

The following checklist will help you prepare for hurricanes, blizzards, power outages and other emergencies:

- **Water:** At least one litre per adult per day
- **Food:** Non perishable and canned items
- Flashlight, radio and batteries
- First Aid Kit, candles and matches or lighter
- Extra car keys and cash
- One change of clothes per person
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person

How can we make this newsletter better? Please send us your comments at: infoofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca



With the 2009/10 lobstering season fast approaching, please remember to support our local industry. Wishing all a safe and prosperous season.

Emergency Management Organization

Protect yourself from H1N1, and all other illnesses!

To stay well, people should:

- bring hand sanitizer when attending festivals, concerts or other events
- wash hands thoroughly and often
- cough into arms or sleeves
- frequently clean surfaces like kitchen countertops and doorknobs.

If you're sick with flu-like symptoms, please stay home for seven days. Flu-like symptoms are fever and/or cough with one or more of: unusual tiredness, head/muscle/joint aches or sore throat.

For more information go to www.gov.ns.ca/hpp

72 Hours. Are you prepared?

If a disaster happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you as they help those in desperate need. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

Post your Civic Number

Seconds can mean the difference between life and death in an emergency. Getting resources where they are needed as quickly as possible is vital. This is especially true when dealing with 911 emergencies. However, without clearly posted civic numbers to guide them, emergency responders can sometimes be challenged to locate the address of a 911 call. Clearly post your civic number, so you can be located as quickly as possible if an emergency should occur. You can order your civic number sign from the Shelburne Lions Club, (902) 875-3233 or from several local businesses.

Energy Efficiency Program For Low-Income Homeowners with Electric Heat

Do you know anyone who:

- Lives on a low income?
- Owns their home?
- Heats with electricity?

If so, they may be eligible for **Free Insulation and other Energy Efficiency upgrades** to their home to help reduce electricity use.

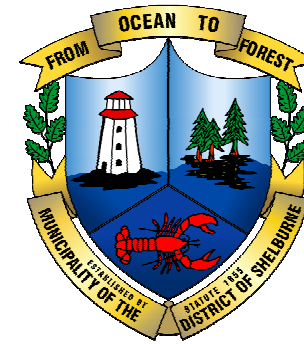
For further information please:

Call toll free: 1-877-434-2136

or

Email: katherine.reed@nspower.ca

The free Energy Efficiency upgrades for Low-Income Homeowners (who heat with electricity) are funded by Nova Scotia power and are aimed to reduce electricity use and help save money.



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THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE NEWSLETTER

October 2009

A Message from the Warden

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne is a wonderful, natural place to live. Council appreciates the privilege and responsibility of looking after your municipal interests and priorities. Those priorities are to preserve our quality of life while encouraging and establishing conditions for our sustainable economic development.

Our current goals are both fiscally responsible and accountable. They are:

- Encourage and facilitate sustainable economic development;
- Maintain and enhance our health, education, transportation and electrical power infrastructure;
- Strengthen our community spirit;
- Improve and assure effective governance; and
- Promote Shelburne County for business and in-migration.

To assist in reaching the above noted goals, let your views be known to your Councillor and become involved with our numerous committees (which are all open to the public) and use your municipal services.

Yours sincerely,

Warden Sherm Embree

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Council recently endorsed the Community Vision Statement for the ICSP. This statement was developed by the ICSP Advisory Committee based on the feedback received from the community during the engagement process.

Our Vision for 2030...

The creative and resourceful people of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne deeply value their diverse communities, healthy living and quality of life.

We enjoy our clean natural environment and sustainable resource economy from ocean to forest.

Our tradition of self reliance partnered with new technologies creates a robust economic climate that welcomes renewable energy and new, sustainable industries.

Through cooperation and strong, progressive leadership we build on our rich history to create a vibrant future.

Streetlighting

If you need to report a burned out or damaged streetlight please call **1-800-428-6230** and **press 0** to speak to a Nova Scotia Power Customer Service Representative.

You may submit your request online at www.nspower.ca and select Customer Service followed by Streetlight Repairs. You will need to provide the location of the streetlight by the closest property or intersection. There is no charge for this service.

Your request may also be submitted to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne by phoning **902-875-3544 Ext. 221**, the same information will be required.

LED Light Exchange Program

Watch for this year's dates for



an LED light exchange Program in your area!!!!

LED lights:

- Use up to 95% less energy
- Last at least 10 times longer
- Are durable and safe
- All old exchanged lights will be sent for recycling

From Administration Ext. 235

Council Meeting Schedule

Committee of the Whole: 2nd Monday of each month
Municipal Council: 4th Monday of each month
Audit & Program Services : Last Wednesday of each month

*All meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, 136 Hammond Street, Shelburne, beginning at 5:00 pm.

Roseway Leisure & Support Services (Adult Day Program)

This program is a club that supports the client's feeling of independence and continued community living. It also provides family members with an opportunity for respite when caring for loved ones.

Additional services offered to the client are: transportation, hot meals, shower facilities, etc.

For more information call (902) 875-4707 ext. 238.

Check Out Our Website

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne's website includes links to all our departments as well as local, governmental and other links of interest. Here you will have access to the current tax rates, recreation programs, waste news and so much more. There are a number of downloadable forms available for your convenience.

Please visit our website at www.municipalityofshelburne.ca.

Food Bank Services

Shelburne & Area— Regular hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 am-12:00 pm located at Anglican Church Hall on Ann Street, Shelburne. Drop off donations at Shelburne Sobeys and King Street Centre.
Lockeport & Area—(servicing the 656 exchange) Contact Carrie MacLeod 656-2591 for drop-off or donations. Regular hours are the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:30-1:30 pm at the Lockeport Baptist Church on the corner of Hall and Spruce Streets, Lockeport.

BizPal

Opening a new business just became easier thanks to BizPal, the service that saves time spent on paperwork and helps entrepreneurs start up faster. For Business Permits and Licenses please visit www.municipalityofshelburne.ca/left_links/bizpal.php

Municipal By-Laws and Policies

The Municipality is updating its existing by-laws and policies to reflect modern practices and to be more reader-friendly for residents. All Municipal By-Laws and Policies can be viewed by the public at 136 Hammond Street, Shelburne, Administration Office, Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Nova Scotia Power Energy Efficiency Program

Nova Scotia Power has recently launched a new energy efficiency program for low-income homeowners who heat with electricity. This program provides free home insulation upgrades and other energy efficiency upgrades to qualifying participants who:

1. Live on a low income; Income requirements based on Statistics Canada LICO(Low Income Cut-off) criteria
2. Are a homeowner, and
3. Heat their home with electricity.

For more information contact please call 1-877-434-2136 (messages only)

Recreation News Ext. 225

Kids Fair Play FUNd

The Kids Fair Play FUNd is a confidential recreation sport and cultural assistance program set up to reduce financial barriers for Shelburne County children and youth under the age of 19. Completed applications are received at your local Recreation Department at any time, to be reviewed four (4) times per year—on or near the 15th of March, June, September and December.

A Fundraising Committee is being re-established to help meet the increased demand for the program. Community groups and individuals are encouraged to support the FUNd by hosting a fundraiser and donating the proceeds to the FUNd. To volunteer or for more information, contact Marilyn Johnston at (902) 875-3544 ext. 225.

"Make a difference in a child's life"

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf."

Bob Hope

Keep IT Moving Day—October 21, 2009

Enthusiasm and beautiful, warm fall weather contributed to the overall success of the 2009 "Keep It Moving Day".

In 2008, participant numbers were just over 1,200. It is anticipated that this years numbers will be in excess of 1,300. Adam Dedrick, Physical Activity & Community School Coordinator at SRHS stated that there were 85 registrations and 1,271 participants. This total did not include the organized activities (community walks, skating, etc.), nor did it include two specific registrations (one of them will be nearly 50).

Adam and Tanya Strate, Assistant to the Director of Recreation & Parks for the Municipality of Shelburne were out and about visiting groups (with prizes) and taking pictures.

Great work everybody!



How Can We Contact YOUR Community Organization???

The Community Groups Database is continually being updated so that we can contact you with important information and opportunities that may be of interest and benefit to the people in your area. Groups that provide us with an e-mail address for the database will have their name entered to win a draw for \$200.

Draw date is January 5, 2010. Changes to your contact info should be sent to Marilyn at 875-3544 ext 225 or mjohnston@municipalityofshelburne.ca

Arena News

The Shelburne County Arena will be opening for the season on October 16,2009. Call Edgar at 875-2977 to book ice time.

"Free of Cost" Arena Ice Time Program

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne has committed 100 hours of ice time committed for use by the community. To apply you must pick up an application, fill in the details and return to the Arena Manager. For more information call Marilyn at (902) 875-3544 ext. 225.

Minor Co-ed Basketball 2010

Volunteer coaches & helpers are needed for the Minor Co-ed Basketball program that operates at SRHS every Sunday afternoon from Jan. – Apr. 2010 for children/youth ages 5 – 13. Contact Marilyn at 875-3544 ext 225 or Tanya at ext. 229.



For more information on the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan please contact Emily Tipton, ICSP Planner/Project Coordinator at 902-875-3489 or etiption@municipalityofshelburne.ca. You are also welcome to come to the Council Chambers at 136 Hammond Street in Shelburne, on Thursdays between 12 and 2 pm, or by appointment.

SRHS Community Use

The Fall & Winter brochure listing a variety of programs for the community for the 2009 season are available now.

For more information on being an instructor/participant contact Adam Dedrick, Physical Activity & Community Use Coordinator at (902) 875-2831

Waste Management News Ext. 226

Items NOT collected at curbside

Tires (rims removed) can be returned, up to four at a time, to any tire retailer in Nova Scotia
All construction waste can be taken to the Regional Materials Recovery Facility. For more information please call 656-3273.
Propane tanks and other hazardous materials can be taken to the HHW Depot . For more information please call 875-5336.
Computers, televisions, monitors, printers, VCRs, fax machines and other electronics can be taken to Bowood Inc. Mon. thru Fri. 9am - 3:45pm and Sat. 8:30am - 1:15pm. For more information please call 875-8400.

On The Right Track

The three municipal units that make up the Joint Services Board are ambitiously working together toward constantly evolving goals for waste diversion and reduction. Current diversion formulas show that the Joint Services Board is the lowest waste generator in the entire province, possibly in the entire country, with a rate of 270kg of waste per person per year. This reflects the great efforts of residents and businesses to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **It is illegal to burn garbage** – If you see someone illegally dumping or burning waste please contact NS Environment at 1-800-569-0039.
- In the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, we collected 338 bags of litter on **Earth Day 2009**. Thank you to the 115+ volunteers who participated in a cleanup. A special thanks to the winners of our Litter Clean-Up Challenge, District 3, where **35** volunteers collected **138** bags of litter.
- Since the opening of the Regional Materials Recovery Facility in July of 2005, **we have diverted over 2500 tonnes** of construction and demolition waste materials.
- **Backyard Composting** is nature's own recycling system. Leaves, vegetable peels and other organic waste can be composted into a rich soil that you can use in your gardens, lawns and planters.

If you have any concerns or questions about waste disposal call Valeria Kean at 875-5336

Inspection Department News Ext. 237

When is a building permit required?

- New building construction
- Structural changes
- Building demolition
- Building relocation
- Change of use
- All outbuildings/accessory structures (see exceptions)
- Decks and stairs
- Roof enclosure over deck
- Alterations/Renovations (see exceptions)

Exceptions

- Alterations and improvements to a building with a value of less than \$5,000.00 as long as there are no structural changes
- A one storey accessory building less than 215 square feet
- Fences
- Cosmetic work

**Always check with the Inspection Department to find out if a permit is required.*

Inspection Process

There are five stages of an inspection that must be carried out before a project is complete:

1. Footing Inspection (before pouring foundation walls)
2. Foundation Inspection (before backfilling)
3. Framing & Rough Plumbing (roof tight)
4. Vapour Barrier and Insulation (while exposed)
5. Final Inspection (prior to any use or occupancy of a building)

The inspection that you require depends on the type of construction you are doing. All work requires a final inspection before being considered complete.

We require 48 hours notice for an inspection.

"There are two types of people, those who love getting their weekly flyers and everyone else....."



If you have concerns about the placement of your flyers, please call The Chronicle Herald (pink sleeves) at 426-3350 or Transcontinental at 1-800-939-4992 (blue sleeves).



"It's not easy being green."
-Kermit the Frog

Please remember to recycle.

Contact Information

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 Director of Inspection Services
Tina McKay, QBO
 (p)902-875-3544
 Ext. 237
 (f) 902-875-1278

136 Hammond Street,
 Shelburne
 9:00 am-4:30 pm

The RRAP Program

Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) offers financial assistance to low-income homeowners for mandatory home repairs that will preserve the quality of affordable housing. The program helps people who live in substandard dwellings and cannot afford to pay for necessary repairs to their home.

Who Can Apply?

Homeowners may qualify for assistance if your property is eligible and if your total household income is at or below the Income Threshold set by CMHC.

Eligible Properties

Your property may be eligible for Homeowner RRAP if your home is:

- ⇒ Valued below a certain amount;
- ⇒ At least five years old; and
- ⇒ Substandard and needs major repairs in one of the following areas: heating, structural, electrical, plumbing and fire safety.

Your home may also qualify if work is needed to help reduce overcrowding.

Eligible Repairs

In general, mandatory repairs related to heating, structural, electrical, plumbing and fire safety are eligible for funding under Homeowner RRAP. The quality of the repairs should ensure the useful life of your home for at least 15 years.

All work required to bring your home up to minimum standards of health and safety must be completed in order to receive RRAP Assistance.

If the cost of mandatory repairs is more than the maximum forgivable loan available, you, as the owner, will be required to cover the additional cost.

Any repairs carried out before the Homeowner RRAP loan is approved in writing are not eligible.

The RRAP Program Con't

Financial Assistance

Assistance is in the form of a fully forgivable loan. The loan does not have to be repaid if you agree to continue to own and live in this house during the earning period, which could be up to five years (the loan forgiveness period). The amount you could receive is based on the cost of mandatory repairs and the area in which you live.

Other Assistance Available

If your home needs modifications to make it accessible for a person with a disability, you may be eligible for assistance under RRAP for Persons with Disabilities. Other programs are also available for seniors, rental properties, and for the creation of secondary and garden suites.

Contact

To find out how to apply for financial assistance or for more information about these programs please call **CMHC** toll free at :

1-800-668-2642

or visit:

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca.

Finance News Ext. 222

Seniors Property Tax Rebate

*Provincial Program

If you received the Property Tax Rebate last year and were in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement or the Allowance in January of this year, an application IS automatically mailed to you in July. New applicants can pick up the form at the nearest Access Nova Scotia site, online, or by calling 1-877-296-9339. Eligible homeowners can receive a 50% rebate up to \$400.00 on their taxes.

**Last year's taxes must be paid in full*

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) Inquiries

Your final tax bill issued in September and due October 31, 2009 will be a reflection of your 2009 Property Assessment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessed value, closing your Business Occupancy account or moving/selling your mobile home, please contact PVSC.

Electronic Bill Payment

We now offer online services for electronic tax bill payments with the following financial institutions. Your eight digit Assessment Account Number, which can be found on your tax bill, is required to perform this transaction. The Merchant Name for the "Municipality of Shelburne" is different for each bank:

- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)/ Presidents Choice Financial - Shelburne(District Of) Tax
- Scotia Bank - District of Shelburne Taxes & Sewer
- TelPay Inc.—telpay.ca - Municipality of the District of Shelburne
- Bank of Montreal (BMO) - Municipality of the District of Shelburne Tax

Changes to Interim Tax Billing

Starting in 2010, the March interim tax bill will be 60% of the previous year's total taxes. The September final interim tax bill will be the remainder based on your 2010 assessed value and the 2010 tax rate. Monthly interest is accrued at a rate of 14% per annum.