

# **STAFF REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

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

We are quite settled in the new building, with much of the rooms set up appropriately. There are outstanding matters that are listed below, including the final inspection and connection for NS Power to the grid. The job is still below budget.

The 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. The product is on site and awaits installation.
- Audio Visual installation in Council chambers, due to delays and issues with the subcontractor, we are not yet able to use the room to its full capacity. The issues have been identified and await resolution.
- Artwork and other privacy additions to workspaces to ensure they work properly and reduce interruption.

We should be receiving a special audit report that we require as part of the FCM grant and loan application. This should be completed by Tuesday's Council meeting.

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

Nothing significant to report. Our planner has made a number of recommendations to move forward.

### **Strategic priorities sessions**

Eilidh and I have met with core group as well as with Kathy Jourdain to organize a second visit for strategic planning, which will set corporate values. COVID and the move has delayed our progress. We will create teams to establish measurable objectives. We hope to complete the strategic plan document in its completion by December of 2021. We initially had July 2021 in our sights but that was not possible due to pandemic restrictions and other priorities.

### **COVID**

Phase 5 of the transition in living with the pandemic shall commence September 15<sup>th</sup>. We shall examine the need to change policies and procedures at the municipality. Furthermore, we will be ordering self-testing kits to give staff additional peace of mind as we open up more.

## **Fishing dispute**

We remain informed by our communications firm and have met again with the Minister of Fisheries prior to the election. The communication received from the Minister is that the DFO has been instructed on what fishing is appropriate and which are not and will enforce these regulations.

## **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**

Since the last report, both a provincial and federal election were called. The Conservative Party of Canada pledged to fund the expansion of the Mariners Center. There has not been any other commitments made.

The elections delayed political conversations, into the late summer. The next meeting is set for September 15<sup>th</sup>, where Exp's work on a more detailed design will be shared. The work on Mariners on Main is ongoing, and the Mariners Center is anticipating an October 2021 opening. 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 nomination committee completed its work on the recruitment of 3 new non-elected members. The board shall endorse these new members at their next meeting. Capital priorities are being updated for recent infrastructure needs.

Celtic continues their work on the adjustments in operations. They too were delayed with COVID pandemic. We expect a written report in the coming weeks.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> I was on site for an audit of our safety related labor policies and met with the onsite manager to instruct and prioritize the work. The airport did hire another weather observer with the loss of a full-time observer earlier in 2021.

The Board approved price increases for landing and other fees, that should be implemented this month.

## **Wedgeport Wastewater project**

Nothing significant to report. The project will commence in the fall of this year. The funding is not impacted by the delay.

## **ACOA funding applications**

The 2 applications for funding submitted for our trails and for the Hipson Bridge are on hold until the federal election is over. As it is a pre-existing program, a change of government, should it occur, would not necessarily cancel the program.

### **Municipal Innovation Program**

A small group of 3 CAO's met to discuss the RFP for regional planning services, and the document shall be completed by the end of this month. This work is generally on schedule, but there is a concern that there will be issues in finding the appropriate firm to do the work, as COVID has significantly impacted workloads in this industry.

### **Bylaw Complaints**

Received three complaints as Bylaw enforcement officer, two of which are regarding an ongoing noise and unsightly complaint. A new complaint was received on a property in Tusket. Correspondence and contact shall be made this week. With the infilling of the Bylaw enforcement officer position, a more comprehensive report shall be presented to council. The noise complaint was managed by the RCMP.

### **Other Miscellaneous Work**

- Policy work has delayed due to the focus on hiring and filling three positions. Policies that are on the list include Traffic Calming, Sidewalk, and other HR policies. Eilidh is leading this work, along with three outstanding development agreements for development in our Municipality.
- Two positions have been filled, namely the Wastewater and Facilities Supervisor and a Wastewater operator for West Pubnico. Welcome Kyle Boudreau and Morgan Churchill! The Fire Inspection/Bylaw Enforcement position will be determined this week after references are checked.
- Muise met with Village Historique and Musee Acadienne to assess the financial implications of a merger, should they follow through. That report shall be sent to their consultant to complete the report.
- Along with Warden Muise and Alix d'Entremont, attended a presentation on Coastal Protection, and regulations restricting development within a 100M distance from the Coast. The regulations seek to protect residents and businesses from coastal erosion and an expected water rise due to climate change.
- Muise participated in the evaluation of the NSFM executive director as part of his board tasks.
- Th Municipality hosted a military group who honored Charlie Muise's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday via a small exercise.
- Eilidh, Alain and Kim met with Gary Surette to provide input in the development of an online complaints management process.
- Worked alongside legal representation to progress two legal items impacting the Municipality.

- Aided Auditors in the review and completion of the non-consolidated and consolidated audited financial statements. Drafted the 5 year Capital Investment Plan for your decision and is attached to the board agenda.
- Worked closely with Kyle in his first two weeks of work in his position, attended a meeting at the Courthouse to identify needed capital improvements on our Oldest Courthouse and Gaol.
- 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 work has stalled, with concerns around enforceability are being analysed. It was determined that a lighting nuisance policy should be its own policy. Along with Charlene and Scott, approved documentation on lighting regulations for new development.

### **Western REN**

- Working with the CEO to assess funding opportunities for energy reduction for the airport, early stages of discussion. The WREN has a funding program to aid in reducing energy use as part of their strategic priority.

### **Drought and REMO**

- REMO passed a motion supporting a drought response plan, and participated in the most recent meeting where we discussed the role and responsibility of Fire Departments and droughts.

## **Property Services and Property Inspection – John Sullivan and Kyle Boudreau**

### **Software**

At present all software used in the Public Works and Inspection office is up to date and working well. We have initiated updates to the building side of the software and will be in use before year end 2021. Changes to applicable Nova Scotia Codes make these software changes necessary.

### **Sub-Division Activity**

To date in 2021, we have 17 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 98 Building Permits with 5 permits pending as well, staff has also issued 120 development permits for a total of 218 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. 5 letters for Zoning Confirmations have also been issued.

### **Fire Inspections**

The Municipality is in the process of hiring a new fire inspector, with interviews of candidates complete.

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

Currently all systems are functioning well, all our test results are well within the parameters set by NSDEO. The new trident press is working great, and we are still trying to set up a date for official commissioning.

There was a study done by Dillon Consulting in December 2020 that has now been passed on to NSDOE for their recommendations. It is regarding solving a rare issue that happens with that station not being able to keep up during large rain events. Two viable options were presented to us to try to rectify the problem, but these need approval from NSDOE before any decision is made.

### **Tusket Sewer Treatment System**

This plant seems to be operating well. The anaerobic field issue has improved but is not completely rectified yet. We are running on the clock/timer settings that were provided by CBCL. That combined with a bit of a wetter summer have both played a part in the improvement to the field likely. There is still a possibility of having to install an aerator if the problem persists.

There is currently an RFP out to repurpose the generator from the old municipality office to the Tusket plant. Currently the plant cannot function during power outage which can obviously cause issues. It was determined that this would be the most cost-effective way to solve this issue long term.

### **East Pubnico Water Utility**

Not much change on this project at this point. NSDOE have been explained the situation and are being patient. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Acadian Plumbing was confident this can be 100% up and running within 6 weeks. This information was relayed to NSDOE and they were understanding.

### **Wedgeport Sewer System**

Regular maintenance and pumping are being done on the existing sewers. There are 3 systems that are dealing with a knot weed on the septic fields. This knot weed will cause long term issues as the root matures. This is not an ideal time of year to rectify this temperate wise however solutions are being investigated.

### **Alix d'Entremont - GIS Planner**

- Ongoing civic address and data maintenance
- Created a map for the proposed Belleville Planet Walk Signs for Scott Surette
- Supported Vaughn, Louis and Marty with mapping for several projects
- Reviewed a portion of the new Argyle website
- Research on the Fire Department Boundaries between Quinan and Eel Brook with the help of Phil Cassidy

- Sugar Kelp searching in Pubnico Harbour on Aug 13 and 16.
- Created several maps to support Jared Dalziel of WSP in his work on rezonings and development agreements
- Working with Marmak on updates to our building permit software
- Took UAV (drone) images of the Courthouse to allow for roof inspections.
- Aquaculture Development Area meetings/event on Aug 3, 5, 18, and 19.

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

Reminder statements went out the first week of September.

Property Tax Rebate application forms from the Province went out in the mail in July and we have been busy all summer helping seniors with the application process and providing them with forms to replace the tax bill and receipt. The deadline to apply for provincial property tax rebate is December 31, 2021.

Both Provincial reports, the Statement of Estimates (SOE) and Financial Information Return (FIR) have been started and are both due on September 30th.

ROE's have been issued for summer students.

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

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

### **July 8th to Sept 8/21**

1. With Scott Muise's assistance, we created a "Light it Right" postcard for Public Works to distribute.
2. Attended a Choice Housing meeting. There was a Tri-County landlord list created, however it had errors. We contacted all who contributed to make them aware and to remove the errors.
3. I attended a presentation of CDENE's Economic Development Plan, as some of our initiatives are included their plan.
4. Organized a meeting with Maine's Springtide Seaweed and a couple fisherman to aid us with the process of seeding lines for sugar kelp.
5. Attended the PAC meeting in July in support of Maritime Oyster Co. and Boatskeg
6. Participated in a meeting re: Grand Opening of Municipal building
7. Hosted an "Art Gallery Meeting" to discuss operation and venue options. Have approached two places re: the idea.

8. Attended a Starlight meeting re: trail project
9. Veterans Banners Program: received info required and had a few meetings re: costs, set-up and administration of the program. Should be all set for 2022.
10. Alain, Eilidh, John and I met re: future of the Farm Market and tent liabilities. We then met with two representatives of the Market to further discuss the future of the market, their dreams and the possibility and uses for a permanent structure.
11. The August 17<sup>th</sup> YASTA meeting was held in person at Yarmouth's newest hotel Tru by Hilton. Very beautiful new hotel, with no vacancies for past couple months.
12. Attended the Doctor Recruitment meeting. Always very positive.
13. Along with Ginette and Scott S, I invited Vaughne Madden to meet with us re: CMA2024 vision and next steps. For myself, I made a commitment to work with the CMA this winter on a community hall project in preparation of the Acadian Congress.
14. Attended an EDNS meetings (Ec Dev NS) and shared with the group how our Directional Signage Program works. MODY is interested the same type of signage program.
15. Thanks to Public Works, 3 new directional signs were installed. FYI: The program now has 32 signs erected, and the annual maintenance fees being collected this year is \$2001. Maintenance fees offset the cost of bush clearing, stage rental, and special hardware.
16. Reached out to businesses a second time re: availability of rapid covid testing in workplaces
17. Met twice with Shannon Arnold re: Marine Conservation Farming and different economic spinoffs being tried in Mahone bay, including a demonstration Seaweed Farm.
18. Met with workplace wellness and planned events.
19. Hosted a meet and greet luncheon with Boutouche Bay Industries; some community and council members attended.
20. The ADA stakeholder committee and Warden Muise attended a meeting on the sea. I spoke of the process, did some water testing and we sailed near potential areas suitable for oyster farming. NSCC was also present on the boat as there may have learning opportunity for their students.
21. Working to finish last three assignments of a course from U of Cape Town called "Managing Large Ecosystems".
22. Dal's management Without Borders has agreed to have 2 teams work on the local mosquito issue. I am working on the final description and deliverables for Dal.
23. Working on the Community Identity Sign Project. A 1980's project that resulted in the Pubnicos Exit 31 having signage on the highway. That sign is due to be replaced in 2022.
24. Visited Antigonish to learn about a land-based oyster facility, and attended a science based Town Hall meeting re: oyster leases and their impact in harbours. With this information, I will put together and share with council, my own thoughts around the current wording in our LUB.
25. Met with David Garbary, professor at ST FX when his team was in our region looking for an invasive species of algae. They used a underwater drone off of Pubnico Point. They would study our water further if we or they were able to secure funding; he was especially interested in Pubnico Harbour.
26. Alix and I have agreed to be "stewards" of the wind and wave buoy in Lobster Bay. The reasoning is to promote the good data it collects and how fortunate we are to have it, and to deter folks from damaging it, as seen in other areas of NS. CMAR (Centre of Marine Applied Research) owns the buoy and will pay for travel once a month to check on the buoy.

27. Preparing to submit leases applications for experimental Sugar Kelp leases. These areas have been chosen specifically to meet Organic Canada certification and will be seeded in Oct 2022.
28. Met with Economic Development officers of MODY and Town of Yarmouth and others on the topic of “Planning for Housing and the Cold Weather”. Together we have begun to populate information on various forms of assistance.
29. Preparing items for the newsletter.

## **ATCHA – Heritage Development Officer Report for Council – Judy Frotten**

**Court House & Gaol Museum open for the season** – Jul. 5 to Oct. 15. Darryl Crosby’s “Surette’s Island Replicas” are on exhibit in the Grand Jury room. We had two open-house events with the artist (July 24 & Aug 14), with attendance of @70 people. Visitor stats are lower than in non-Covid years, however August was fairly busy with visitors most days. As pandemic regulations relax, we are seeing visitors from Ontario and Quebec, as well as from other parts of NS. The exhibit is drawing more locals. Things are very quiet at the museum now, but we expect another (small?) surge of tourists now that school is started again and Covid regulations are relaxing further.

**Archives** – We had one student working on our ongoing photo reconciliation project, advancing that project. We have had numerous research requests which have been handled mostly by Phil, and sometimes by students or volunteers. Most requests have come by phone or email, or in person by locals. Our American members/researchers have not returned yet.

**Summer Events** – We participated in “Museum Day” on July 20<sup>th</sup> (part of Seafest) and had several Society Board members volunteer at the museum and Farmers Market tent. We offered free tours and cake in the tent and had quite a few visitors that day. We launched a children’s reading program “ATCHA Bingo” and offered prizes to the participants at the end of August. We also had a Drumming and Sharing event in the tent on Aug. 14. We were pleased to have the Farmers Market on our premises from June 17 until Aug. 26, which seemed to be quite well attended this year. With the assistance of volunteers, we manned a table for the “Cell” gift shop most weeks.

**Summer Staff** – Our three summer students finished their terms on Aug. 27/21. Judy is wrapping up all the final reporting required by funders. We received an extension to hire Karlee Muise on a part-time basis for the fall months.

**Fall Staff** – We hired Bradley d’Entremont (retired Lower West Pubnico resident) as our Fall Guide for the month of September. (This may be extended into October, depending on how busy we are in the coming weeks. It is unpredictable with the pandemic).

**MEP (Museum Evaluation Program)** – We had our site evaluation on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will receive our “report card” in September from Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) who is overseeing the program for the Province of Nova Scotia’s CMAP program. This evaluation process represented an enormous amount of work and effort for both staff and AMHGS Board, especially in the months preceding the evaluation.

**Association of Nova Scotia Museums** – Judy is serving on ANSM’s Nominations Committee once again (AGM is Sep. 24).

**The Argus** – Summer issue is going to the graphics designer/printer soon, and we will start on the Fall/Winter issue right away, to get back on track.

**Preserving our history** – Phil has met several times with local WWII Veteran, Charlie Muise, to conduct a series of small interviews and the oral history interviews will be shared in future issues of the *Argus*. Phil has also written several short articles for MODA’s newsletter and for the *Argus*.

**Tech Upgrades** – As we wrap-up summer projects, we are resuming database work with Steve Goldring. We still have several ongoing I.T. issues that we are attempting to resolve.

**AMHGS Board** – The Society will resume Board meetings on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Their AGM will be Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Several Board members volunteered for us over the summer months, with Evaluation process, Farmers Market, Museum Day, etc.

**MODA Meetings** – Phil has been attending Wellness Committee meetings, Judy has attended JOHSC meetings, CORE Group meetings, and weekly team meetings with supervisor (Eilidh & team).

**Contract Archivist** – Kaitlin Wood is working on a contract basis for the next few weeks. She is working on archival backlog, acquisition committee work, archival policies and procedures, and helping us ensure that the archives are functioning smoothly.

**Director of Recreation Services – Scott Surette**

**Multi – Sports Camp**

We will be hosting a multi-sport camp this fall for youth ages 9 to 11. The camp will consist of 6 different sports for 6 weeks. There will be 2 sessions per week. The goal is to introduce youth to different sport and to be physically active. This camp will be affordable but have limited spaces as we can only take a maximum of 12 participants.

Here is the tentative schedule

<p><b>Baseball - September 28 &amp; 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 5:45pm to 7:15pm</li> <li>• <b>Location:</b> Tuskett Ball field</li> </ul>	<p><b>Volleyball - October 5 &amp; 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time: 6pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Location: Par-en-Bas School</li> </ul>
<p><b>Basketball - October 12 &amp; 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time: 6pm to 7:30</li> <li>• Location: Belleville School</li> </ul>	<p><b>Badminton – October 19 &amp; 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time: 6pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Location Belleville School</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pickleball – October 26 &amp; 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time 6pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Location: Belleville School</li> </ul>	<p><b>Curling - November 9 &amp; ?? (To be confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time: 6:30</li> <li>• Location: Yarmouth Curling Club.</li> </ul>

We will promote this event in the next few weeks on our Facebook page. Participants will have to register on our online site.

**French Day Camp**

We hosted a French day camp this year with the help of the Conseil de Développement Économique de la Nouvelle Écosse (CDÉNE) and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP). Both these groups help with the planning and organizing of the French camp. It was a fun 3 days that was held at the Par-en-Bas School. We also invited brilliant labs, who did a morning of fun tech activities with the youth. We finished off the camp with a French magician who the kids really enjoyed. We will definitely try to plan another French camp next year.

### **Argyle Minor Baseball**

The baseball season was a success however we will continue to recruit and promote in order to expand our baseball program for the next baseball season.

### **Glenwood Park Improvement Project**

The Archeological Firm, Cultural Resources Management Group Ltd (CRM) has completed the research and the first field test and submitted a preliminary report to Special Places (Government) We are currently waiting for approval from government to continue with the project, but we will need to follow the recommendation of the report. One of the recommendations is to do a second field test at the Glenwood Park. We are hoping that we can get an approval and complete the second field test by the end of September so we can plan the next phase of our Glenwood project.

### **Pickleball**

The Pickleball at Mariner Center (Anthony Pavilion) started in July and is continuing through September. The schedule is the following, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday you can play in the morning from 9am to 11am. On Tuesday and Thursday, you can play from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The cost is 5 dollars. In October, we will continue pickleball at Pubnico & Plymouth School.

### **Physical Activity Promotions**

**Walking Groups** - The Walking groups have continued this summer in East Pubnico and Tusket and we started a group in Wedgeport that meet on Tuesday at 6:30pm. The meeting point is at R&K Murphy parking lot. The East Pubnico and Tusket groups meet every Thursday at 6:30pm and walks for an hour. These groups are promoted through our Facebook page. We have volunteers/champions in charge for these groups and everyone welcome to attend.

**Punch Card Challenge** – The family-oriented event has continued in our trails all summer long with many participants. We did the challenges in the following trails this summer

- Rocco Point Trails
- Chebeck Trails

- Comeau Hill Trails
- Pubnico Trails

We will continue with this fun event this September in the Rails to Trails near the Belleville school.

### **Other Meetings Attended**

- July 13 – Teen Camp – Biking/Sports Day - Belleville School
- July 20 – Teen Camp – Golfing West Pubnico
- July 27 – Meeting with Ian Garian - Glenwood Project
- July 27 – Meet with Wesley Nickerson - Glenwood Project
- July 28 – Starlight Meeting (YASTA & CDENE)
- July 29 – Teen Camp - Fishing
- Aug 5 – Meeting with Anna Haanstra – (Beach Volleyball Project)
- Aug 16 – Core Meeting
- Aug 17, 18, 19 - French Day Camp
- Aug 18 – Meet with Vaughn Madden - CMA 2024
- Aug 20 – Last day with summer staff /Feedback session
- Aug 23 – Starlite Trail Meeting
- Aug 24 – Wellness fund Meeting
- Aug 24 – Meeting with Aaron Sweeney - Yarmouth Curling club for Multi Sport camp
- Aug 26 – Meet with Bob - West Pubnico Golf course
- Sept 3 – Meet with Mark Thornton – Principal, Plymouth School

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

### **Argyle Minor Soccer Club**

We offered 8 weeks of soccer this summer with a series of games at the end instead of a tournament. Only U8, U10 and U12 participated in the series of games. Active Start and Soccer Skills do not participate in tournaments and U15/17 only had 2 teams, so they decided not to participate in the series. All in all, the season went well.

### **Day Camp**

Our day camp program went well this summer with the changes we implemented. We had good success with doing online registration, removing the collection of fees on site, and managing the maximum number of participants daily.

### **Teen Programs**

Our teen program went well this summer. We went to online registration and a maximum number of participants. We had to reschedule some activities due to the weather as all our teen activities were outdoors.

### **Summer Activities**

**Videos** - We showcased local talent through a series of videos this summer and received positive feedback from these videos. We featured cooking, knitting, bees, blacksmith, and Inner Oaks.

**Fun Run** - We attempted twice to have a fun run, however, lack of registration caused us to postpone it.

**Yoga** – We offered 2 yoga sessions this summer, one at the Comeau’s Hill beach and one at the Glenwood Park. Participation was low on both events.

**Kayaking** – We offered a kayaking session for beginners at Glenwood Park as well as an advanced kayaking session on Eel Lake. Both sessions were well attended

**Story time** – In partnership with the Western Regional Library we placed a children’s story along two of our trails for one week at a time. This allowed families to participate in physical activity while interacting with the story.

## **Fall activities**

**Seniors** - We were not able to offer any senior programming this summer due to Covid restrictions. We will put together some activity kits as well as offer a take-out meal as we did in the spring.

**Adults** – weather dependent, we will offer another kayak session, stand up Paddle Board and some hikes this fall.

## **Parc des Jeunes**

The work has now begun to make the playground accessible for all. The pea gravel has been removed and engineered wood fibers have been placed under the play structures. Accessible swings and ramps have been ordered. We will also look to put in an accessible picnic table and an accessible bench.

## **Provincial 55+ Games**

The games will be held from September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at various locations throughout Yarmouth County. I have been a committee member since the beginning and will be present at the games next week.

## **Provincial Volunteer Ceremonies**

The Provincial Volunteer Ceremonies will be held virtually on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Darryl Crosby is our Municipal Representative for these ceremonies. I will send along the information once I receive it to view the ceremonies online.

## **Meetings**

July 8 – Workplace wellness

July 20 – Make your move (Zoom)

September 8 – MPAL meeting, Barrington

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

- Working part time due to health issues
- Doing mostly phone and email visits with some home visits.
- Clients’ issues of mental health and homelessness seem to be on the rise.
- Helping them navigate the system with all its challenges.

- Adult protection cases are also on the rise, and we currently have no local representation here which makes it more difficult to navigate.
- Working on three major cases dealing with mental health, housing, and adult protection.
- Monthly zoom meetings with provincial coordinators.
- Guest speakers from Mental Health, housing, and dementia support.
- Delivering Farmers Market Food bucks to 15 different families.
- Homecare board meetings.
- Started working out of RCMP office last week.
- Helped Michel Lacroix update a new MOU for the program to be presented to municipalities as soon as it's ready.