

## **STAFF REPORT – JULY 2021**

### **CAO and Municipal Clerk– Alain Muise & Eilidh Canning**

#### **Municipal Administration Building \*Council Priority (multiyear)**

With substantial completion of the administrative building, we are now the owner of our new building, and had a successful move from our old building to the new. There are still items that require completion. Garian Construction and their team are completing most. We are awaiting final confirmation from NS Power to connect to the grid for solar net metering. We expect this to occur soon, but we are at the will of NS Power on timing. The three major areas to complete are:

- Paving second layer on parking areas and laying additional pave on JE Hatfield Court.
- Noise reduction (absorption) in four major areas (main entrance, both board rooms, and council chambers (already installed some noise reduction there).
- Artwork and minor adjustments to workspaces to ensure they work properly.

Our budget for this project was \$4,215,000. We will fall below this budget number, even including the storage facility work, which was not part of the original budgeted figure. We will have a detailed financial assessment as soon as possible.

We recently signed a one year janitorial services contract with Buffzone, as our current cleaner (Renette Muise) could not commit to the larger office.

A major component still outstanding is a special audit of the capital expenditures, which is, among other things, required for the FCM loan and grant disbursement. Overall, we are proud of the result, and happy to be in a working environment that works much better for all of us. We thank Council for their commitment to this building, and we hope the community is proud to have a central office.

#### **Affordable and Alternative Housing \*Council Priority (multiyear)**

Nothing significant to report. Planner has looked at the application and we are set to meet with him in the coming weeks.

#### **Strategic priorities sessions**

With the completion of the move, this work will pick up in the coming month, with more to report in September of 2021.

#### **COVID**

The Provincial get back to normal plan appears to be on track. We no longer require contact tracing in the office, but masks are still worn by the public and public facing staff. The Recreation Department is pleased to put on a more regular programming this summer.

### **Fishing dispute**

Nothing significant to report

### **Rural Internet – WREN \*Council Priority (multiyear)**

The agreement is executed as per Council's approval, nothing else to report.

### **Mariners Center expansion, strategic planning and bridge to services\*Council Priority 2019-20**

The application for funding under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings was submitted to the Federal government, and we are organizing conversations with key persons on the file. We received support letters from all local politicians (MLA's LeBlanc and Churchill, and MP d'Entremont), as well as from Acadia First Nations. We did not receive a letter of intent from the Provincial Government as we hoped, but our application is strong nonetheless.

The terms of reference for the Mariners Center Expansion Committee is attached for approval. Under the terms of reference, it states that the municipality rep that chairs the meeting shall also be responsible for setting up meetings and minutes. Kim Rowley has been given that task and the transition shall be for the next meeting. We have an outstanding decision on ownership, to which a Request for Proposal shall be done for Council on the matter.

As mentioned in the last report, we have established a ceiling of 30 Million for the project, thinking that our portion would approach \$10 Million (3.067 M for Argyle). That portion is for a capital project – operations are not included in those figures.

### **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation \*Council Priority 2019-20**

The Board met July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and received an update on work done by Celtic Air (presented by CAO Muise). A financial report to end of May was presented to council, and there was an in-camera item regarding correspondence from NS Environment. CAO Muise also provided year-end audit support for the airport, which will be audited the week of July 12, 2021.

The airport board is short 3 members (all non-elected positions) and will be advertising for new committee members in the coming weeks.

## **Wedgeport Wastewater project**

We were recently in touch with our engineers leading this project, .Exp. They have announced to us that the Geotechnical and other work required for this project is not available until September/October of this year. This means we are most likely not going to replace these septic tanks until early 2022, after winter thaw. This was discouraging but not overly surprising news considering the current construction climate and COVID delays. Furthermore, it is likely more economical to wait until early 2022, as the availability of contractors is scarce, and the pricing will be affected by this fact. We are in touch with our funders to confirm this will be appropriate.

## **ACOA funding applications**

We will be preparing 2 ACOA applications for funding under the new program announced. One for the Hipson Bridge, and the other for the rails to trails improvements. Your work on priority setting informed our choices, combined with the eligibility criteria of the funding, the size of the project (based on the budget) and the probability of other funding options. In short, the Hipson Bridge is unlikely to attract funding under traditional ACOA sources, nor is the trail. The trail is higher on the priorities established by Council, but there are other sources of funding for these projects. Following the advice of our local ACOA rep, we will be submitting two applications.

## **Municipal Innovation Program**

We have received 50% funding for the Municipal Innovation Program for the analysis and development of a regional planning organization. I have received information from the Province, and a small team of 3 CAO's will meet in late July to establish the parameters of the work.

## **Policy Work**

- Policy work is ongoing with the Traffic Calming Policy, Flag policy, and others. Eilidh is leading much of this work. Eilidh is also leading the recruitment and hiring of our new Administrative Assistant position and providing needed and ongoing support to many projects, including the move from Courthouse Road to Hatfield Court.

## **Western REN**

- Nothing significant to report

## **Drought and REMO**

- Water/Drought planning ad policy amendment is ongoing, a revised policy is expected by the next meeting. Currently we have not received too many complaints of dry wells. Rain has not been heavy, but has been consistent. EMO NS predicts a dry summer based on meteorological reports provided to them.

Tropical storms and hurricanes remain a possibility, with that could be unexpected rain events.

- Attended a REMO meeting, where Janine presented a revised drought plan (regional) which received final approvals.

### **Other**

- Heat Pellets – Nothing significant to report on this presentation.
- SOT registration and changes to bylaws have been received, no action on this item yet. This project is led by me.
- Nuisance and noise policy shall be amended for Council's consideration, to consider lighting as a potential nuisance. Also, minor clean up of policy wording is expected.
- Financial assistance (projections) for Village and Musee has begun, but will not be completed before July 31.
- Scotia Recycling contract has been revised and is acceptable to both parties, being the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Management Corp and Scotia Recycling. The amendments spelled out the nature of site use and rental for the transfer of blue bags to the Valley operations of Scotia Recycling..
- Performed most of the staff evaluations, with 2 remaining of my staff.
- Attended the most recent Yarmouth Industrial Commission meeting, where much of the work is focused on Port of Yarmouth operations, and shifting the responsibility of operations to a local board.
- Assisted Recreation and Active Living in the realization of the beach volleyball and accessible kayak infrastructure planned for Glenwood Park.

### **Finance Department- Marsha d'Eon**

It's a busy time in the Tax Department, with property taxes due on July 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as assisting many seniors with filling out the seniors' tax rebate forms and in providing tax statements with their applications.

Grants to Organizations cheques have been sent out. The Fire Grants and Area Rates (if applicable) will be sent out to each Fire Department in the near future.

All services, including monthly reconciliations, accounts payable, and monthly financial reporting to staff and Council continues and is on schedule.

## **Public Works and Development (Hans, Louis, Alix, John, Tara)**

### **West Pubnico Sewer Treatment Plant**

The plant is operating at high efficiency with some higher-than-expected readings due to the reintroduction of higher-than-normal solids back to the primary filter (headway) during our Trident trials but still within NSDoE guidelines. These should be resolved now that we have worked out those deficiencies. We are proud to announce that the Trident Press is in full operation with better-than-expected results. We will be giving a full demonstration to council and the sewer committee shortly. We still need commissioning by Trident which will be happening once the provincial borders open up. We will also be doing some dryness tests to make sure we can reach the appropriate numbers it's designed to produce, which we are confident of the results. We will also finally be disposing the last GEOTUBE bags once the settling has been adequate for transport. The LEL detectors have been installed at the treatment plant and commissioned so all gas detectors are running for safety of the staff. All 12 lift stations have been working without any major breakdowns or interruptions. One sewer has been approved for connection on John Street and waiting for lateral hook up.

### **Tusket Treatment Plant**

The plant is operating at high efficiency and withing NSDoE guidelines. We now can make changes to the timer at the plant after a discussion with CBCL to try to aerate the bed with different dosing times which might facilitate the issue of slowly turning into an anaerobic field bed which we do not want. If this does not fix the issue, we will be adding an aerator as it will be the least expensive addition. After delays due to Covid the regular maintenance has begun on all 112 locations.

### **East Pubnico Water Utility**

After delays things are moving forward with the upgrades to the two wells on Willet Rd. Both buildings are near complete with removable roofs for pump maintenance. The metering equipment and new power is being installed by Acadian Plumbing and Heating, but again there has seen delays in shipping of common materials. NSDoE is looking to get readings as soon as possible and we are hoping this project comes to an end soon so we can start the monitoring of the flows and drawdowns for compliance with NSDoE.

### **Wedgeport Sewer Improvement Program**

All 42 sewer systems are operating without any issues. Maintenance will be on its way shortly now that Covid cases are near zero. We were only able to start late last year also for the same reasons. Due to the delays stage 3 has been postponed until later in the year.

### **Phase 3 Installation Capital Project**

With the recent lock down being lifted we are preparing to have the site investigation performed through our consultant team. Unfortunately, we learned that they're experiencing a back log of work and the schedule needs to be extended by 8-10month to reach full completion of this project. Due to COVID lock downs we missed the window to go to market for tenders. Pricing is also at an ultimate high right now and we would not be able to achieve the desired outcome for the project. We are reviewing our funding requirements and requested an extension until summer 2022. All impacted residents will be informed as soon as we have more information on the schedule.

### **Municipal Administration Building**

Do you remember the song with the lyrics "we like to move it, move it...."

Well, that part is done now, and we successfully moved into our new and shiny office building.

Staff is currently settling in well and learning about the new functions of the building. The remaining deficiencies are still being worked on and should be resolved during the coming weeks.

### **Tusket New Road Development**

The new road in Tusket is substantially completed and the final touch will be done this month with adding the top lift on the asphalt. It is now known as Rue JE Hatfield Court. NS Power installation is now completed as well.

The stormwater pond was successfully installed and proved to be working well. Further planting improvements will be performed by our own staff next year.

Council had approved to extend the pavement for another 200m to allow for further development east of the new administration building.

### **Policy and By-Law Working Group**

We are further developing our SOT schedule with the support of a legal team and hope to have provincial concerns addressed and our By-Laws registered for the use of Summary Offence Tickets. This process will most likely require a series of By-Law changes and we will present the affected By-Laws in the coming months. This could help us with the enforcement of several by-laws and increase our options on how to respond to certain situations in a more effective way.

### **Planning Department / GIS Work**

Alix is actively working on the following projects and initiatives:

Ongoing civic address maintenance and data downloads

- Named two roads on Morris Island (Misty Bay Lane, Chemin de la Grande Passe)
- Meeting with aquaculturalists from NB/Hong Kong on June 8.

- Meeting with NSCC to discuss potential aquaculture partnerships on June 10
- Met with oyster industry to discuss potential Aquaculture Development Area (ADA) areas and updated maps.
- Sent zoning and land use data to Dept. of Municipal Affairs.
- Went on the water with a team of St. FX to look for sugar kelp on June 24.
- ADA meetings on June 1, 16, and 18.

The new Land Use By-Law was adopted by council in July of 2020 and went into effect (effective date) November 2020. MODA has engage WSP to handle all our planning issues on a contract basis for the immediate future. The adoption of the new LUB is the trigger for mapping updates and renaming of existing development zones, which is being handled by Alix.

### **Animal Control**

SPCA is handling all of our domestic animal complaints and they had a few calls without major issues. With the loss of the Yarmouth Dispatch center, we also lost the service for dog control issues. The SPCA can be directly reached under 902-307-0475 in case of any dog issues.

We received one complaint about excessive barking and handed it over to the SPCA.

### **Garbage Handling**

We successfully renewed our Solid Waste Collection contract and operation continues without major changes. Our contractor completed the spring cleanup successfully for the entire municipality.

The Litter Cleanup program was put on hold due to the public health restrictions and lockdown requirements. The program is now being continued with time frames extended until the fall to provide more flexibility to groups.

All other collection activities are running as per schedule and weather permitted delays are being handled on time and we have a great communication style with the contractor to handle individual requests in a timely manner.

### **Software**

At present all software used in the Public Works and Inspection office is up to date and working well. In the winter months of 2021 software functions will be reviewed and updated for the building permit, fire inspection and development permit functions. Changes to applicable Nova Scotia Codes make these software changes necessary.

### **Sub-Division Activity**

To date in 2021, we only have 13 subdivision files on the go. This includes Instruments of Subdivision, Plan of Subdivision and 1 (one) Repeal of Subdivision, a rarity in the subdivision world.

### **Building Inspection Report**

To date in the 2021 building season, staff have issued 78 Building Permits with a few permits pending as well, staff has also issued 97 development permits for a total of 175 permits issued. Note: a Demolition Permit is tallied under the Building Permit numbers and the adoption of the new LUB require all development within the municipality to start with a Development Permit. We have provided background information for several possible rezoning inquires.

### **Fire Inspections**

With the news of the unfortunate departure of Tara Owen we are losing our Fire Inspector and are working on solutions to continue with this necessary service for our communities.

### **Unsightly or Dangerous**

The legal actions regarding the Noise Complaint are still ongoing and referred by the judge again until August now. The accused resident approached us with a settlement offer, and we made minor adjustments to the charges with the goal to settle this dispute in the best interest of the neighborhood.

We are also working on a series of new garbage related complaints as well as more sever unsightly complaints and are still trying to resolve ongoing issues. We approached all property owners and most of them are very cooperative and actively cleaning up their properties. We keep getting new complaints and are assessing the situation as soon as we can. With recent COVID restrictions and further negative impacts on our residents we are trying to be careful with our work and not add more pressure to peoples life. We are focusing on the severe situations first and then handling the remaining situations on a case-by-case basis.

The noise complaints in the Quinan area are surfacing again and we are working with the RCMP to solve this situation this year. We gathered further evidence to strengthen our approach. We are now getting complaints from residents that are more than 2km away from the source.

We are also trying to identify areas of training and PPE that would be needed to improve our operations and procedures to make it safer for staff and residents.

## **Facilities Maintenance**

With the new addition of the new administration building coming into our hands, it will be a learning curve with all the new systems coming into play. We don't have ownership of the landscaping yet until it reaches the contract obligation so hoping everyone understands why it's below the maintenance quality of work. All other properties are being kept to a high level of expertise.

## **Industrial Park**

We still have 2 lots available for sale.

## **Staff**

As you all know, Tara Owen moved on to another opportunity, but rest assure it won't be the last time we see her. We are happy to announce that we hired Chantelle Newell as Administrative Assistant and she will start working with us on July 26, 2021. In the interim we have great support from Kaitlyn Cosman and Kim Rowley. The new building allows us to be more flexible and support each other across departments, which seems to be working well so far.

## **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee**

The Municipality Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee had paused shortly with the outbreak of the pandemic but resumed very quickly after and released a series of work safe procedures and guidelines to ensure the safety of all staff. We are meeting on a monthly basis and renewed our program as required on an annual basis. We are looking into specific training for all JOHSC members to better prepare them for this role.

Staff completed the creation of all identified work safe procedures and we started to establish a review process to make sure we are following these procedures. We are also making immediate changes and improvements to tasks that create a high risk or have resulted in injuries.

Any safety related issues should be reported immediately to your supervisor or committee member!

## **Miscellaneous**

1. Staff is working on the improvement of the Comeau's Hill Rd Wharf. The contractor started to work on the wharf and pavement is to be expected by end of June. This will allow for a safer use of the wharf and with the improvements made it will last a bit longer.
2. We are also looking into the opportunity to introduce alternative heating systems to the community with the goal to offer more affordable heating options in a more economic viable and environmentally friendly way. We are working with

Torchlight Bioresources to explore the option of pellet heating and how it could create a positive change to the region and open potential doors for the local forestry sector. We are in the Chicken and Egg situation and are trying to review ways to foster biomass heating solutions.

3. Staff is also working on refining our Asset Management Plan and is getting help from a consultant in order to apply for FCM funding, which would help with this project. An application to FCM was submitted with the hopes to receive up to \$50,000 in funding to move this forward.
4. In the past few weeks we have seen more and more interdisciplinary work flows and departments are collaborating on several projects (Glenwood Park, Trails, EP Bike Park, etc.) with the goal to provide better services and opportunities for our residents.

### **Community Development Officer Report – Charlene Leblanc**

1. The Clean Water Project was unsuccessful with the death of 2600 oysters.
2. Did a presentation to the ADA to the Dept of Fisheries regulatory committee
3. Submitted 2 grants to Community Initiatives, and Healthy Community
4. Facebook Live with our Community Navigator Rebecca Cassidy
5. Had an ADA Steering committee meeting
6. Met 4 scientists and we assisted them with local info in exchange for their help (kelp)
7. Alix and I hosted a meeting with two gents re: sugar kelp
8. Approaching the end of a 6 week online course on large eco-systems from U of Cape Town.
9. Participated in a focus group session with Common Goods Solution
10. with the Starlight committee & Rec Dept on a Dark Sky educational initiative
11. Attended an Ec Dev provincial meeting
12. Met with CDEDE re: Acadian Congress
13. Received 3 new directional signs.
14. Attended a meeting re: rapid covid testing in workplaces and shared the info with businesses
15. Preparing to submit an application for ACOA funding (Hipson Bridge repair)
16. Met with workplace wellness and planned events for July/August
17. Attended the YASTA meeting
18. Trying to get organized in the new office space

## **ATCHA – Heritage Development Officer – Judy Frotten**

**Summer Staff** – We have hired 3 summer staff who will work until August 27<sup>th</sup>. Since last report, we hired a third student, Brittany Paulick, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, through Young Canada Works, Canadian Council of Archives, for 10 weeks. Brittany is working on mostly archival tasks and Karlee Muise & Cassidy Long are working on mostly museum tasks, including interpretive tours and museum programming/events planned for the summer.

**Museum & Gift Shop Opening** – The Court House Museum and “Cell” Gift Shop opened July 5. We changed admission fees (\$2/person or \$4/family) to “by donation.” Museum is open Monday to Friday, 9 to 4, and on select Saturdays (July 24-Aug. 14) from 10 to 4. We are unable to be open 6 days per week the entire summer due to the small staff this year, though we want to be open at least some Saturdays.

**New Exhibit @Court House** – Darryl Crosby will deliver the last of the replicas to the Court House next week, and we will then finish installing the exhibit. We will have an opening on July 24 with Darryl, to be on site to talk to the public.

**Museum Day** – We are participating in Yarmouth Seafest’s Museum Day on July 20<sup>th</sup>. This will include free tours at the Court House and cake at the Farmers Market tent (during the market that afternoon). We have several volunteers coming to assist that day.

**MEP (Museum Evaluation Program)** – Much of Judy’s work is focused on the provincial Museum Evaluation. The site evaluation will take place on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We are working on artefact inventory and condition reports and on various cleaning/organizing tasks/small repairs, to make the site look the best possible.

**Professional Development** – Judy completed Heritage Interpreter Certification course, offered by YASTA & TIANS, with Hal Theriault, (April 22-June 16), and successfully completed the exam on June 25. Phil completed ANSM’s Interpretation I: Public Programming online workshop and turned in his project assignment by the June 18 deadline. Two of our students (Karlee and Cassidy) attended Emergency First Aid as offered for Rec. summer staff, on June 30. Judy has also been asked to be part of ANSM’s Nomination Committee this year (and was Chair of this committee last year).

**Farmers Market** – Continues to take place every Thursday from noon to 3pm. ATCHA has a table at the market, mostly manned by volunteers. The FM group is fundraising for a new tent, since the current one is in poor condition. They have allowed us (ATCHA & MODA) to use the tent on non-market days, free of charge to show their appreciation of all we have done for them, though they do welcome donations. This will assist with fundraising efforts and extra costs incurred this year, such as rental/cleaning fees for port-a-pottie, etc.

**The Argus** – Work on the summer issue was pushed back a while as we prepared for summer tourist season and the Museum evaluation. We will resume this work after July 20 evaluation.

**Preserving/sharing our history** – Phil has resumed the Oral History projects that we had started a while ago (which was paused due to Covid-19). He has recently done an interview with Charlie Muise and intends to do a series of interviews with him and wife Anne. Phil also wrote some articles for the Municipal newsletter, and we look forward to submitting regular historical articles for the newsletter. We are glad residents are enjoying this content!

**Tech Upgrades** – Database work with Steve Goldring is ongoing. We are also in the process of having our website “patched up” to be more functional until we have a new website created. Scott also continues to work on our IT needs (internet/phone/backup), etc. as he is able.

**AMHGS Board** – Board met virtually on June 15, last meeting until September, though work continues through the summer with committee work. The AGM is planned in early October.

**Orientation day** – Judy, Phil and staff visited sites in the Municipality of Argyle on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This “FAM Tour” is part of orientation we have found to be quite useful as we set up for a new tourist season.

**MODA Meetings** – Phil attends monthly Wellness Committee meetings (July 8) and Judy attends JOHSC meetings (next one July 14). Judy also attends weekly team meetings with Eilidh and Kim.

### **Director of Recreation Services – Scott Surette**

#### **Glenwood Park Improvement Project.**

We have hired an Archeological Firm, Cultural Resources Management Group ltd (CRM) to do the archeological assessment. They have started their work which include getting a permit and background research and Mi’kmaq engagement.

#### **Pickleball**

The pickleball lines at Mariner Center (Anthony Pavilion) has been painted and hoping to start a new drop in Pickleball programs next week. The Mariner Center is planning a schedule.

#### **Argyle Minor Baseball**

We have started our baseball program with 3 divisions U7, U13 and U15. All teams are practicing at the Tuskett ball field.

#### **West Pubnico Tennis/Multi-Purpose Court**

We are doing upgrades at the multi-purpose court which includes the installation of the other basketball net and the divider between the Basketball court and the Tennis court.

#### **Physical Activity Promotions**

**Walking Groups** - We have started two walking groups in East Pubnico and Tuskett. They meet every Thursday at 6:30pm and walk for an hour. This event is promoted through our facebook page. We have volunteers in charge at both events and everyone welcome to attend. I am excited to say that we will have a third group in Wedgeport starting next Tuesday.

**Punch Card Challenge** – We have started a family-oriented event in the Rocco Point Trails whereas family can go find a punch card at the start of the trails and find items along the trail. At each item you will find an orange hole puncher to punch your card. Families will be able to submit their punch card via email or picture to win a prize. We will continue to promote this challenge in different trails in our community over the next few months.

### **Southwest Fusion Volleyball Club**

Through Sport Nova Scotia, we were able to help Southwest Fusion Volleyball club receive a grant of \$1287 to purchase new volleyballs. This is needed as the Volleyball Nova Scotia has decided to change the type of volleyball being used, therefore the club needs to purchase new volleyballs for next year season.

### **Other Meetings Attended**

- June 3 – Meeting with Federation Parent Acadian Nouvelle Ecosse – French Day Camp
- June 4 – Interview for summer staff
- June 7 - Interview summer staff
- June 7 – Soccer Meeting
- June 9 – Mariner Center Expansion Committee meeting
- June 10 – Meeting with Charlene and Alix (NSCC Discussion)
- June 11 – Meeting with Anna Haanstra (Covid Rules for recreation)
- June 14 - Staff Meeting
- June 16 – Mariner Center Expansion Committee Meeting
- June 18– ACOA Funding Meeting
- June 21 – Starlite Trail Meeting
- June 22 – Brilliant Lab Meeting – Sara Ryan
- June 23 – Staff Meeting
- June 23 – Mariner Center Expansion Meeting
- June 28, 29 & 30 – Summer Staff Training
- July 6 – Mariner Center Expansion Committee Meeting
- July 8 – Ron Day (Trails)
- July 8 – Teen Camp (Biking/Sports Day)

### **Director of Programming and Active Living – Ginette d’Entremont**

#### **Summer employment**

Our summer students are all hired. We now have 9 students for day camp and 3 in the office. We spent the last week of June doing staff training sessions with the summer students.

### **Argyle Minor Soccer Club**

The soccer season has now begun. We have 275 participants registered from 3-17 years of age. Every day we keep getting registrations. Due to Covid restrictions and low numbers for Barrington and Shelburne, they decided not to have a season this year, therefore, it means that we are playing internally only, so no travelling outside of our Municipality for our players. We will not be allowed to have an end of season tournament, so we will play a series of games the last week of our season to replace the tournament.

### **Day Camp**

Our 3 days camps are now open. The locations are Pubnico, Belleville and Plymouth. Hours are 8am to 5pm, ages 5-12 (children must have attended grade primary to participate in day camp), \$15 per day per child, online registration only, no drop-ins. Currently, we have a max of 20 as per public health protocols. We will increase that number once restrictions are lifted.

### **Teen Programs**

We are offering a teen program for ages 11-15. The activities will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 8 until August 12. Registration is online. The activities are: Biking, Sports days (2), Tusket Island, golf, kayaking (4 sessions), Stand up Paddle boarding (2 sessions), horseback riding (3 sessions), fishing and Ellenwood Park.

### **Summer Activities**

We have a series of videos showcasing local talent doing what they do best. The videos will be shown on Facebook starting on Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We have 5-6 videos, showcasing one each week.

Neon Fun Run on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am on the Belleville Rail Trail. Registration is online, the cost is \$10 per participant. Each participant will receive a swag item for participating.

Yoga July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Comeau's Hill Beach, \$10 per participant.

Yoga August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Glenwood Park, \$10 per participant.

Kayaking for beginners at Glenwood Park on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This session is free to participants.

Kayaking for experienced individuals at Eel Lake on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. This activity is free to participants.

### **Funding opportunities**

We received funding through Community Access-Ability Program in the amount of \$15,000.00 to go towards the Glenwood Park floating dock and the Parc des Jeunes playground project. Both projects will focus on accessibility for all.

We received funding through the Active Communities Fund in the amount of \$11,572.50 for 6 initiatives that I will be working on this summer. They are a community garden and

bike course for younger kids at the East Pubnico Bike Park; AT tracking project; AT signage project; Activities kits for families; and Art on the Trails.

We also received funding for 2 summer students for 6 weeks each through CPRA Green Jobs Initiatives. This funding is at 50% the salary of the students. This will extend the 2 summer maintenance students who were currently only working for 9 weeks.

### **X-Trails: Explore the Universe**

Charlene, Scott, and I met with the CDÉNÉ and Tim Doucette of Starlight Development Committee to discuss the possibility of installing panels of the solar system on one of our trails. We are still in the discussions to decide which option is best when looking for funding for this project.

### **Meetings (Through Zoom)**

June 7 – soccer meeting

June 11 – Communities Culture and Heritage – Covid planning for summer programs

June 17 – Meeting with CSAP to discuss the option of providing a one week camp at French at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas

June 21 – Starlight trail meeting

June 22 – CEC École Belleville

### **Senior Safety Officer Officer – Peggy Boudreau**

- Working from home . Home visits were done only if necessary last resort.
- Referrals from Rcmp 2. Referrals to RCMP 1.
- Phone visits 60. Home visits 3.
- New Clients 2 . Referrals to continuing care home care 3
- Placements in boarding home 1. Placement in housing 1.
- Projects June 15 World elder abuse awareness day distributed mask and information to some local business. Participated in online workshop with other coordinators from our province and others to address some of the issues with Elder abuse and to learn from others. Prepared some kits for a few clients that requested from a project my coworker had done.
- Working on a project with Nova Scotia farmers market to engage people to participate in a nourishing communities food coupon program.
- Attended an online workshop on Dementia.
- Attended an online meeting with Choice group.
- Canadian mental health association South West Nova - Self Care