

TOWN OF HEART'S DELIGHT - ISLINGTON



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Spring Newsletter 2015

Mayors Report

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. Let me reflect on our past Winter. For the most part, we did not endure a cold hard Winter. We only had a few bitterly cold nights and only a couple of severe snow storms. From a Council point of view, some changes did take place, our former Mayor of the past seven years resigned and moved on to Nova Scotia. We wish him good luck in the future. Tina Chislett is our newest member of Council to make up our complement of seven Councillors. We welcome her onboard.

Our liaison committees consist of: Recreation - Councillor Tina Chislett; Library - Councillor Bev Bryant; Fire Department - Councillor Stanley Legge; Ambulance Committee - Mayor Branton, Councillor Isabel Sooley & Councillor Bev Bryant; Water Treatment Plant - Deputy Mayor Dave Fowlow; Public Works - Councillor Clarence Chislett; Finance - Mayor Branton & Deputy Mayor Fowlow.

This year we were very fortunate to balance our 2015 Budget without any tax increases. On a go forward basis, we would like to thank everyone who has paid their taxes and for those who are in arrears of taxes prior to 2015, any action deemed necessary to collect the taxes will be taken in the coming weeks.

We are now in the process of implementing a Town Plan, we have held two days of Public Consultations Meetings, the meetings were well attended and the concerns expressed at the meetings will be reviewed, your input was very important. We still have a series of steps to go before the plan is finalized. The planning consultant has given us a revised set of the plan and regulations which Council will be reviewing, and once we're satisfied with the drafts, the consultant will send the documents to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for review and release. Once we get release, Council will adopt the plan and regulations and organize a public hearing that will be held by a commissioner appointed by council. The public hearing will only take place if objections or representations are filed at least two days before the hearing date. With the plan in place, we will be able to better control and manage the development of the town in the years to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council Office or any Councillor.

It is that time of year again when construction season starts, please be reminded that a **Permit** is required prior to the start of any type of construction, renovation, development, etc, The town is enforcing the interim development regulations as filed on November 12, 2014 and is using the draft town plan and regulations as guidelines when reviewing development applications. Any development started without a permit will be issued a stop work order.

During this coming year, we will be reviewing all land within the town boundaries that has not been assessed. If you have claim to land that is not assessed, please contact the Council Office, any land that is not claimed will be considered Crown Land. The Department of Municipal and

Intergovernmental Affairs is currently conducting a review of the current Lands Act. Public Consultations sessions are being held across the province.

National Volunteer Week is April 12th to April 18th, to honor our town Volunteers, and Council will host a Volunteer Social Night on Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 pm. The public is welcome to come along for some fun and refreshments.

As Spring approaches, we urge all residents to make a special effort to get out and clean up their surroundings, i.e.: ditches and public areas. A “Clean up Week” date will be set for later in the Spring. Our next bulk garbage day is July 08th. Also, we would like to remind residents that the Waste Recovery Center in Cavendish is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (noon to 4:00 pm.) and (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) on Saturday.

The town is currently seeking a casual general maintenance person. Position includes all aspects of public works, snow clearing, and willingness to train for class 2 water treatment operators. For more information, you may contact the council office.

On Thursday, April 23rd. at 7:30 pm a meeting will be held at the town hall to determine if there is enough interest in the town to form a Heritage Committee. Anyone interested in the heritage of the community is urged to attend the meeting.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of this community for putting their trust in me. I am very proud of our community and our accomplishments over the past years.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow’s Report

Our Water Treatment Plant has been working extremely well over the last number of months. There have been a few minor problems but we were able to repair them before having to issue boil water advisory. The plant provides excellent water and we should be thankful to have clean and safe drinking water. The water is checked biweekly by the Department of Health.

When there is a power outage, it would be appreciated if we try to conserve water as we only have a reserve in our holding tank for about four (4) hours.

If you see any sign of water coming through the ground that you think might be a water leak, please contact the Town Office.

Sometime in May month, we will be flushing the water lines and we will be doing some equipment maintenance at the plant. A Boil Water Advisory will be in effect at this time. You will be notified when the exact dates are confirmed.

Councillor Bev Bryant’s Report

The Library continues to be an asset to the community. It is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers and is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. There is a good selection of reading material for all age groups and a computer is available for public use. We would also like to thank those of you who support the weekly coffee hour and the donations from Legges 50/50 draw. These funds are used to purchased books and supplies for the Library.

Councillor Clarence Chislett’s Report

As I am now the representative for Public Works, I would like to let residents know that if you have a concern regarding the roads, streetlights, etc., please contact the council office or myself. If you know of any streetlight outage, please get the pole or light number and report it to the office. We have applied for capital funding for some paving, however, there has been no approvals to date. Hopefully, we will get some paving, grading and ditching done this year.

One issue that has been a major concern this past winter is the fact that people have been Ski Dooing over Long Pond. We urge ski doo owners to refrain from this practice, as the pond is our

water supply and any contamination could be a serious health issue. Fines will be imposed to anyone reported using motorized vehicles on the pond. Also, we will be placing more boulders along the entrance to the pond area. If you know of someone who has been using a ski doo on the pond, please notify Council.

Councillor Tina Chislett's Report

I am very pleased to be the newest member of council and privileged to be the liaison for our Recreation Committee. The recreation recently held their annual meeting, electing a new committee. There are still positions available if there are any residents interested in volunteering. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 8pm.

The building at Brookcove will be available for rental as of May 1st. Please feel free to contact any committee member or the council office if you are interested in booking the building for your upcoming functions.

Some upcoming events planned are our annual Town Day celebration which will be held July 4th at Brookcove. Events for the day will be similar to last year including a folk festival in the afternoon and a dance at night. Please come join us under the big tent for some fun times as we dance the night away to Stixx and Stones! More details will be available as they are finalized.

Also upcoming is a Curling Bonspiel set for May 9th, starting at 10am at Brookcove, this will be a 19 yr old or older event. Please get your teams together! This event was a huge success in the past, let's make it a great one again this year!

Kids club has resumed for the year. The committee had a great turnout of kids for their Easter party. A great time was had by all. Kids club will meet again on April 30TH. at the Town Hall starting at 6:30pm, ages 5 and up for more fun times! Please encourage your children to come out and have some fun!

Recreation is also planning an ongoing fundraiser starting in the near future. It's BINGO! Stay tuned for more info!

Councillor Stanley Legge

Our Fire department continues to be active and dedicated group of volunteers in the community. They attend regular meetings and training sessions and are always there when called upon. We would like to thank everyone who supports our fund raising events including the weekly TV Bingo and our Annual Poker Run.

As announced in our previous Newsletter, our Rural Response Vehicle has been ordered and should be delivered later in the summer.

As usual, we encourage everyone to be Fire Wise, please ensure that you have smoke detectors in your home and that it is working properly. As summer approaches, you are reminded to be very cautious with outdoor fires.

Councillor Isabel Sooley's Report

We are very pleased to continue the operation of our ambulance service to the community and surrounding areas, it is a vital service. We have two fully equipped ambulances and a staff of two paramedics and six emergency medical responders on call 24-7. We are proud of our response time, however, there could be times when both ambulances are out on a call and we have to avail of our nearest neighbouring service for back up.

For ambulance service you may still call our local emergency number **588-2333 or 911**.

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