



Town of Shelburne Spring/Summer 2018



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Message From the Mayor

Karen Mattatall

Last year was a busy one for the Town of Shelburne, our staff took on \$4.34 million in capital projects and have completed 20 or 23 to date (the rest should be completed by September). This year we're planning even more projects to benefit the community – see Page 3 for more on the 2018-19 budget!

2017 also saw the introduction of the Town's first annual residents survey – a big thank you to the 150 Town and 35 District residents who responded this year! We are also proud to introduce the attached 2018 Report Card.

Take a read through this newsletter for all the great things ahead for Shelburne in 2018!



Your Council needs your participation in our new Asset Management Committee – for more info see Page 2.

Did you know Shelburne is the fastest growing community in Southwest Nova Scotia? The Town's population increased by 3.44% from 2011 to 2016. In the same period the median age actually fell from 50.1 years to 50 years!

Council Initiatives

LOW-INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

To reduce the impact of increases in service charge the Town Council has also approved an increase in the low-income tax exemption program which will now provide graduated tax relief ranging from \$152.93 to \$611.73 to qualifying tax payers with household incomes under \$34,464. To apply visit: <https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/low-income.html> or contact the Town Office.

COMMERCIAL REBATES

Developing or renovating a commercial property in Town? You may be eligible to participate in the Town's development support program to reduce your commercial taxes. To inquire call 902-875-2991 Ext. 6, email ced@town.shelburne.ns.ca or visit: <https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/development-support-program.html>



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"We can't solve our problems with the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

- Albert Einstein



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Town Events / What's Happening

Shelburne has many events and fun festivals planned for the Summer of 2018 including a continuation of the Guild Hall Summer Arts Series. Mark them on your calendars!



2018 Spring / Summer Events

- ❖ Cruise Ship Visit - May 2
- ❖ Spring Town Wide Yard Sale - June 2
- ❖ Lobster Festival - June 7-10
- ❖ Founders' Days - July 20-22
- ❖ Shelburne Street Dance - August 4
- ❖ Kayak Festival - August 17-19
- ❖ Shelburne Art Day - August 18
- ❖ Bluenose Visit - September 8-9
- ❖ Whirligig Festival - September 15-16
- ❖ Giant Pumpkin Festival - October 6
- ❖ Fall Town Wide Yard Sale - October 6
- ❖ Halloween Pet Parade - October 28



GUILD HALL SUMMER ARTS SERIES 2018 FREE shows at the Guild Hall

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| Mon. June 11th | John Muirhead | London, ON | Folk | 7pm |
| Thurs. June 14th | Ragged Island Roosters | Shelburne, NS | Blues | 7pm |
| Thurs. June 21st | One Meter Up | Shelburne, NS | Rock | 7pm |
| Thurs. June 28th | Tom Barnwell | Shelburne, NS | Bluegrass | 7pm |
| Sat. June 30th | Pat Melanson | Shelburne, NS | Acadian | 7pm |
| Thurs. July 5th | Hourglass | Shelburne, NS | Rock | 7pm |
| Thurs. July 12th | Susan & Tony Robichaud | Amherst, NS | Latin, etc. | 7pm |
| Thurs. July 19th | Jazz Dabblers | Shelburne, NS | Jazz | 7pm |
| Thurs. July 26th | Matt Beaulieu | Shelburne, NS | Covers | 7pm |
| Thurs. Aug 2nd | Lana Shupe | Calgary, AB | Storyteller | 7pm |
| Thurs. Aug 9th | Jessica & Clara Jurgenliemk | Shelburne, NS | Songwriter | 7pm |
| Sun. Aug 12th | Mersey Concert Band | Liverpool, NS | Variety | 2pm |
| Thurs. Aug 16th | David Burbine | Shelburne, NS | Country | 7pm |
| Sun. Aug 19th | Mersey Swing Band | Liverpool, NS | Swing | 2pm |
| Thurs. Aug 23rd | Roseway Strutters | Shelburne, NS | Blues | 7pm |
| Thurs. Aug 30th | Mike Elliot Band | Shelburne, NS | Rock | 7pm |

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES IN NEED OF MEMBERS:

- Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee (meets monthly)
- Shelburne Port Authority Committee (meets monthly)
- Audit Committee (meets twice a year)
- ***NEW*** Asset Management Committee (meets once or twice per month – occasional day meetings)

Contact clerk@town.shelburne.ns.ca

The Town is always looking for volunteers and for volunteer of the month nominations:

<https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/community-participation-and-volunteerism.html>

Thinking about starting a society? Check out our new Support for Societies Policy

<https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/policies/1383-support-for-societies-policy/file.html>

The Shelburne Guild Hall is available for rentals.

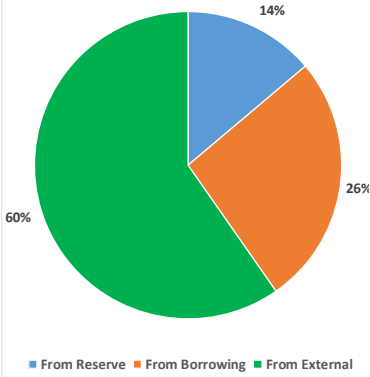
If you are interested in booking the Guild Hall for a wedding, workshop, class, or performance inquire at the Town Office or visit:

<https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/guild-hall-rentals.html>

Budget 2018-19

This April the Shelburne Town Council approved an operating budget totaling \$5.03 million and a capital budget including 34 new capital projects totalling \$4.8 million. The approved residential tax rate of \$2.04 per \$100 of assessment and approved commercial tax rate of \$3.86 per \$100 of assessment remain unchanged. Sewer charges are increasing from \$219 to \$240 per unit to finance upgrades to the treatment plant taking place this year. Solid waste charges are also increasing – based on actual costs – to \$251.68 per unit.

2018-19 Capital Projects by Funding



Key investments include:

- Completing the major \$2.8 million Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades project begun last year.
- Road improvement projects throughout town along with a commitment to improve downtown parking.
- A new façade program for the downtown.
- Proposed new \$2.7 million Shelburne Family Centre consolidating supportive services for families of all ages (including daycares) under one roof.
- Tourism initiatives including a new public wifi network in the downtown.
- Major investment in the Shelburne Marine Terminal to attract new business.
- New Christmas decorations for town streets as requested by residents.
- And support for community projects including: Shelburne County Arena Zamboni (up to \$45,000), Graham’s Park Skatepark (up to \$50,000) and Shelburne Sailing Academy upgrades to host 2019 International Albacore Championship (up to \$50,000).

<https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/budgeting-and-reporting.html>

Programs

Everyone deserves a warm home

We all deserve to be comfortable in our home. For homeowners who qualify, the HomeWarming team provides a free comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your home. Then the team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you. Am I eligible?

- Your income qualifies
- You own a single unit home/mobile home
- You live in your home year-round
- You have not previously received upgrades through the program
- **Visit:**
www.homewarming.ca
- **Call toll free:**
1-877-434-2136

2018-19 BUDGET

