

Spring / Summer 2022



Spring is a time of new growth and rebirth.  
A message from Warden John Cunningham

Council and staff of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth has a spring in their step with all the new projects sprouting up.

Three new sidewalk projects in Hebron, the Greenville Road and Port Maitland will keep our residents safe from traffic and help them get active. In addition, the Lake Milo Active Transportation Master Plan was accepted and has been forwarded to Capital Budget discussions. The Hebron Business Park is also undergoing changes with new development and additions of new infrastructure, buildings and companies to promote growth. The Cape Forchu Lighthouse property has started the design phase for the look-off on the Fog Alarm Building.

Council and committees have been very busy over the winter working on policies, bylaws, accessibility plans, boundary reviews and legislative priorities. Many events that had been postponed during the pandemic are beginning to start up again, now that the State of Emergency and restrictions have been lifted. We will be springing back into action by starting up the many organizations and volunteering of our area. It will be a welcome relief and a sign that things are returning to normal.

Lastly, the Nova Scotia International Ferry will be returning to service and bringing thousands of travelers back to our municipality and province this May, which will bring a spring back to everyone's step!



Spring has sprung and lots of new things are blooming here at MODY!  
A message from CAO Victoria Brooks

The Municipality has an ambitious spring/summer planned; full of projects blossoming out of the planning stage and into construction and implementation stages. Our team is also full of new additions who are, like the rest of Team MODY, budding with potential. In these pages you'll meet four amazing people here to help move Council's initiatives forward: Abid Malik, Director Municipal Services; Danny Jackson, Waste Water Technician; Kim Rowley, Administrative Assistant & Heritage Coordinator; and Tanya Bain, Active Living Coordinator. We said farewell to Sara LeBlanc, Community Recreation Coordinator, who has moved on to another assignment in West Hants.

Be on the look-out for the fruits of our labours across the Municipality. We will be constructing two new look-off platforms at Cape Forchu; making improvements to the Rotary Center building at the Hebron Recreation Complex; constructing almost 2km of sidewalks along Highway 1 (Hebron & Port Maitland) and Greenville Rd; investing in fundraising for the expansion at the Mariners Center; installing a few electric vehicle charging stations (pending provincial funding); and the launch of MODY's brand new place making community grant program. We are also planting seeds for future projects; phase II development at the Hebron Business Park; energy efficiency improvements at the municipal office and several municipally owned community buildings; reducing cyber security risks; modernizing the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law addressing issues like housing, seafood sector diversification and on-site drinking water access. We will also see the return of a full slate of summer recreation programs, community festivals and key regional events.

As you get ready for a fun-filled summer, take the time to stay *truly connected* by following us on Facebook, by checking out our website and subscribing to this newsletter.



View this newsletter online in French and English!

## Plan MODY

The Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Plan Review is a project to review and update the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB). An MPS is the primary planning document for the Municipality which establishes the vision, goals and policies for growth and development. The LUB is a companion document that sets out the various rules and regulations that have to do with development activities. Together, the MPS and LUB shape our communities by determining what types of development can take place and where.

The new Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law represent an exciting opportunity to renew and reinforce the vision for the Municipality, to update the Municipality's priorities in land use regulation, and to ensure planning policy serves residents and businesses of MODY. Policy in the new planning documents will consider topics such as:

- Appropriate rules and approaches for the character of communities across the Municipality.
- Local Environment
- Economic development
- Diversity of housing
- As well as various other topics

For more information visit [www.planmody.ca](http://www.planmody.ca)

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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](http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## MODY Momentum Business - NovaStar Motel on The Lake



Meet Dat Tran, owner of NovaStar Motel on The Lake, which is situated on a hill with a view of beautiful Lake Milo. It is a very quiet area to stay and convenient for shopping. The motel has recently been renovated and now offers a range of rooms to accommodate every form of travel, including kitchenette rooms, double rooms, single rooms, family rooms, and a suite.

Dat Tran also owns the historic Lakelawn B&B and Motel. These two locations are very different from each other, as locals are well aware of, yet deserve and receive the same amount of attention by the owner and operator, as well as their friendly staff. Dat Tran says it is important to provide a great guest experience and to put heart and soul into the daily operation of the business. Dat actively participates in Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association and the Marketing and Promotions Levy Advisory Committee.



The future goals of his company are continuing to grow the brand and improve guest satisfaction. His staff is guided and led by Operations Manager Susanne Giebels, who has over a decade of experience in the industry and who works very closely with Mr. Tran on a daily basis.

If you would like to contact NovaStar Motel, please call 902-748-3868 or visit [www.novastarmotel.ca](http://www.novastarmotel.ca)

## Sign up for Maple Today!

Are you currently on the wait-list for a family doctor? Maple is an online system that provides Canadians access to **doctors, virtual health and prescriptions** right at their fingertips.

Users can skip the waiting room and connect with licensed doctors or nurse practitioners by phone, tablet, or computer 24/7, or by appointment. Through this program you can receive treatment for common conditions such as acute care, chronic care, mental health, and men/women's care. For more information, visit [www.getmaple.ca](http://www.getmaple.ca) and sign up today!

## Heritage Incentive Rebate Program

The Heritage Incentive Rebate Program has been established to conserve properties that hold significant value to the owner or the community. The program also protects any registered heritage properties from unnecessary demolition and substantial alterations to the exterior structure.

One of the benefits of being part of the Heritage Incentive Rebate Program is that property owners can be eligible to receive a rebate up to \$5000 over a period of 5 years.

Applications are due by June 30th of each year.

**For more information about this program, please contact our Heritage Coordinator Kimberly Rowley at 902-742-9691 or email [kim@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:kim@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)**



## Property Tax Rebate For Seniors

The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors Program, administered by Access Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a rebate (determined by the Provincial Government) on their municipal property taxes paid the previous year.

Seniors applying for the rebate will no longer be required to submit a receipt showing their last year's property tax bill is paid in full. This may eliminate the need for seniors to make a trip to the Municipal office in Hebron to gather tax documentation.

Rebate application forms are available **in July of each year** at Access Nova Scotia in the Provincial Building on Starrs Road as well as the Municipal office in Hebron. The deadline to apply is December 31st of each year. For more information, please contact:

**The Municipality of Yarmouth  
902-742-7159 or email:**

[linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## MODY Flag Poles

Early December 2021, the Municipality placed a 4th flag pole on the front lawn to honor community groups. This came after an amendment to the Flag Policy that was made on October 28th, 2021.

To date, flag-raising ceremonies have been held to honor the First Nations community and African Heritage Month. The ceremonies have been very humbling and a great experience for Council, staff, and community members who participated in the events.

Throughout each year, the Municipality will fly specific flags from equity-seeking groups in their honor. Requests can also be made to the Municipality to have certain flags raised. To learn more, please contact the Municipality of Yarmouth or view our Flag Policy F-046-21.

## Dark Skies Initiative

In September 2021, Council received a presentation from the Dark Sky Eye Observatory in relation to protecting the dark skies and locations where they can be observed in the Tri-counties. The importance of protecting the dark skies from light pollution, which is wasted energy, was also discussed.

It is part of the Municipality of Yarmouth's street lighting infrastructure to use proper lighting in protecting the dark skies; and part of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law review is to implement a new policy around dark skies initiative.

The night sky is one of Mother Nature's natural beauties. Let's all work together to protect it!

## Be Aware Before Clearing Land Protecting Lakes & Water Quality - Riparian Buffers

Yarmouth County's lakes and river systems are an important and valuable natural resource and provide many recreational opportunities for fishing, cottagers and boaters. One of the easiest ways we can help keep lakes and rivers healthy is to simply maintain the **natural shoreline vegetation (within 40 feet of the waterway)** when building or developing land on lakes and rivers.

**Clear-cutting all the trees and shrubs down to the water's edge and gravelling the shoreline removes nature's natural water filtration system, and allows contaminants to flow directly into the water body.**

The requirement in the Land Use By-law for maintaining a 'Riparian Buffer - Natural Shoreline Protection' on shorelines when developing waterfront land involves:

- **not removing all of the natural vegetation on lakeshores;**
- **not gravelling shorelines;**
- **providing for views of the lake, boat launches, docks and swimming areas using best practice environmentally friendly methods.**

Everyone who develops properties on lakeshores and river banks must respect the by-law and participate in the preservation of water quality by following these simple and effective practices.

For more information, please contact the  
Development Office at **902-742-9691**  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday  
(excluding Holidays).

## Welcome Abid Malik Director of Municipal Services

We are pleased to announce the recent hiring of Abid Malik for the position of Director of Municipal Services!



Abid was born and raised in Pakistan. Prior to coming to Canada in 2001, he lived in The Netherlands, Thailand, and Dubai. He lived in Alberta for the past 20 years working in the provincial and municipal government in various management and senior management positions. He now lives in Yarmouth.

Abid is also a professional engineer and has a master's degree in Civil Engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand.

Abid has been married for 32 years and has two children who both work in Edmonton, AB. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, reading, cooking, and movies.

Contact Abid by email: [abid@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:abid@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## Welcome Kim Rowley Administrative Assistant Heritage Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming Kim Rowley as the new Administrative Assistant/Heritage Coordinator for MODY's Municipal Services Department!



Kim was born in Saint John, NB but grew up in the Town of Yarmouth. She currently resides in Arcadia with her twin daughters and their Labradoodle named Dexter.

After obtaining her Business Diploma at Compu-College in Halifax, Kim worked at the Bank of Montreal for 12 years. She then moved on to work at the Municipality of Argyle where she began in the Public Works Department transitioning to Project Coordinator where she worked for 5 years.

In her spare time, Kim likes to go running, hiking, cycling and being with her family and friends. She started the Crohn's & Colitis Chapter & Yarmouth Gutsy Walk 3 years ago and has been fundraising for the past 5 years.

Contact Kim by email: [kim@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:kim@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## Welcome Danny Jackson Waste Water Technician

We are pleased to welcome Danny Jackson as the new Waste Water Technician for the Municipality of Yarmouth!

Danny is from the UK where he went to college to become a certified welder/fabricator. He currently lives in Sandford with his wife and daughter. He has travelled the world and has worked for various companies such as British Airways and Texas Instruments. He holds various certifications in water, wastewater, and swimming pools. He is a Class 1 Instructor and has driven commercially across Europe, USA and Canada. He also had the opportunity to tour in the USA with Jay Z and Beyonce in 2018!



In 2011 Danny and his family emigrated to Canada, living in Manitoba until relocating to Yarmouth County in 2021.

Danny enjoys sports, fishing and motorcycles. He and his wife enjoy their time with their dogs, horses and taking walks along the beautiful beaches in the area.

Contact Danny by email: [danny@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:danny@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## Welcome Tanya Bain Active Living Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming Tanya Bain as the Municipality of Yarmouth's new Active Living Coordinator!

Tanya has lived in South Ohio for 16 years. She comes from a background in Tri-County Restorative Justice; working with citizens and communities effected by harm. She volunteers with various organizations such as the Kaye Nickerson Centre, 100 Women of Yarmouth County Who Care, and also the Yarmouth County Minor Hockey Assoc.

Tanya's vision is to work collaboratively with individuals and organizations to build and strengthen opportunities within our communities. As the new Active Living Coordinator, she is looking forward to planning innovative ways to increase overall community involvement in physical activity and implementing the Yarmouth Physical Activity Strategy.

Tanya enjoys spending time with her family and friends, taking long walks, exploring, travelling and joining in on local events.



Contact Tanya by email: [tanya@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:tanya@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

## Water Conservation in 2022

Dry summer weather can cause wells to run low or dry-up. It is important to reduce water usage before the heat of the summer to retain as much water in your well as possible throughout the dry months. Here are some helpful ways to conserve water:

1. Install aerator attachments on sink faucets. These are known to reduce water use by 25%
2. Replace or adapt older, less water efficient fixtures or appliances.
3. Take shorter showers! Replace your showerhead with a water saving device such as an ultra-low-flow version.
4. Do not let water run while shaving, washing your face or brushing your teeth.
5. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
6. When replacing a toilet, consider a low-flush toilet that uses a smaller water tank.
7. Operate automatic dishwashers and washing machines only when they are fully loaded. Set the water level for the size of the load you are using.
8. To prevent dripping faucets, be sure all taps are turned off tightly. Even just one drop per second from a leaky faucet can waste up to 10,000 litres of water per year.
9. Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Do not let the tap run while you are waiting for cool water to flow.
10. Use a broom to clean a driveway or a sidewalk rather than spraying it down with water.
11. Rainwater can be collected in the spring time in large containers and used to water outdoor plants throughout the summer!

As we see the recurrence of dry weather, a new normal in our communities, Council wishes to support the creation of long-term solutions helping homeowners and their families.

The Municipality of Yarmouth offers a long-term solution via the Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program, which allows a resident to receive a loan of up to \$10,000 in order to make qualifying improvements to the well at their home. This loan is repayable to the Municipality over 10 years.

To find out more about the Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program, visit our website:

[www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca](http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

or call our office at 902-742-7159.

## Are you Following us on Facebook?

Check out and like our Facebook page for media releases, live council meetings, requests for proposals, public notices, information for seniors, municipal programs, employment opportunities, upcoming community events, and much more!

## Yarmouth Recreation Upcoming Activities

Are you looking for some great outdoor activities for yourself and your family this summer?

Yarmouth Recreation has lots of special events and activities throughout the summer and we would love for you to take part!

- ◆ **Lake Milo Boat Club** - Lifeguards are on duty and kayak rentals begin **July 1st, 2022**.

- ◆ **Watch for registration dates for:**

Summer Fun Day Camp (5 to 8 years)

Sports Camp (9 to 12 years)

Youth Outdoor Active Leadership Camp (12 to 16 yrs)

- ◆ **Rent our space to host your own event!**

The Lake Milo Boat Club and the Rotary Centre in Hebron are available to rent at the rate of \$15 / hour + HST. (Plus cleaning fees and deposit). Both are suitable for meetings, birthday parties, weddings and baby showers.

**To find up to date information on events we are hosting, check out our website:**

[www.yarmouthrecreation.ca](http://www.yarmouthrecreation.ca)

**Find us on Facebook:**

[@YarmouthRecreation](#)

[@GetActiveYarmouth](#)

**Or call 902-742-8868**



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We can email our newsletters to you! This will allow you to click on each link and go directly to that webpage or email address.

Are you French speaking? We also have a French on-line version.

If you are interested in signing up, please email us at:

[admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca](mailto:admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

or call us at 902-742-7159, indicating whether you wish to receive the English or French version, and we will add you to our mailing list.

Our newsletter is also available for viewing on our website:

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# 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 3, 2022, August 5, 2022 & November 4, 2022

If your residual pickup is normally Tuesday ..... June 10, 2022, August 12, 2022 & November 11, 2022

If your residual pickup is normally Wednesday ..... June 17, 2022, August 19, 2022 & November 18, 2022

If you residual pickup is normally Thursday ..... June 24, 2022, August 26, 2022 & November 25, 2022

## 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

**June 2022**

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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](http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

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