



Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Action Plan for 2020

Seven Community Engagement Sessions will be held throughout the Municipality to generate new ideas and start new conversations about the Municipality's role in sustainability in our communities.

Many of you assisted us in creating our 2015 Action Plan. We will update the community on what has been accomplished from that Plan and other ICSP related projects and tasks as well as work toward the creation of a new Plan for 2020.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

District 1: Port Saxon Leisure Hour Club
Wednesday, April 15th 6-8 pm

District 2: CGC Fire Hall
Wednesday, April 22nd 6-8 pm

District 3: Sandy Point Community Centre
Saturday, April 18th 10am-noon

District 4: Lower Ohio Hall
Wednesday, April 1st 6-8 pm

District 5: Jordan IOOF Hall
Monday, April 20th 6-8 pm

District 6: West Green Harbour Hall
Tuesday, April 28th 6-8 pm

District 7: Sable River Community Hall
Saturday, April 25th 10am-noon

**Join in, be a part of the
conversation and the change!**

Spring 2015 Newsletter

Black Loyalist Heritage Centre - Grand Opening

"The story of the Black Loyalists -- how they served the British in the war in exchange for the promise of freedom in peacetime, and how they travelled to Nova Scotia only to endure hardships of slavery, indentured servitude, landlessness and hunger -- is one of the great stories of Canadian history." (Lawrence Hill)

The Black Loyalist Heritage Society (BLHS) is pleased to announce that the grand opening of the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre (BLHC) will be held on June 6, 2015. Visitors will learn and experience the story of the largest and most influential communities of free Black people in the world, outside of Africa, from 1783 to 1791 in Nova Scotia.

John Franklin, Senior Manager, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institute as well as the author of the novel "The Book of Negroes", Lawrence Hill will be keynote speakers at the grand opening of the BLHC.

Mr. Franklin will be speaking to the students of Shelburne Regional High School (SRHS). As part of the grand opening celebrations, the BLHS will host an intimate evening with Lawrence Hill to discuss the novel and mini-series, "The Book of Negroes". Mr. Hill will also be speaking with SRHS students.

BLHS acknowledges support from our many private donors and the following government departments for their financial contribution to the building of the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre:

- Canadian Heritage, Canada Cultural Spaces Fund
- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- Citizenship & Immigration of Canada, Inter-action Program
- The Province of Nova Scotia
- The NS Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage
 - The NS Museum Board of Trustees
 - The Town of Shelburne
 - The Municipality of the District of Shelburne



Photo by Len Wagg

For more information, visit www.blackloyalist.com or call (902) 875-1310.

Summer Employment Opportunities

The deadline to submit an application and resume for Municipal summer recreation staff positions is **Friday, May 1, 2015 at 4:30 pm**. Applications are available on our website www.municipalityofshelburne.ca or at our office.

Shelburne County Lobster Festival

June 4-7, 2015. Contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (902) 875-3544 ext. 225, for more information or to get involved.

2015 Municipal Representative Volunteer



Congratulations to Dale Richardson of Little Harbour who was chosen to be the 2015 Representative Volunteer for the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Dale volunteers in many capacities, one of which is as Fire Chief of the Little Harbour and Area Volunteer Fire Department.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT?



Confused? Here are a few facts.
Permits are required for:

- New building construction
- All additions
- Any structural changes
- Relocation of an existing structure
- Changing the use of the building
- All sheds, garages and accessory buildings
- Decks – replacing, new or roofed
- Alterations & renovations
- Demolitions

If you are prepared, obtaining a permit is as easy as 1,2,3.
All you need is:

1. **General Information:** Your name, mailing address, civic address, phone number, contractor's name and contact information, etc.
2. **Building Plans:** This is a set of plans of the work to be completed, including layout, footing and foundation details, floor, wall and roof assembly details, insulation and vapour barrier details as well as exterior and interior finish details.
3. **Possible approvals from other departments:** If you require driveway access and/or you are constructing within 60 meters of the limits of the roadway, you will need approval from the NS Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSDOTIR). If an on-site sewage system is required, you will need approval from the NS Dept. of Environment (NSDOE). Their contact information is available on our website.

The cost of a permit varies depending on the project.
A full list of fees is available at
www.municipalityofshelburne.ca/inspection.html



On average, once you have submitted a completed application form, provided plans, approvals and fees are paid, it will take approximately five (5) days for the application to be reviewed and processed.

Always remember - Permits are mandatory and important. Building permits provide the means for Building Officials to ensure the health, safety and welfare of building occupants. You have a major investment in the home or business you are about to build or remodel. Applying for a permit ensures the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations are met.

If you choose to start building without a permit, please note that the owner and contractor shall be liable to fines beginning at \$693.95 (for individuals) and \$1268.95 (for corporations) and the possibility of any completed work being removed.

We want to assist you and your contractor to ensure a safe and secure final product. Drop in or contact us by phone or email:

Building Inspection Department
136 Hammond Street
Shelburne, NS
Phone: 902-875-3544 ext. 237 or 238
Email: agoreham@municipalityofshelburne.ca
tmckay@municipalityofshelburne.ca



SPRING INTO RECREATION...

Active Start Soccer Training

for coaches and parents of U4-U6. Active Start Soccer focuses on fundamental movements and fun games. This NCCP course will be offered on Saturday, March 28th, 2-5 pm at Lockeport Regional High. **Free** of charge. To register contact Lisa Landry at 902-875-2831.

SRHS Community Use Programs

Zumba Kids
Grades P & 1: Mar. 25th - Apr. 9th
Grades 2 & 3: May 13th - June 17th
When: Wednesdays 6:30-7:15 pm
Where: Shelburne Regional High
Cost: \$30
To register, contact Lisa Landry at 902-875-2831.

SouthShoreConnect.ca is your gateway to information about Active Living on the South Shore. It is the starting point for families to find recreation, sport and physical activities in Shelburne, Yarmouth, Queens and Lunenburg Counties. Everyone is welcome to attend the official launch on Monday, March 30th at 10:30 am at the Crescent Beach Centre in Lockeport.

Rules & Regulations

A By-Law Briefing

The goal of the By-Law Enforcement Department is voluntary compliance of the various by-laws that apply to the residents of the Municipality. All by-law reports are confidential; residents are encouraged to report non-compliance.

Solid Waste By-Law - illegal disposal/dumping, burning, burying, and curbside violations. The Municipality supplies sorting guides, compost carts and has a Waste Diversion Coordinator to assist and educate any resident that may have a question about the proper disposal of solid waste.

The **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy** deals with properties that have fallen into disrepair and become either dangerous or unsightly. There is an established criteria and procedure for dealing with such properties. There are presently several open and active files.

The **Dog By-Law** deals with issues such as dangerous dogs, dogs barking or dogs running at large. The Province has recently adopted Standards of Care guidelines that are enforced by the SPCA.

The Municipality has a separate **Animals at Large By-Law** that deals with livestock - cattle, horses, ponies, mules, sheep, swine, goats and poultry. This By-Law sees a fair amount of action with these animals running at large.

The Municipality's By-Laws/Policies are available on the website. If you have any questions, the By-Law Officer is available during normal office hours at 902-875-1496 (O) or 902-875-6773 (C).

Shedding some light on Streetlights

In 2011, Provincial legislation directed that all roadway lighting be changed to LED lights as part of its overall energy reduction program and its commitment to use energy efficient roadway lighting. The Municipality is responsible for over 1,200 streetlights and has been exploring ways to reduce both its street lighting costs (approximately \$200,000 annually) as well as its carbon footprint. Last year, the company Black & MacDonald, was hired to review all streetlights located within the Municipality and to provide a recommendation regarding potential improvements, including the removal of unnecessary lights, without compromising the safety of our residents.

It is anticipated that approximately 120 streetlights will be removed from the Municipality's streetlight inventory, which will help us reduce our environmental impact and costs. The Municipality will also work with NSPI to prepare a streetlight wattage design program for light consistency throughout our communities.

For more information, please call (902) 875-3544 ext. 235.

Bike Week - May 24th - 30th

Biking is a great way to stay active, see new things and have fun. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced biker, we've got something for you.

To celebrate Bike Week, there are several activities being planned, including a Commuter Challenge that encourages active transportation, a Kids Bike Rodeo and the Annual Sandy Point/Jordan Bay Bike Ride.

All Bike Week activities are **free** and there will be lots of prizes! Once they are determined, event dates will be advertised through flyers, the local newspaper and Facebook (Municipal Recreation Parks).

Sports Day - April 25th

Following the success of our first event last fall, we will hold a second Sports Day on April 25th (rain date May 2nd) at SRHS.

Sports Day is a **free** event that gives children, youth and adults the opportunity to try a variety of sports. Each sport will be hosted by a community instructor, volunteer or organization and will be held in the gym, outdoor courts and soccer field.

Sports will include archery, skateboarding, ground hockey, Active Start Soccer, rugby, Run Jump Throw, table tennis, pickleball and others.

Pickleball



Pickleball is oversized ping pong played on a badminton sized court with a tennis sized net. Just use a paddle to keep a plastic ball going back and forth over the net until someone messes up. Simple!

Pickleball is a paddle sport for all ages and all athletic ability levels. It has very simple rules and its easy to learn to play. Give it a try at Drop-In Pickleball, SRHS on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm. Paddles and balls provided. \$2 drop-in fee. First time is **free!**

The Best Accident Never Happens

The role of the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) for your area is to ensure that a coordinated and managed response takes place when a disaster of severe proportions occurs that overwhelms the normal response agencies. You, a resident of this community, can ensure that this happens in a controlled manner by taking steps to guard against you, your family or your residence being impacted by a severe storm, fire or other event. While it is understood that you cannot protect everyone from everything, you certainly can take steps to minimize damage and risk.

With the coming Spring, it is a good time to plan your warm weather activities. What better time to prune limbs or maybe even eliminate diseased trees that may cause damage in a hurricane.

With Spring also comes a lot of rotating machinery (lawnmowers, chain saws, whipper snippers, tractors and ATVs). Through management, supervision and proper use of the tool involved you can prevent an accident. The largest source of accidents is failure to use or the improper use of safety equipment.

Safety is everyone's business. Indeed it is the law. No one can ask anyone to do something that is unsafe. If you see an appliance with a frayed power cord, after making sure it is unplugged, cut the cord off - it may save someone's life. Many community halls and businesses are purchasing and installing defibrillators. Learn how to use them. They may keep the patient alive until an ambulance arrives.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Shand, EMO Coordinator, Shelburne County East Emergency Management Organization, which provides EMO services for the Municipality of Shelburne, Town of Shelburne and Town of Lockeport. Additional information, brochures and pamphlets are available from any municipal or town office.

Finance

Municipal Property Tax Bills will be sent out by mail at the beginning of April with a due date of May 31, 2015. The April "interim bill" will reflect 60% of the previous years' total tax. The September "final bill" will make up the balance of the current years' taxes based on the current assessment and tax rate.

The 2015 Low Income Property Tax Exemption deadline for applications isn't until August 31, 2015, but its tax season now. If your household income was less than \$20,000, you could be eligible for a tax exemption of up to \$300. Please send in or drop off a copy of your **2014** Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada to the Finance Department.

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CONGRATS

The Province of Nova Scotia set a goal of reducing waste to 300 kg/capita by the end of 2015.

We made it... and early!

Our most recent numbers show the Shared Services area generating only **295 kg** of waste per capita.

WAY TO GO - KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

EARTH HOUR

Saturday, March 28th

8:30-9:30 pm

Turn your lights out and unplug for one hour. You can make a difference.

For more information visit www.earthhour.org

SPRING METAL COLLECTION

On your regular collection day between

Tuesday, May 19th

and

Friday, May 29th

EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22nd

We invite you to be a part of Earth Day. Discover energy you didn't even know you had. Channel it into building a clean, healthy, diverse world for generations to come. For ideas and motivation visit www.earthday.ca