

Roddickton-Bide Arm Community Newsletter

Oct 2013

Municipal Election Results 2013

For Mayor:		For Ward 1 (Bide Arm)	
FITZGERALD, Sheila (Elect)	371	RANDELL, Marlene (Elect)	66
REID, Wade	199	CASELL, Tennis	43

For Councillor at Large:		For Ward 2 (Roddickton)	
BLANCHARD, Trevor (Elect)	451	Ellsworth, Lynn (Acclaimed)	
KEARNEY, Tony (Elect)	409		
RANDELL, Dennis (Elect)	296	Percentage of Voter Turnout: 79%	
LIDSTONE, Michelle (Elect)	278		
DEMOSS, Della	237		
GILLARD, Donald	199	Congratulations to those elected and hats off to all those who put their name on the ballot to serve our community.	
REID, Kenneth	196		

Municipal Council:

- Mayor Sheila Fitzgerald
- Deputy Mayor Trevor Blanchard
- Councillor Lynn Ellsworth
- Councillor Tony Kearney
- Councillor Michelle Lidstone
- Councillor Dennis Randell
- Councillor Marlene Randell

Administration:

- Town Manager
Paula Snook-Randell
- Town Clerk
Denise Adams
- Part Time Town Clerk
Eunice Fillier
- Superintendent of Works
Grant Hancock

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1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Mayor's Message, Mayor Sheila Fitzgerald

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for your confidence and supporting me in my quest to become the next mayor of our wonderful town. Since the election on September 24, 2013 I have received many emails, telephone calls, messages and in-person greetings congratulating me on being elected to the position of Mayor for Roddickton-Bide Arm.

There is certainly much truth in the ol' saying "The journey is just as important (if not more important) than the destination." Throughout the course of my campaign to become mayor I had several opportunities to listen to the needs, wants and opinions of people. I learned firsthand from the many discussions that the people want to see change, growth and development in our community. I heard people express their concern about the lack of local jobs and the lack of services and resources to support our seniors. People want to see more transparent municipal governance and open communication whereby everyone is informed about what is being discussed and how decisions are being made around the council table.

This is a very exciting time for our Town! The people of Roddickton-Bide Arm have selected a great group of community-minded individuals to serve on council who are enthused and energized to improve our economy and look for innovative solutions to our community challenges. I look forward to working with this team of knowledgeable and dedicated individuals and am confident as a team we will work together to ensure positive changes for the future our Town.

Council meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month and I encourage and welcome everyone to attend. I also invite you to have a look at our Town's website at www.roddickton.bidearm.ca for updates about scheduled community events and council meeting minutes under BLOG. Feel free to contact our Town office, a counselor or myself if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Having the community engaged with Council to provide ideas, advice and recommendations will be extremely helpful. As a council we look forward to working with you, the people of our Town, and bringing positive change and growth to our community. Together we can create change!

Gas Tax Funding

The Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm submitted a Capital Investment Plan and has received approval to:

1. Pave a portion of Marine Drive in Roddickton
2. Install a new water pump system in Bide Arm

Paving Update

The tender to complete paving in Roddickton-Bide Arm has been awarded and paving will commence early spring.

With leaves on the ground, a chill in the air, and the sight of pumpkins, the season of Halloween is upon us. On Halloween night follow the following safety tips:

1. Wear light coloured or reflective clothing when trick or treating
2. Use face paint or ensure that masks are not too big
3. Look both ways before crossing the street
4. Carry a flashlight to light the way
5. Drivers please be extra vigilant of treat or treaters and slow down.



Thank You..

Summer Staff

The Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm would like to take this opportunity to recognize all summer staff that were involved in the Kids Summer Recreation Program, the operation of the Swimming Pool, and the tour guides at the Green Moose Interpretation Centre and Ashton House. Their hard work and dedication made for a successful summer and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Thank You Chelsea Simon, Chandler Parfford, Robyn Randell, Rebecca Randell, Cameron Fillier, Bryton Randell, William Randell, Tristan Adams, Sara Canning, and Victoria Reid.



Community Bonfire



When: Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013

6:30 pm

Where: Arena Grounds

Free Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows, and Glow Sticks for Kids.

Don't Forget you Roasting Sticks.



Roddickton-Bide Arm Fire Department

Winter slowly making its way towards us again, which means for most of us it is time to start up the furnaces. Don't forget to check your stove pipes and chimneys. Over periods of time when not in use problems may occur that will be unnoticed until the furnace is lit. Take a look around the furnace and chimney after you light it for any problems or defects that may have occurred.

Have you checked the batteries in your smoke alarms, daylight savings time is a good time to replace them. Its time to fall back November 3.

Its getting to the time of our Santa Clause Parade and the Fire Department would like to thank all the participants from last year's parade again for such a big turn out. We would like to invite as many as possible to join again this year to make it a success.

Fire Chief, Craig Canning

Roddickton Come Home Year Committee

Roddickton Come Home Year, Aug.5th to Aug. 11, 2013 was a very big occasion and a huge success! Your committee has been given much praise for providing this fun week of celebration but this whole effort could not have received the many marvelous accolades without YOU, the citizens of our town. It is with much humility and deep gratitude that we express a big "thank you" to many people for supporting us throughout the twelve month preparation time. THANK YOU for helping raise the money we needed, for supplying every item we asked for, for joining in the planning by decorating your properties so beautifully, for joining that awesome PARADE, for your talents in our Gospel and Talent Shows...how impressive was that! Thank you to the Apostolic Faith Church for allowing the use of their facility to make breakfast each morning. THANK YOU everyone for being involved and for volunteering: our relatives and friends came and were pleasantly surprised with a week dedicated to them. WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL for ALL your help in making it happen.

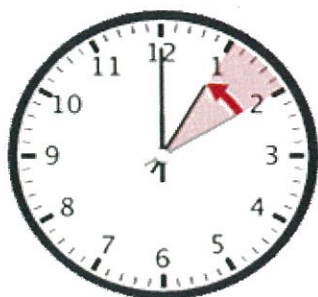
Thank you and much appreciation to the Rodd/Bide Arm Town Council for their monetary support. Thank you for seeing that the Arena and its precarious situation got rectified just in the nick of time. And thank you to our Town manager for supporting us wherever and whenever she could. The twelve months of prep time were not without significant pressures and stress but the main event was fantastic and the end result is that we have surplus funding to go back into our town.

It is hoped by many that the next CHY will happen in the summer of 2019...6 years from now.

Chairperson, Laura Rowsell

**Daylight savings time
ends Nov 3, 2013.**

Don't forget to turn
your clocks back by one
hour



Christmas Parade

Roddickton-Bide Arm
Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec 7, 2013.
Details to follow.



Council Update

Closure of the Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Division Office

Hon. Darin King has announced the closure of the Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Division Office in Roddickton. Council is very disturbed by this and has written a letter outlining the Town's concerns and have asked the decision be reviewed and reversed.

Restorative Justice Week 2013

The Town has declared Nov 17 - 24 as restorative justice week.

Regular Council Meetings

Regular meetings of council are scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month. However, there maybe occasions when this time will have to be changed so keep checking Town website for notice of meeting times.

Advertising at the Arena

Anyone wishing to place a company sign on display at the Arena can do so by contacting the Town office. The cost to advertise is \$ 90 for a 4 x 8 sign and \$ 45 for 4 x 4 sign.

Rural Broadband For Bide Arm Petition

A petition will be circulating within our community to urge the government to assist providers to ensure Bide Arm is in receipt of broadband internet services. A copy of this petition can also be found at the Town Office. The council is encouraging all residences to sign the petition and show your support.

Garbage Collection Fee

A compromise has been reached between NORPEN (the Town's garbage collection service provider) and the Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm. When tax bills for 2013 were sent to property owners, you were informed to expect to receive a separate bill from NORPEN for garbage collection. (Unlike previous years when it was included in the town taxes) Individuals who have paid their taxes in full for 2013 have received a \$90 credit or a credit of \$ 47.50, depending if the property is a house or an apartment, on their tax bill from the town. It has now been agreed the Town will collect that garbage collection fee for 2013 and here on. Property owners will receive a bill from the Town for that service in the amount of \$100 or \$ 57.50 depending on the type of residence within the next couple of days. This bill is due upon receipt to the Town. The fee being charged has increased from 2012 and is determined by NORPEN. Any questions about service, hours of operation at the site etc can be directed to NORPEN at 454-3110.



Recycle My Cell



The Town Council is taking the initiative to become more environmentally friendly by taking part in the recycle my cell recycling program. The Town will be hosting a drop off location at the Green Moose Interpretation Centre as an easy way for individuals to recycle old and unwanted cell phones, Smartphone and accessories (rechargeable cell phone batteries, chargers etc.). If you wish to recycle your old or unwanted electrical device as listed, it can be dropped off at the Town office anytime during regular business hours, Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Excluding lunch hour from 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

Water and Sewer Collection Policy

PURPOSE

To state the Town's policy on discontinuance of water service due to unpaid accounts.

POLICY STATEMENT

Shut-off notices to unpaid accounts will be issued each year not later than 30 June by the office.

Copies of shut-off notices will be forwarded by the office to the Town Superintendent indicating the accounts that remain unpaid as of 31 July.

Within one week of 31 July, letters will be forwarded by the office to the unpaid accounts advising them that services will be disconnected if not paid within five days.

Following the expiration of five days, a listing of the outstanding accounts will be sent to the Superintendent by the office with instructions to proceed with shut-offs at the earliest possible date.

The office will advise the Superintendent on a daily basis the accounts that have been paid following final notice to properly facilitate the shut-offs.

The accounts that remain unpaid should be reviewed periodically by the Superintendent to ensure that the services have not been connected by the owners.

These instances should be reported and appropriate actions taken immediately.

REFERENCE

Approved: February 21, 2013

Disaster Preparedness

A disaster can happen anytime but with winter just around the corner take some time to prepare for those winter storms. Be Ready.

Emergency Numbers:

Fire Department 457-2333

RCMP 457-2468

Hospital Emergency 457-3344

Health Line 888-709-2929

Town Office 457-2413

A list of items to help you prepare for a disaster:

Store a three day supply of water, food, and clothing for each person, including supplies for family pets. Replace food and water annually.

Two litres of drinking water per person/day

Prescription medications,

glasses/contact lenses and supplies

Flashlight and batteries

Non-perishable canned and dried foods

Personal hygiene items

Cash

Can opener and disposable plates and utensils

First aid supplies

Car and house keys

Battery-operated radio

Copies of essential family documents

Change of clothing and footwear per person



Happy Birthday!

Happy Belated Birthday to Deputy Mayor Trevor Blanchard who celebrated September 9th.

For more information visit www.redcross.ca



Front Row (l-r) - Deputy Mayor Trevor Blanchard, Mayor Sheila Fitzgerald

Back Row (l-r) - Councillor Lynn Ellsworth, Councillor Marlene Randell, Councillor Michelle Lidstone, Councillor Tony Kearney, Councillor Dennis Randell, Town Manager Paula Snook-Randell, Superintendent of Works Grant Hancock, Town Clerk Denise Adams

Missing from Photo - Part Time Town Clerk Eunice Fillier

Safety at Night

A reminder to residents, when walking at night wear reflective or brightly colored clothing. It can be difficult for drivers to see someone walking along the road, especially in dark areas. Wearing bright clothing will provide more visibility and can help prevent accidents.



Walk on the side of the road opposing traffic.

Carry a flashlight when walking. A flashlight can help provide visibility in dark areas.



‘Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer.’

Allen Klein

Roddickton-Bide Arm Recreation Committee Needs You!



Do like to socialize, meeting new people, and have sometime you can give to a worthwhile cause? Then the Roddickton-Bide Arm Recreation Committee is looking for you as a volunteer. This committee will be year round and will help facilitate recreational activities in our community. Programs cannot run without the help of dedicated Volunteers.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If you are interested in volunteering on the committee or are available to volunteer occasionally, call the Town Office, 457-2413 for details.