



Summer 2016 Newsletter

WARDEN'S MESSAGE

As we begin to see the signs of summer, we realize how beautiful our Municipality really is. Many groups have recently been involved in roadside cleanups, I'd like to thank them for making our communities a better place. Litter along our roads continues to be an issue; I urge all of you to properly dispose of your waste, to keep our area looking its best.

Once again, the story of our medical clinic has been in the news. The plan had suggested that construction would begin in August; however, the latest review suggested the roof structure was not sufficient. Therefore, a new plan requiring more funding is necessary. I have spoken with the Minister of Health and expressed our frustration and he assured me that he and the Premier remain fully committed to a new clinic and will do his best to have Provincial staff expedite the process to minimize further delays. He understands the importance of the new medical clinic to the availability of doctors for our citizens and our long term economic sustainability. I will continue to work towards maintaining the forecasted opening date of June 2017.

Property tax bills have recently been sent out and some residents are concerned with the amount of taxes they have to pay. It is important to note that approximately 40% of the taxes collected by the Municipality go directly to the Province for non-discretionary expenditures such as policing, education, etc. Our Council will continue to do its best to keep taxes as low as possible.

Most people are aware of the Tax CAP Program that the Province put in place when the tax assessment was increasing substantially on some properties through inflation. There are now less benefits to residents from this program than when it began. Government officials have recognized that it is no longer working in a fair manner, but because of the program's popularity, have been reluctant to fix the problem. For example, two identical houses next door to each other are capped, one house sells and the capped value gets reset. Now, you have one neighbor paying substantially more taxes than the other. This can be fixed. You can make a difference by voicing your concerns to your Provincial politician.

As always, your Municipal Councillors are available to hear your concerns, opinions and questions. Contact information is available on our website. Council wishes you a great summer!
- Warden Roger Taylor

PACE PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE

We are still working to bring you a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program this summer, which will create a way for homeowners in the Municipality to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their home, through a local improvement charge.

This will provide long term, low interest financing for these improvements with payments on your property tax bill.

Details of the program will be finalized in June. If you would like to stay up to date, contact Erin Hartley, Strategic Projects Coordinator at ehartley@municipalityofshelburne.ca or (902) 875-3544 ext 226 to add your name to our mailing list.

MOVING ON

After 8 1/2 years, the Municipality's CAO, Kirk Cox, has decided to move on.

During his tenure, Kirk has guided the Municipality in achieving many of its goals and implementing numerous projects and priorities.

The new CAO will assume their responsibilities in June.

Best wishes, Kirk!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

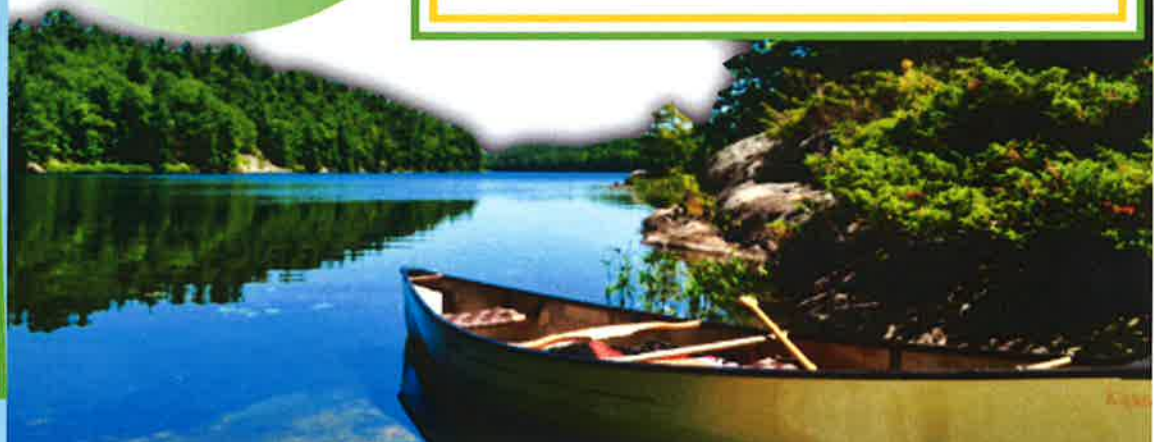
The Municipality's Heritage Advisory Committee and the Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Board are looking for members of the public who may be interested in becoming representatives.

If you have an interest in heritage or policing topics, please contact Penny Smith, Municipal Clerk at 902-875-3544 ext. 235 or psmith@municipalityofshelburne.ca

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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

If you would like information on how to run for Council, voting, or election procedures, please contact Penny Smith, Municipal Clerk at psmith@municipalityofshelburne.ca or 902-875-3544 ext. 235.



RETIREMENT

After 30 years of dedicated service to the Municipality, Marilyn Johnston will retire as the Director of Recreation & Parks on July 15. Marilyn's work and volunteerism have benefitted our community in countless ways. Marilyn has been a champion for children and youth, recreation, culture, health and wellness. Her commitment and passion have made her a true community leader. Enjoy your much deserved retirement, Marilyn!

ADVANCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Adam Dedrick will be moving into the Director of Recreation & Parks position.

Adam has a strong background in recreation and is currently employed by the Municipality as the Recreation Coordinator.

Adam will assume his new duties in mid June.

BEACH *Stewardship...*


"Promoting healthy beaches for people and wildlife in Shelburne County."

Check out the new signs at Roseway Beach and Louis Head Beach, as well as our new beach brochure, which is available on the municipal website.

Piping plovers are back on our beaches and pairs are busy raising families. You can help these endangered birds by walking on the wet sand in signed nesting areas and keeping pets on a leash.

Interested in learning more or getting involved? Contact Bird Studies Canada at nsplovers@gmail.com or 902-222-2880 for more information.

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

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



RECREATION & PARKS

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Summer Fun Guide will be available the first week of June. It contains information for all of the summer recreation programs including a variety of children's camps (sport, outdoor recreation, arts & culture and day camps), special events and swimming lessons. The Guide is mailed to all Municipal residents and is also available at the Recreation Department.

ACTIVE START SOCCER PROGRAM

The Active Start Soccer program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights in July, 6-6:45 pm at the SRHS field, for ages 3-5 (not currently in school). This Program is FREE and a parent or guardian is required to participate. To register, call 902-875-2831.

2016 VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

Pictured with Marilyn Johnston, Director of Recreation & Parks (background), are (left-right) Anna Freeman, Shirley Guthro - MDS Representative Volunteer for 2016 - and Wand Buchanan, all of Sable River. Also recognized by the Municipality were David Burbine and Traditional Country, Ray Ethier, Betty Branscomb and Judy Carey. Youth Volunteers include Kade Munroe, Katherine Martin, Liam Haliburton, Lyndi Goulden, Morgan LeBlanc, Rachel deMolitor, Rebecca Deinstadt, Ryan Hardy, Tatum Arcon, Tayla Wamback Zac Nickerson and Matthew Holden.



INSPECTION SERVICES

ARE EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING YOU?

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Don't wait until an emergency happens. Post your civic number at the end of your driveway. Make sure it is made of reflective material and visible from both directions.

The Municipality's Civic Addressing By-Law states that:

(1) The owner of a property shall keep posted on the property the assigned civic number.

Penalty fines for non-compliance of this by-law range from \$100-\$500. For specific requirements, please contact Tina or Andrew at 902-875-3494 ext 237 or 238.

KAYAK "TRY IT" SESSION

A FREE "try it" session will be held on August 20th, 10 am-12 pm at The Islands Provincial Park. This will allow anyone who wants to try kayaking the opportunity to do so. This session is part of the Shelburne Kayak Festival taking place August 19-21. Kayaks, paddles and PFDs will be provided. Lead by a qualified instructor and a lifeguard will be on site.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

June 13-19 Woods Harbour Days
June 21 National Aboriginal Day Celebrations, Lockeport
June 27 Multiculturalism Day Celebrations, Lockeport
June 29- July 3 Lockeport Canada Day
June 30 Lockeport Market in the Park
June 30 & July 2 Lockeport Rocks
July 1 Clark's Harbour Canada Day
July 15-17 Shelburne Founders' Days
July 22-24 Harmony Bazaar, Lockeport
July 24 NS Marathon, Barrington
August 5-6 Hawk Dayze
August 5-7 Lockeport Sea Derby
August 6-7 Car Show & Shine, Barrington
August 9-13 Shelburne Co. Exhibition
August 13 Cape Day, The Hawk
August 13-14 Songs at Sea Level, Shelburne
August 16 Mersey Band Concert, Lockeport
August 18-21 Barrington Exhibition
August 19-21 Shelburne Kayak Festival
August 26-27 Woolsock, Barrington

TAX & FINANCE

LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality is granting a tax exemption of up to \$300. The exemption is granted only in respect to property occupied by the ratepayer as his or her home and whose total income from all sources for 2015 (including income of all other persons residing in the household) is \$20,000 or less.

Send in or drop off an application with a copy of your 2015 Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada to the Finance Department. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 902-875-3544 ext. 222 or 228. Applications must be filed by **August 31**.

NOT RECEIVING YOUR TAX BILL?

If your property tax bill does not have the correct mailing address as specified by your postal carrier, it may not be delivered to you. Please ensure we have the correct mailing address on file for all your properties within the Municipality of Shelburne.

If you need help determining your correct mailing address, please contact your postal carrier.

ASSESSMENT

While the Tax Office uses property assessments to calculate taxes, we are unable to provide information on assessment related inquiries. Please contact Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) with any assessment questions or concerns at 1-800-380-7775 or visit www.pvsc.ca.

BE PREPARED & STAY SAFE

With the terrible tragedy that has taken place in Alberta recently with the huge fires and community evacuations, we can see how well-organized emergency response unfolds. Now is the time that we, locally, can learn to prepare ourselves if the need for mass evacuation ever arises. It is recommended that we have on hand enough supplies (food, water, medication) to last a minimum of 72 hours. You should also have a "Go Bag" containing, at a minimum, a flashlight, a small battery powered radio, a multi-tool (a combination knife, pliers, screw driver, etc.), a change of clothes, matches in a waterproof container, feminine and personal hygiene items and copies of personal documents (identification, bank records, insurance policies, etc.)

SCEEMO is currently looking into ways to incorporate pet care during evacuations.

We can never know when disaster might strike and the ability to leave quickly and efficiently will help to ensure you and your family are safe.

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TAX SALE POLICY

The Municipality has recently approved a Tax Sale Policy which states "Property shall be sold for tax sale if taxes are in arrears for the preceding **two** fiscal years".

A preliminary notice will be sent in July, advising that the property is liable to be sold and that tax sale procedures will commence unless the arrears are paid in full within 14 days of that notice.

To view this and other Municipal Policies, please visit our website.

WASTE Management

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Backyard composting in 10 easy steps:

1. Choose a flat, partly sunny area with good drainage.
2. Find yourself a bin. Inquire with your Municipality or Town, or build your own.
3. Create a 6-10 cm base layer using dried leaves, straw, woody materials.
4. Alternate layers of green and brown materials. Chopping up large materials will aid in faster decomposition.
5. Whenever you add a food scrap layer, top it off with a layer of brown material (dried leaves, straw, woody materials).
6. Mix bin contents every week or two. This aerates materials to get them heating up and decomposing faster.
7. Moisture content should be like a wrung-out dishcloth.
8. The pile will shrink, while you continue to add more layers.
9. Your compost is usually ready within 2-3 months, but aging for 1 or 2 more is advised.
10. Harvest your compost from the bottom of the pile and add it to your garden, or share with friends and neighbors to reap the rewards of all your hard work.



Backyard composting is a great way to revitalize your soil, reduce the need for pesticides and save money on fertilizer . . . all while making a positive environmental difference!

Entrepreneurship EXCELLENCE

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Does your community group or organization have events going on that others would be interested in? We can help spread the word... Call or send a brief email detailing the event, location, date, time and contact info.

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TOURISM ACCOMMODATIONS

The Shelburne area is fortunate to have such an amazing group of tourism accommodation operators. From bed & breakfasts to campgrounds, cottages and motels, our accommodation owners and staff are always working hard to showcase this area in the best light to tourists and visitors.

Accommodation owners and staff are a wealth of information to the travelling public, highlighting events, festivals and attractions. They work well with other local businesses to package their accommodations with restaurants, activities and experiences to help offer travellers an exciting vacation in the Shelburne area.

These business owners often go well beyond their usual duties by planning parties, acting as tour guides, recommending things to do and shining the spotlight on our unique scenery and culture.

Many of the accommodation providers in our area are family run businesses with little to no staff. Their dedication to our communities is immeasurable and the tourism sector provides a large economic impact on our area. These businesses make a lasting impression on tourists and

visitors and impact their decision to plan a return trip.

Our accommodations are versatile; hosting not only tourists, but sports teams, business people, construction crews and others year-round.

At this time of year, when we see new faces exploring our communities, take a lesson from our accommodation professionals and be friendly, helpful with directions, suggest nice places to visit and share stories about the area. Visitors usually come to an area like ours for the 'hometown' feel and community oriented people. Let's all be community champions, like our accommodation businesses are.



ILLEGAL DUMPING FIVE FINES ISSUED - MORE CASES PENDING

In an effort to decrease illegal dumping of solid waste in our Municipality, By-Law Enforcement staff have been busy identifying those responsible for illegally dumping their waste on other people's property.

Five people have recently appeared in Shelburne Provincial Court and each received \$500 fines. The fine range according to our by-law is \$500-\$5,000. There are currently three additional cases pending court proceedings.

Unfortunately, there are people who will load their vehicle with waste and look for a side road or woodlot road where they can dump it. If you have a road that leads to your property you may want to consider restricting access; a little prevention is better than having to clean up someone else's waste.

Illegal dumping is totally unnecessary and senseless. The Municipality offers a waste disposal stream for every type of material. Our Waste Diversion Coordinator can answer any questions about waste disposal. A side road or the woods is never an option.

To report illegal dumping please call 902-875-6773.


Let's all work together to protect our beautiful Municipality.





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WHO'S GOT PICS 2 POST?



TAKE a photo,

POST your pic, and

TAG us in it!

Catching a wave or some rays? Having a picnic or enjoying ice cream?

Show us what makes the Shelburne area so **ERB** in the summer!



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