

A Message from Warden John Cunningham



This fall marks the beginning of the final year of the current four-year term for Council. This time next year, an election will be held for the public to choose their representatives in seven districts who will form the next Council. Please keep an eye out (on our social media) throughout the upcoming year for information on how to be a candidate and vote in the election.

Council and staff have been working through our strategic plan, by-laws, and policies to better serve our residents. The theme of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is one of Council's priorities, with the goal of making all residents feel welcome, included, and part of our community.

We have hired an Accessibility & Inclusion Coordinator to work with both the Accessibility Advisory and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committees. Both include a mix of Councillors and residents. As well, the Cape Forchu look-off project, which is a part of the master plan, is now complete. We look forward to the Grand Opening next spring. Moving forward, Council is currently considering the next phase of the project, namely improving the parking options to make it more accessible to visitors. Many key pieces are falling into place, and our final year will be just as busy as the first three.

-John Cunningham

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Artists Reach the Top

The Lantern Room Sessions are a six-part video series that takes place 125 feet above sea level in the lantern room of Cape Forchu Lighthouse. Each video showcases Nova Scotian musicians with a local connection to the region performing an original song. Scan the QR code to watch the performances or visit www.facebook.com/capeforchu.



SCAN ME

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors Program is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes paid in the previous year.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant's 2022 municipal residential property taxes are paid in full
- Their name is included on the property taxes
- They receive, or are eligible to receive, the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Guaranteed Income Supplement – Allowance from Service Canada.

Rebate application forms are available in July of each year at Access Nova Scotia in the Provincial Building on Starrs Road and the Municipal Office in Hebron. The deadline to apply is December 31st. For more information, visit: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>

Garbage Collection

Effective April 1st, 2024, **black bags will no longer be accepted**. All garbage will have to be placed in clear bags. This will go into effect at the facilities as well as for curbside collection. For privacy purposes, you can use one small solid coloured bag in each clear bag. Remember, please use blue transparent bags for your recycling. For more information, visit: www.wastecheck.com.



Food Security in MODY

Council has identified that there is a need for food security throughout the Municipality. Staff conducted research on the options in the community, and the results showed that there are a wide range of options currently available. The Municipality has committed to leveraging both money and human resources by partnering with community organizations who provide food security supports throughout the Municipality. As well, the Senior Safety program provides targeted support to clients in the program. For more information on the services in your community, please reach out to Mark Blinn at mark@munyarmouth.ca.



Colin Dempsey

On behalf of the Council and Staff of the Municipality of Yarmouth, we wish all fishers a safe and prosperous fishing season!

New Domain Name

Have you heard the news? Our domain name has changed! You can now visit our website at:

munyarmouth.ca

MODY Momentum Business: Lexis Marine Ltd.

Lexis Marine Ltd. had humble beginnings, starting out in a backyard garage and an old used service truck in Wedgeport. Devin Kennedy had a vision to someday “have a large modern building, lots of staff, marine diesel engine sales and service, ATV & pleasure boat services, and a client base throughout not only Yarmouth County, but Atlantic Canada.” With a lot of hard work and great customer service, that vision has become reality!

Lexis Marine now has 6 full time employees, a large modern building at 326 Hardscratch Road, marine diesel sales and service, a very large ATV & pleasure boat service centre, and is serving clients throughout Atlantic Canada. Hard work and great customer service has paid dividends for Devin Kennedy, owner and President of Lexis Marine Ltd.



Municipality of Yarmouth Bursary

The Municipal Council wishes to acknowledge financial barriers to education that frequently prevent our talented youth from entering programs following high school. To that end, Council has established four annual bursary awards in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Two bursaries will be awarded to applicants entering a community college or technical/trades-related program and two bursaries will be awarded to applicants entering a university program.

Applications open on January 1st and close on April 30th. We encourage everyone who is eligible to apply! To view the application requirements and to view the application form, please visit our website. For more information, contact Mark Blinn at mark@munyarmouth.ca.

Volunteer Committee Vacancies

Are you looking for a great way to get involved with your community? Apply today to become a citizen representative on one of the Municipality of Yarmouth's volunteer committees.

The application form can be found on our Website: www.munyarmouth.ca/index.php/government/policies. We also offer \$50 per meeting for individuals who experience barriers to participating. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office at 902-742-7159 or jenny@munyarmouth.ca.

MOD4 Tree Lighting Ceremony



The Municipality of Yarmouth will host its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 1st, 2023 at the Municipal Building (932 Highway 1 in Hebron).

Activities will begin at 6:00 pm with opening remarks and tree lighting to take place afterwards. Following the tree lighting, a number of activities are planned including:

- Hot Chocolate
- Cookie Decorating
- Hay Rides
- Children's Christmas Movies
- Letters to Santa Mailbox

Come and help us celebrate the season! Food Bank donations are welcome.

How to Contact Your Councillor

District 1: Warden John Cunningham
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District 2: Councillor Daniel Allen
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District 3: Councillor Sheri Hurlburt
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District 4: Councillor Patti Durkee
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District 5: Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham
902-740-3086 | trevor@munyarmouth.ca

District 6: Councillor Loren Cushing
902-740-2897 | loren@munyarmouth.ca

District 7: Councillor Nick Hilton
902-740-4024 | nick@munyarmouth.ca



Further information on the Councillors and the districts they serve can be found on our website.

Beware of Scammers!

If someone calls or emails and asks you to provide payment with any type of gift cards, including iTunes, Google Play, Vanilla Visa, or Prepaid Visa cards, IT IS A SCAM! Don't do it. Hang up or delete the email! Spread the word and help stop yourself and others from falling victim to these scams.

For more information on frauds and scams you can contact the Canada Antifraud Centre at: 1-888-495-8501 or Yarmouth County Senior Safety Program at: 902-881-4099.

Yarmouth Recreation Activities & Events

- **Little Builders Lego Club:** Mondays from 5:30-7pm, ending December 11th
- **Nerf Wars:** Tuesdays from 6-8pm, ending December 12th
- **Families at Play:** Fridays from 9-10am, ending December 15th
- **Carleton Fun Nights:** Fridays from 5:30-9:30pm, ending December 15th
- **Yarmouth Fun Nights:** Fridays from 5:30-9:30pm, ending December 15th
- **Town of Yarmouth Tree Lighting:** November 24th
- **Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Tree Lighting:** December 1st



Welcome to Team MODY!



We are pleased to welcome Erin Saunders as the Municipality's new Part-Time Custodian. Erin grew up in the Annapolis Valley and graduated from West King's District High School. After getting married, Erin and her new husband traveled for a bit, before settling down in Windsor. Twelve years later, wanting to get further away from the hustle of the city, they found the quiet community of Port Maitland to call home. Erin and her husband have two great boys and are raising them in this amazing end of the province. In her spare time, Erin enjoys volunteering in the community, gardening, hiking, kayaking, and soap making. Welcome to the team, Erin!



Please join us in welcoming Livinus Numfor as the Municipality's Accessibility & Inclusion Coordinator. Livinus was born in Cameroon, a country of 25 million in central Africa. In 2007, he graduated with a degree in Biochemistry and taught high school biology and chemistry. In 2012, Livinus immigrated to Canada, where he pursued a diploma program in Food Security at Ryerson University, followed by a Master's program in Public Health at the University of Guelph. In 2019, Livinus was hired by the NS Health Authority as a Health Promotion Specialist for Mental Health and Addictions.

In 2021, Livinus went back to Cameroon where he got married, and his wife joined him in Yarmouth in 2022. On December 31, 2022, they became the proud parents of Evie-Joyce. Besides local history and culture, his interests include family, movies, soccer, and travelling. We are thrilled to have Livinus on Team MODY!


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Visit us at munyarmouth.ca

Municipality of Yarmouth - Residential Organics and Waste Collection

 Residual Garbage (clear bags)

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

If your residual pickup is normally Monday April 5, 2024, June 7, 2024 & November 1, 2024
 If your residual pickup is normally Tuesday April 12, 2024, June 14, 2024 & November 8, 2024
 If your residual pickup is normally Wednesday April 19, 2024, June 21, 2024 & November 15, 2024
 If you residual pickup is normally Thursday April 26, 2024, June 28, 2024 & November 22, 2024

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

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

Pickup normally scheduled for Monday, December 25th, 2023 will be picked up on Friday, December 29th, 2023.
 Pickup normally scheduled for Monday, January 1st, 2024 will be picked up on Friday, January 5th, 2024.

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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).

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