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Moving Forward

As we wrap up the fall and head into the winter months, it's a good time to look back on a busy and memorable summer.

Despite the stretch of dry weather, our community pulled together, stayed resilient, and kept moving forward. Staff, volunteers, and residents alike continued working hard to support one another, keeping our municipality a safe and positive community for everyone. Here's to a great winter!



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Hundreds of residents gathered for the annual tree lighting this year, and enjoyed hay rides, snacks, and - of course - a visit with Santa! Thanks to Yarmouth Recreation for helping make this festive event happen once again!



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Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

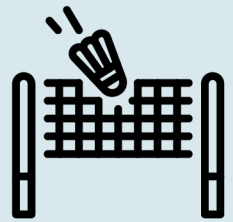
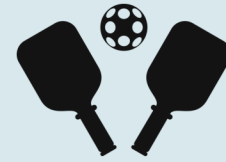
Borrow Free Equipment This Fall and Winter!

Yarmouth Recreation's Equipment Loan Service is the perfect way to stay active all year long! With winter around the corner, come borrow our cross-country skis, snowshoes, or hiking poles—or keep the fun going indoors with our yard games and more. All equipment loans are free and can be reserved online or by calling Yarmouth Recreation. Items must be signed out in person and returned in good working order.



Looking for something to do this winter? Yarmouth Recreation has a full calendar of activities prepared for people of all ages, including:

- Families at Play / Family Open Gym
- Nerf Wars / Night Hikes
- Carleton Fun Nights / Community Campfires
- Beginner and Recreational Pickleball / Equipment Loan Program
- Seniors Badminton / Seniors Dances
- Seniors Strut Walking Group and More!



Head to yarmouthrecreation.ca to book your spot before programs fill up.



Make Your Move Yarmouth

Movement doesn't always mean hitting the gym — it's the small, consistent habits that truly add up. A quick walk after meals, stretching between tasks, parking a little farther away, or doing a few squats while your coffee brews all make a difference.

Daily movement fuels your energy, uplifts your mood, supports digestion, and keeps your body feeling strong and capable. Remember, progress isn't about perfection — it's about showing up for yourself in small, intentional ways every single day.

Wayfinding Signage Updates

If you've driven to the Hebron Recreation Complex recently, you'll have noticed some helpful new wayfinding signage directing you around the complex. There are new directional signs, updated maps, and other informative material now posted throughout the park and it looks great!



Accessibility Renovations

Renovation work at both the Administration Building and the Rotary Centre Complex is now nearing completion as part of MODY's ongoing Accessibility Renovation Project.

At the Admin Building, new universal washrooms are upgraded for accessibility, the Council Chambers are now completely accessible, and the lobby features an updated front desk area designed to better serve visitors.

Significant improvements have also been completed at the Rotary Centre, including upgraded accessible washrooms and enhancements throughout the recreation complex to create a more welcoming, barrier-free environment for all users.

You can read more about the Accessibility Plan at www.munyarmouth.ca



Welcome to the Team!



Katelyn Pippy

Administrative Assistant

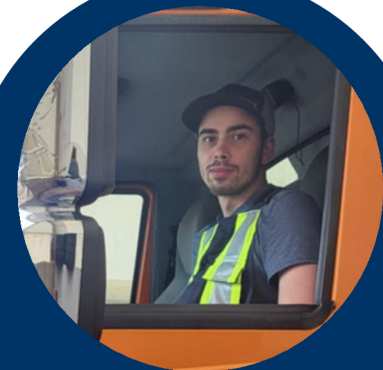
After 21 years away, Katelyn Pippy moved back home to NS in July. A mom of three active, loving kids, you can usually find her at a local coffee shop and cheering on her children at their various activities.



Jason Boudreau

Building Official + Fire Inspector

Jason joined the team in the summer as a building official and fire inspector; he enjoys travelling, camping, and his cats.



Zach Hatt

Wastewater Technician

Zach joined the team this year as our new Wastewater Technician. He enjoys nature, being outdoors and is the proud owner of a new black lab puppy.

Projects & Progress

The new **Credit Union Rec Plex** is taking shape quickly with plans to open in the fall of 2026. The expansion includes a state-of-the-art aquatics centre, modern fitness facilities, and



dedicated wellness spaces—amenities designed to support residents of all ages and abilities. Crews have been working efficiently to bring the project to life, and it's been exciting to see how quickly the building has progressed in just a short amount of time.

Phase 2 of the **Nova West Regional Business Park** is also well underway. Land has been fully cleared for the new lots, along with a finished road that leads into the 10+ acre area. These spaces are a key component to allowing business to thrive in our region, and we're thrilled to announce that nearly half of the lots are already sold. If you're interested in learning more about this project, you can visit their website: novawestbusinesspark.ca



Mariners Centre has announced the hiring of Dave Tompkins as its new Chief Executive Officer. Tompkins joins the organization from the Royalty Centre in Charlottetown, where he held a senior leadership role overseeing operations in one of Prince Edward Island's flagship recreation facilities. Welcome to the role, Dave!



Street light inspections are currently underway to support better maintenance and timely repairs. If you see our team out and about, feel free to say hello!

At the **Port Maitland Sewer Treatment Plant**, important repairs have been completed to protect critical infrastructure, and upgrades to back-up power for the municipal sewer system are now in progress to strengthen operations and improve emergency preparedness.



The Municipality is partnering with the Municipality of Argyle to fund **two additional RCMP officers** this fiscal year, with a third officer planned for next year. This investment aims to strengthen local policing and enhance community safety across our region.



↓ Updates from Around MODY

Blue Bag Recycling

Circular Materials is the new organization overseeing the blue bag recycling program for the province. New items are now able to be recycled, along with some other updates intended to improve the curbside recycling program province-wide.

Questions? Visit them online: circularmaterials.ca

Contact Your Councillor

Want to get in touch with your local councillor? Visit munyarmouth.ca to find your district and contact details. You can call or email your councillor directly, or reach out through the municipal office at 902-742-7159.

It's a great way to ask questions, share concerns, and stay connected with local decisions.

Cape Forchu Celebrates Strong Season

Cape Forchu Lighthouse closed for the season in October, wrapping up a busy and fantastic summer - one of its strongest seasons in recent years.

Vehicle traffic was up 20% from last year, with over 5000+ vehicles visiting the Cape Forchu site. The number of visitors walking up to the top of the hill also increased compared to last year, with over 23,000 visitors coming to check out the view.

Blueberry Fields Café joined Cape Forchu this year with delicious drinks and treats, and the Lighthouse Gift Shop returned with fresh new finds. A successful season all around!



Greg Shay retired this fall after 16 years on the job. Greg was the Director of Finance, along with many other roles. We'll miss Greg and wish him well on this new chapter!

Booking a Building Official?

As we enter our busy season, we kindly ask that all appointments with our Building Official be requested at least 72 hours in advance. This helps us ensure that we can accommodate everyone in a timely manner. Thank you!

↓ Updates from Council

Want further details on council items?
Head to www.munyarmouth.ca for the full agendas and minutes from council meetings.

- The **Vending by-law** was updated to support the tourism & hospitality sector
- The **Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use by-law** were updated to comply with Provincial rules on wind turbines.
- The **Water Supply Lending Program by-law** was updated to increase the total loan amount AND Council waived the administration fee for 2025-26.
- Council adopted changes to its **Orientation & Training Policy, Voluntary Emergency Services Provider Capital Loan Policy and Flag Policy**.
- A new **Active Transportation Master Plan** was received along with reports on sea level rise at Cape Forchu and a Housing & Municipal Infrastructure Plan.
- Council is also considering amendments to its **property tax relief program**, amendments to its **Grants Program** to improve equity.

↓ Final Notes



Follow us online!

We're on Facebook & Instagram, and livestream our meetings on YouTube. All links are found at munyarmouth.ca

1. As we wrap up another busy year, we want to extend our **heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers** who give their time, energy, and kindness to our community. Whether you're supporting local events, helping neighbours, or strengthening our organizations behind the scenes, your contributions make our municipality a better place to live. We are truly grateful for all you do.
2. As winter weather settles in, please use extra caution on our roads and sidewalks—whether you're walking, driving, or clearing your property. If you have questions about how snow and ice are managed in our communities, you can find full details in the **Municipal Streets, Sidewalks, and Trails By-Law** on our website.
3. The Municipality is looking for **volunteers to fill key vacancies** on some of our boards and committees. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a difference in your community! The application can be found at munyarmouth.ca.

Important Update



About the 'Low Income Tax Exemption Policy'

The Municipality has made several key changes to its **Low Income Tax Exemption Policy**, including **changing its name to the Income-Targeted Property Tax Exemption**. This is to better reflect current income levels and improve clarity for residents.

Most notably, eligibility is now based on updated household income brackets, with exemption amounts set at \$300, \$200, or \$100 depending on total household income (based upon the previous taxation year).

Application deadlines have also been changed, with applications accepted from January 1 to March 15 each year. These updates are intended to make the program more transparent, consistent, and responsive to changing economic conditions. The full policy and the application can be found online: www.munyarmouth.ca/government/policies

Municipality of Yarmouth Collection Calendar 2026

Collection of Organics (green cart)

Collection of Garbage (clear bags)

Recyclables (blue bags) are picked up every week on your pick up day.

Household furniture (excluding metal/white goods) can be placed out on garbage (clear bags) collection day, every two weeks.

NO collection - rescheduled

Metal/white goods collection

Mon collection - 1st Friday Wed collection - 3rd Friday

Tues collection - 2nd Friday Thu collection - 4th Friday



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