® training that can be delivered to staff and volunteers of organizations or groups that provide recreation and sport opportunities for children. HIGH FIVE® is Canada's only quality standard for children's recreation and sport. It is designed to support the safety, well-being and healthy development of children aged 6-12. Training workshops include High Five Principles of Healthy Child Development, High Five Sport and Strengthening Children's Mental Health. For more information, visit the municipal website. To book a training session, contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 875-3544 ext 225.

## GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations requesting financial assistance through the Municipal Grants to Organizations Program for fiscal 2017/18 must forward their application to the Director of Recreation and Parks no later than **January 31, 2017**. Applications will be considered in accordance with the Municipality's Municipal Grants Policy. The Grants Policy and Application Form are available from the Recreation & Parks Office at 136 Hammond St., Shelburne, and on the municipal website. Online applications can also be submitted.



**WHO HAS  
PICS 2 POST?**



**Take** a photo,  
**Post** your pic, and  
**Tag** us in it!

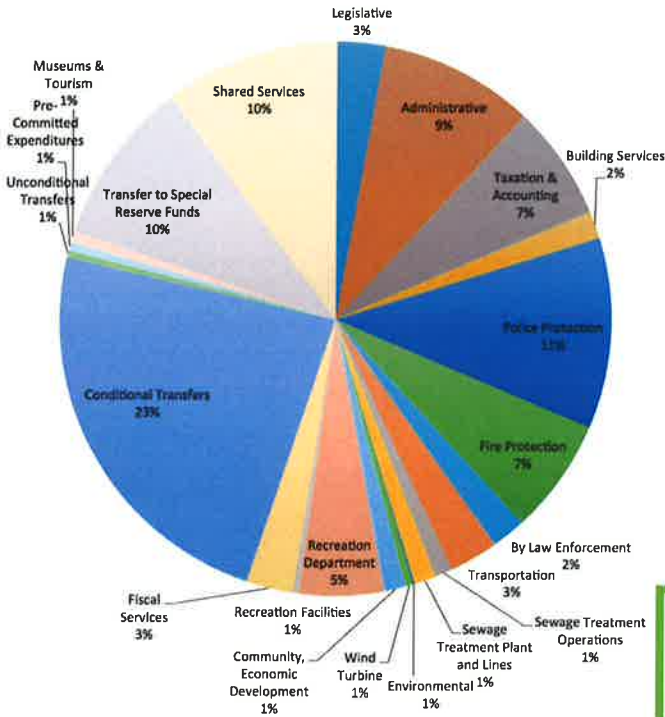
Show us what makes the  
Shelburne area so **ERS**  
in Autumn!

**@GreaterShelburne**  
**#GreaterShelburne**

# TAX & FINANCE

## WHERE DO YOUR 2016/2017 TAX DOLLARS GO?

\* All values are rounded to the nearest percentage.



Council has approved an operating and capital budget for 2016/17 where **residential and commercial tax rates will remain the same as last year.**

Major components of the budget include:

- Total Operating Budget set at \$6,091,374, an increase of \$77,963
- Residential tax rate set at \$1.26/\$100 of assessed value
- Commercial tax rate set at \$1.82/\$100 of assessed value

Council will invest in the following areas:

- Tourism and Museums \$40,000
- Economic Development \$50,000
- Grants to Community Groups \$68,250
- Community Signage Project \$25,000
- Health Care \$5,022

Total Capital Budget projects include:

- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing Program \$150,000

### 2017 TAX SALE

The tentative date for the 2017 tax sale is Tuesday, **March 7, 2017** at 10 am at 136 Hammond Street, Shelburne, NS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janice MacKinley, Tax Clerk at 902-875-3544 ext. 222 or email [infoofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:infoofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca)

### 2016 FALL TAX BILL

The final bill for 2016 will be sent out the first part of September, with a due date of **October 31, 2016.**

Payment, in full, must be received by the Municipal Tax Office on or before the due date, otherwise interest of 14% per annum will be applied the first day of each month on the total balance.

Ex: Due date is October 31st, interest will be applied on November 1st for the full balance.

To avoid delays in mailing payment, you may send in post-dated cheques.

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Each year, the Municipality collects rates for provincial programs with your property tax by collecting the following money and forwarding it to the Province of Nova Scotia:

- Education \$1,174,905
- Regional Library \$29,400
- Corrections \$79,051
- Housing \$15,291

Total **\$1,298,647**, representing approximately **21%** of the total operating budget.

## WASTE Management

### FALL METAL COLLECTION

Please note that the dates for this year's fall metal collection are **October 10 – 21, 2016**

Your metal pickup will be on the **same day** as your regularly scheduled collection day. Once that day has passed, there will be no metals picked up in your area.

For example, if Monday, October 10th is your regularly scheduled collection day, this is the **ONLY** day your metals will be collected.

To ensure all items are collected, please keep each waste stream in a separate pile (i.e. garbage, recyclables, metals).

### SCAVENGING AT REGIONAL MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (C&D SITE)

There is a new scavenging policy in place which allows residents to visit the recovery facility, located at 4571 Highway 3, West Green Harbour, on **Thursdays** to see if there may be any item(s) they would like to reuse or recycle.

With the assistance of facility staff, you may recover any items from the main site which includes wood, windows, doors, gyproc, rope, etc.

The manager will keep aside any items that may be repurposed.

**Please note:** Metal items are not included in this policy, and cannot be scavenged.

### WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

October 17-23, 2016

If you have a child in school, or are an adult who takes a lunch to work with you, remember that reusable containers and lunch bags are a much better alternative to disposable items.

Buying bulk foods whenever possible will save on packaging, which will save you from buying extra bags, and reducing the amount of material you put to the curb for recycling.

### WAY TO GO!!!

Thanks to you, our milk container recycling numbers have increased by 93 tonnes from the previous year.



Metals taken to the recovery facility in West Green Harbour are sold to a scrap metal dealer, and the revenue is used to maintain the site and assist with waste operations.

Waste Diversion Coordinator

Kim Ringer  
902-875-5336

[kringer@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:kringer@municipalityofshelburne.ca)

# Inspection SERVICES



**REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016**

[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)

Age matters when it comes to smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on you smoke alarms today!

- Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.
- Look on the back of the alarm for the manufacture date.
- If its less than 10 years old, put it back on the ceiling or wall.
- If its more than 10 years old, replace it.

A few fire prevention tips:

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- If the smoke alarm goes off, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbour's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go inside.

For more tips and information, visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

## BE PREPARED & STAY SAFE

This has been an extremely dry and humid summer. With these dry conditions comes the increased risk of fire. The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources provides a website for citizens to check for any burning restrictions that may be in place for their county. The website is <http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe/>. The website is updated daily at 2:00 pm. Burning restrictions by county are also available by toll free phone line. For a recorded message updated daily, call 1-855-564-2876 (BURN). This includes information for domestic brush burning, campfires and consumer fireworks. You can also call to report fires, poaching or emergency wildlife situations at 1-800-565-2224.

I would also like to thank all firefighters for their hard work, especially during the forest fires we have recently experienced. It is an exhausting task in the rugged terrain coupled with high temperatures and high humidity. Your dedication and perseverance is greatly appreciated.

Mike Shand  
SCEEMO Coordinator  
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## SUMMARY OFFENCE TICKETS

The Municipality has been working with the Provincial Department of Justice in an effort to implement the use of Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs).

With this process now complete, By-Law staff have the added option of writing SOTs for certain contraventions of the Animals At Large, Civic Addressing, Solid Waste and Sewer By-Laws. We hope to have the Dog By-Law added in the near future.

This will allow for an individual to receive a SOT and should they choose to pay the fine, they will not have to appear in court. The option of pleading 'not guilty' is still available, however, a court appearance would be required.

The out of court settlement amounts range between \$237.50 and \$697.50 depending on the particular By-Law.



## Clean Energy Financing

District of Shelburne

Get cleaner energy for your home...

...and pay for it at a pace you can afford!

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