



A Message from Warden John Cunningham

This year, life has slowly returned back to normal, and I am optimistic for things to continue in the same direction during the winter and New Year. This summer saw many events

return in full force, and it was a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted and reconnected with our friends, family, and community. Staying connected with residents and businesses will be a main priority for Council during the upcoming year.

This summer the Municipality saw the opening of the Yarmouth Splash Park, which allows children to socialize with one another while equally promoting active living. This new splash park will become a gathering spot where parents, caregivers, and seniors will have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company while our children make new connections by just having fun. As well, the sidewalk projects on Highway 1 in Hebron and the Greenville Road, as well as Port Maitland, are allowing our community to be more pedestrian friendly while providing a safe walking option for our children.

This November the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities held its fall conference, which gave Council the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the province. Together, we collaborated with them to bring your concerns to the forefront of our conversation and worked with the provincial government to address our concerns. One key project that we are advocating for is the completion of the high-speed internet build and cellular service, both of which are vital to staying connected.

In the weeks and months to come, I urge everyone to remain connected to those in need in our communities. A neighbor or senior may need your help in preparing for the colder weather to come. It may be as simple as checking in, putting away fire wood, or helping with everyday errands. Regardless of the task, a small gesture can make a world of difference.

Last but not least, you can stay connected to the Municipality by signing up to receive our electronic newsletters, which are available in both English and French.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday season, and look forward to all the work that we will accomplish in 2023!



A Message from CAO Victoria Brooks

The spring and summer season have been very busy for Team MODY. We've had several employees retire or move on to other professional pursuits. This has given us a great opportunity to connect with the amazing talent in the region and add new faces to the team. Some are coming home and some are new neighbours. Either way, we are all thrilled to welcome each one!

The team has also been very busy connecting with residents through the Electoral Boundary Review and the Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use By-law review. Watch our website and social media this fall for updates on these important projects. Hearing from residents is critical in creating the type of community you want. Thanks for connecting!

Capital projects have also been about fostering more connection throughout the Municipality. The Hebron/Greenville Road sidewalk will improve active transportation loops and the Port Maitland sidewalk will complete the village-wide connection. These projects improve safety, foster active healthy living and give a great space for residents to connect.

Supporting Council in their vision for completed high-speed internet projects as well as improved service and coverage across the cellular network have also been a priority. Council is working hard to ensure that the build out of the fibre network stays on track for completion in Fall 2023 and lobbying the Provincial government to create programs that will address cellular gaps.

Community and Recreation projects have also highlighted the renewed community connectivity. Festivals, place-making initiatives and projects like the Yarmouth Splash Park have all sparked an excited and refreshed sense of pride. As we move back to school and winter activities, let's remember to stay safe and be kind! Smiles are free, but they are worth a lot!

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and English!



Municipal Sewer System and Your Septic: Know What NOT to Flush!

What you put into the Municipal system and your own septic greatly affects its ability to do its job. As a general rule, do not dispose of anything in the system that can just as easily be put in the trash. Remember that the system is not designed to be a garbage disposal.

In the kitchen, avoid washing food scraps, coffee grinds, and other food items down the drain, including grease and cooking oils. In the bathroom don't use the toilet to dispose of **flushable wipes**, plastics, paper towels, tampons, diapers, condoms, kitty litter, etc. **The only things that should be flushed are wastewater and toilet tissue.** Please refer to the "Do Not Flush" list.

DO NOT FLUSH

These items can overtax and destroy the biological digestion taking place within the system and cost you money in the long run.

Flushable wipes
Coffee grounds
Dental floss
Kitty litter
Medicine bottles
Any kind of food

Sanitary napkins
Tampon applicators
Condoms
Cigarette butts
Fat, grease, or oil
Disposal diapers
Paper towels

Paints
Varnishes
Thinners
Waste oils
Pesticides
Mop heads

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Further information on the Councillors and the districts they serve can be found on our website at www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Winter Storm Preparedness

Winter storms or extreme cold can occur suddenly and last for multiple days. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to follow these steps:

Before the Storm

- Listen to local news and weather reports for information on changing weather conditions.
- Winterize your home and car emergency kit with warm clothing and blankets.
- Make sure you have shovels and snow removal equipment handy.
- Have an alternative heat source such as a fireplace, so you are able to keep one room in your home warm and livable.

During the Storm

- Environment Canada will issue a weather warning. Pay attention to that information.
- Be alert for instructions from officials and community leaders.
- During the storm, avoid going outside or unnecessary travel.
- Bring companion animals indoors.

After the Storm

- Avoid travelling if possible and listen to local news and weather reports for current road and weather conditions.
- Be aware of the wind chill. If you have to go outside, dress appropriately.
- Be careful when clearing snow. Take your time and avoid overexertion. Take regular breaks to warm up and rest if needed.

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Rural Internet Project

The Rural Internet Project is well underway in Western Nova Scotia!

To date, \$17.4 million in Provincial, Municipal, and Private investment, has been invested with Bell and Mainland Telecom as the service providers to carry out the installation of fibre-opt to homes and businesses in South West NS. As a result, 7420 homes and businesses will have access to reliable high speed internet. Approved projects are scheduled to be completed by December of 2023.

However, there will still be civic addresses that won't be served through the fibre cable network. They can apply for the Satellite Internet Rebate program through Develop NS. Under this program, homes or businesses may be eligible for a rebate on the one-time costs of equipment, shipping, taxes, and installation of satellite internet, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

For more information on the Rural Internet Project and Satellite Internet Rebate Program, visit Develop Nova Scotia through the links below:

<https://internet.developns.ca/satellite>

<https://internet.developns.ca/zones/western-ns/>

<https://internet.developns.ca/files/documents/New-Projects-Satellite-Internet-Rebate-Expansion.pdf>

Municipality of Yarmouth Veteran Banner Program

The Municipality of Yarmouth is offering a Veteran Banner Program to honour local veterans from the Municipality. We will begin accepting applications for year two of the program (2023) in November of 2022.

Family and friends of veterans will be able to purchase a 3-year sponsorship. The a 48”H x 24”W full color vinyl banner honouring their beloved Veteran(s) will display a picture of the veteran, their name and service details, along with the sponsor’s name.

The banners will be displayed on power poles in the hamlets of Port Maitland, Arcadia, South Ohio, and Carleton in November of each year. In 2023, 20 poles will be available in each of the hamlets for a total of 80 poles.

The banners will be removed, stored and put up by the Municipality each of 3 years; after which the sponsor may choose to keep their banner or apply to become a sponsor for another 3 year period.

Applications will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. This program is open to residents and veterans who are or were residents of the Municipality of Yarmouth (families from away can also sponsor a banner for a local veteran).

More information can be found on the Municipality of Yarmouth website: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Smoke Alarms at Home

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today’s smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

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MODY Momentum Business Dogwood Lodge Pet Retreat

Jonathan and Kelsy Lyons opened Dogwood Lodge Pet Retreat on February 15th, 2022 which is located at 1665 Hardscratch Road, South Ohio, just minutes from Yarmouth. They are a full time dog daycare, boarding, training and pet retail facility. They operate the daycare 6 days a week (Monday to Saturday) and provide boarding 365 days a year. They also offer group classes and private dog training. Their retail shop carries dog food, treats, supplements, toys, as well as other items.

Dogwood Lodge Pet Retreat was nominated by the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce for the 2022 Yarmouth Business Awards in the category of Rising Star of the Year!

Jonathan and Kelsy have lots of plans for the future, including dog grooming, cat boarding and they hope to set up a hydrotherapy facility for dogs with injuries.

You can reach Dogwood Lodge Pet Retreat at
(902) 742-1011

or by email: hello@dogwoodretreat.ca

More information can be found on their website:
dogwoodretreat.ca

They can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.



Municipal Heritage Incentive Rebate Program

The Municipality of Yarmouth recognizes the importance of maintaining our built heritage. The intent of this policy is to provide a framework for the Municipality to support property owners of municipally registered heritage properties. The Municipality will offer rebates to property owners who incur expenses maintaining their properties.

The Program Details:

- This program will be in effect for the five (5) year period of 2021-2026.
- The program applies to owners of municipally registered heritage properties as of April 1, 2021
- The maximum rebate amount per property per year is \$1,000.
- Property owners may apply in each or any of the five (5) years.
- Applicants have the option of banking available rebates for up to five (5) years, to a maximum of \$5000 per property over the five (5) year period.

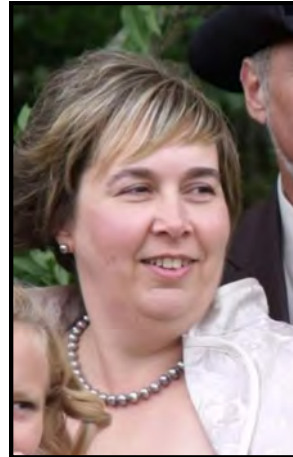
For more information on the application process, please contact our Heritage Coordinator, Kim Rowley, at 902-742-9691 or by email at kim@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Happy Retirement to Kathy Spates Finance Officer

Please join us in wishing Kathy Spates a very happy and well deserved retirement!

Kathy was the Finance Officer for the Municipality of Yarmouth for over 27 years!

She is best known for her witty sense of humor, her infectious laugh, and most of all her famous homemade chocolate cake!



Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, Kathy.

Congratulations on your retirement! We will miss you!

Best wishes for your next chapter in life!

We wish you tons of happiness in the years to come!

Welcome Marissa Parker Communications Officer

Please join us in welcoming Marissa Parker as the Municipality of Yarmouth's new Communications Officer.

Born and raised in Mississauga, ON, Marissa attended Ottawa's Carleton University where she graduated with a Bachelor of International Business in 2021. She now lives in the municipality with her boyfriend and her puppy, Lola.



Marissa has marketing and communications experience working for various businesses, including the Canadian Red Cross, Canada Post, and Carleton University, and is excited to take on this new role at MODY.

In her free time, Marissa enjoys discovering new places, hiking, travelling, and spending time with friends, family, and her puppy. She also currently runs a non-profit called Sending Sunshine, which provides handwritten cards to seniors across the country!

Welcome Matthew Smith Community Recreation Coordinator

The Municipality of Yarmouth is pleased to introduce Matthew Smith who has been hired as Yarmouth Recreation's new Community Recreation Coordinator!

Matthew graduated from St.FX with a Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics & Human Nutrition. He also completed a post graduate diploma in Sport and Recreation Management at the University of Alberta.

As the new Community Recreation Coordinator, his goal is to build strong connections within the community by engaging with many leaders, sport organizations, and volunteers to provide a wide range of activities to populations through leisure, recreation, and fitness.

In his spare time, Matt enjoys going for walks with his fiancé Leila and dog Arlo, as well as exploring the many beaches that the region has to offer!



Municipality of Yarmouth - Residential Organics and Waste Collection

- Residual Garbage (clear bags and one black bag per pickup)
- Compostables Pickup (green cart)
No plastic in green carts please!

Recyclables (blue bag) pickup takes place every week on your pickup day.

These items will be included for pickup with your residual garbage every two weeks.

- Household furniture
- Bulky household items
- Small household items should be bagged in clear garbage bags
- Mattresses / boxsprings
- Rugs / Carpets (rolled & tied)

Municipal residents will have three opportunities throughout the year to deliver their metals to roadside for collection.

- Metals
- Appliances/white goods
- Oil tanks (cut in half)
- Push lawn mowers
- Swing sets & trampolines (dismantled)
- Basketball systems (dismantled)
- BBQ's
- Hot water heaters

If your residual pickup is normally Monday June 2, 2023, August 4, 2023 & November 3, 2023

If your residual pickup is normally Tuesday June 9, 2023, August 11, 2023 & November 10, 2023

If your residual pickup is normally Wednesday June 16, 2023, August 18, 2023 & November 17, 2023

If you residual pickup is normally Thursday June 23, 2023, August 25, 2023 & November 24, 2023

Items NOT accepted for curbside pickup, but are not limited to:

- All construction/renovation/demolition debris
- Explosives, combustibles, toxic materials
- Lobster traps
- Ride-on lawn mowers
- Propane tanks
- Car bodies, batteries, heavy car parts
- Household hazardous wastes & motor oil
- Electronics not included in NSEPRa recycling program (computers, TVs, monitors, printers, telephones, DVDs, stereos, digital cameras)
- Paint & empty paint cans
- Garden and yard waste

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Waste Check Back to the Basics

What color bags should you use to have your waste picked up at the curb?

Recyclables require 2 blue transparent bags - one for paper and one for plastic, metal and glass.

Residual garbage requires a clear bag (no color).

One black bag is allowed per two week collection.

This information is also available on the Municipality of Yarmouth website: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

For inquiries concerning solid waste, please call Waste Check at 902-742-1312.