

TOWN OF SHELBURNE, NS

Spring/Summer 2022



Message from the Mayor

Your Town Council has identified their top two priorities for this fiscal year as **Financial Capacity** and our **Daycare Facilities**. Regarding our financial situation, it is our pleasure to say progress is being made. We are continuing to put money into the reserves and now have met the provincially recommended amount. As a result of reduced spending we are now able to pass a budget which includes a three cent per \$100 of assessment reduction on the residential and resource tax rates, it is a small but positive step in the right direction, and it is our aim for this to continue in future years .

Council's second priority is the Daycare Facility on King Street. With the cooperation and support of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and Little People's Place, we have been able to procure federal funding for improvements which will bring it up to a higher standard that the children and staff will benefit from.

Our Town is very fortunate to have the number of dedicated volunteers that it does. The numerous events that occur in the community owe their success to these people - and we *Thank You very much*. If others are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Town Office at 902-875-2991.

We are looking forward to a busy summer and fall with many activities throughout the Town scheduled. The Bluenose II is visiting in June and five Cruise ships are scheduled for the Fall, as well as Push For Your Tush Run for Colorectal Cancer in June, Dock St. Days in July, the Shelburne Exhibition in August as well as the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club hosting the Masters Atlantic Coast Championship.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Coaches Darren Jacklin and Mike Shand as well as the members of the S.R.H.S. Senior Boys Basketball team on winning the Division 3 Provincial Title this year. This is something they will remember for the rest of their lives. Way to go Team!!!

~Harold

2022/23 Budget Highlights

- ~ General Operating Budget is set in the amount of \$3,880,974.
 - ~ Capital Budget is set at \$477,000
 - ~ Tax rates for Residential & Resource are reduced by 3 cents per \$100 of assessment.
 - ~ Wastewater Charge remains at \$260 per unit, and Solid Waste Charge increases to \$276.47 per unit.
 - ~ Grants to Organizations in the amount of \$38,564 have been approved.
 - ~ Town of Shelburne's Low Income Tax Exemption is offered again this year. For qualifying household incomes, as follows:
 - Total household income of \$23,000 or less for a rebate of \$400
 - Total household income of \$23,001 to \$28,750 for a rebate of \$200
 - Total household income of \$28,751 to \$34,500 for a rebate of \$100
- Beginning July 4th, please stop in to the Town Office to fill out an application. You will need to bring your Notice of Assessment from your 2021 Income Tax.

For full Budget Info please visit:
www.shelburnens.ca



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We are pleased our Visitor Information Centre on Dock St. will be open for the season again this year!



A weekly market showcasing local growers and makers in Shelburne, NS. on Sundays from 12-3pm. Be sure to check it out!



For a full schedule visit: guildhallsummerarts.weebly.com

Do you have your Civic Number on your home or business?

Properly displaying your civic number ensures that emergency responders for fire, ambulance, and police can easily locate your home or business.

Contact Pat Thorburne of the Lions Club at (902) 875-6051 to order. Cost is \$22

Sign up For Safety

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Post Your Civic Number



2022 Port Visits

June 25th	Bluenose II
October 5th	Insignia carrying up to 824 passengers
October 6th	7 Sea Navigator carrying up to 490 passengers
October 27th	Le Bellot carrying up to 184 passengers
October 31st	Le Dumont-d'urville carrying up to 184 passengers
November 3rd	Seabourn Quest carrying up to 458 passengers



Please only flush toilet paper down the toilet!!!

Accessibility Action Plan

The Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Committee have prepared and presented their respective Councils an Accessibility Action Plan. Please see our website for more information on Accessibility and our plans to implement. Thank you to all the members of the Accessibility Committee for their hard work on the plan over the past year.



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE (or not...)

Climate change is having an impact on water levels globally and here at home. In more recent years well water levels in Shelburne County have become a concern for some homeowners. This article is to suggest those homeowners of dug wells with low water levels think about deepening their dug well or even consider a drilled well. If Interested, there are approximately 50 certified well contractors in Nova Scotia, with a few being local businesses, that can guide you in selecting what is right for you.

Approximately 46% of Nova Scotians rely primarily on dug or drilled wells for their private supply. In the Town of Shelburne that number is 65%. Property owners are responsible to ensure the well on their land is constructed and maintained to provincial standards. Further, property owners are responsible to take care of the well and ensure testing is done regularly to confirm that their well water is free of any natural or man-made impurities. For additional information on water quality, testing and maintenance, please stop by the Town office to pick up a detailed brochure.

Well Water Quality – How to Test

Wells need to be checked regularly to ensure healthy water quality. The only way to ensure a well water supply is safe, is to test it. The bacterial quality should be checked every six months. The chemical quality should be checked every two years. Frequent testing will:

- check the integrity of your well
- let you know if corrective measures are required
- warn you if another activity is affecting the quality of your well water

It is recommended that testing for bacteria and/or a standard suite of parameters only be done through an accredited water testing laboratory. Find a list of accredited water testing laboratories at novascotia.ca/nse/water/waterlabs.asp. Get the special sampling bottles and instructions on proper sampling steps from the laboratory. The cost of analyzing water samples can range from \$30 for a single parameter, up to \$300 for a full suite of chemical parameters. For convenience, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne office on Hammond Street also have test kits that can be picked up and dropped off at the Roseway Hospital Lab. Check their office hours before heading over and note, there is a small window of time between retrieving the sample and submitting it to the lab for testing. For wells that are providing enough water but do not respond to regular cleaning processes, consideration should be given towards installing a ultraviolet (UV) water disinfection system.

Why would I need to Disinfect my Well Water?

All drinking water supplies are susceptible to bacterial contamination. Disease-causing organisms known as pathogens, can be deposited in water by decaying plants (such as grass clippings), insects, birds, animals (such as deer) and people through various activities and weather conditions. Disinfection helps prevent pathogens from causing illness. It is especially important when a water supply cannot be fully secured or protected.

Surface water is more susceptible to contamination than groundwater therefore, a properly constructed and maintained well that reduces surface water from entering your well is the first line of defense against contamination. The next line of defense is regular testing and possible treatment if issues are found. And finally, current research shows that when properly applied, UV light is an effective method of disinfecting water in the home. There are a number of certified contractors experienced in installation of these systems.

More details on water treatment options offered by the Nova Scotia government can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/nse/water/docs/WellWaterBooklet4.pdf>.



The Shelburne County Events Committee has started planning a Signature Summer Event for the Community. Dock St. Days are going to be July 30-31st and are presently in the planning stages. Please contact Val Kean at val.kean@municipalityofshelburne.ca if you are interested in becoming a vendor, participating or donating! Watch our social media and community bulletin boards for more info as it becomes available as well as the "Shelburne Events Committee" Facebook page.