

Roddickton-Bide Arm Community Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Volunteers are the unsung community heroes who are willing to share their time, talents and energy to help make a project, event, program or day run smoother. Like pillars or rocks - Volunteers are the bedrock that form the foundation in our community. The action of a volunteer is like a stone thrown in a lake: its effect has a direct impact, while at the same time, like ripples, the efforts of volunteers reach out far and wide to improve communities.

People volunteer for many different reasons by providing support, skills, talents and abilities thus giving new hope, strength, and learning. It's not that volunteers have more time to make a difference in the world around them - It is because volunteers have more heart!

This year April 12th - 18th was declared Volunteer Week in Newfoundland and Labrador. Volunteer week is a time set aside each year to celebrate the tremendous contributions made by thousands of people throughout the province who give freely of their time to make our communities a better place to live. This year's theme was entitled "the many faces of volunteering." The theme highlighted the diversity of people who volunteer in our communities and the many ways that they get involved.

The Roddickton-Bide Arm Town Council also recognizes the importance of volunteers and hosted an Appreciation Supper on April 5, 2015 to show appreciation for all volunteers in our community. There were approximately 50 volunteers in attendance at the event. Undoubtedly there are many others in our Town who could not attend but were also deserving of recognition and appreciation.

All volunteers in attendance were presented with a Volunteer Appreciation certificate. Rhonda Martin received the "Volunteer of the Year" award in memory of Mike Acker for her countless hours and dedication as co-chair of the Recreation Committee. A special thank-you was also extended to many youth who also volunteered over the winter at the arena coaching the children's skating and hockey programs.

While we took the opportunity to celebrate our volunteers we also encouraged others to get involve and to do their part no matter how big or small. Regardless of its size or impact, whether you help one person or one thousand, your work and contributions are important because together we are all making a difference!

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Mayor Sheila Fitzgerald
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Lynn Ellsworth
Michelle Lidstone
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Office Hours
Monday to Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 Noon
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



MCW

The Town successful received \$829,600 Municipal Capital Works funding to repair three lift stations. This project will be going to tender soon. The project is expected to be completed before the end of 2015.

JCP

Two applications have been submitted under the Job Creation Partnership program. This program is designed to create jobs that will provide unemployed, EI eligible participants with opportunities to gain meaningful work experience. At the same time, the program also provides opportunity to complete much needed work to enhance communities. If successful, the Town will one, complete repairs and renovations to the swimming pool and two, hire a Recreation Coordinator. It will be May or June before the Town is aware of funding approved.

Student Employment

The town is now accepting resumes from students for summer employment under the Canada Summer Jobs program. Students will be paid \$10.25 per hour at 35 hours per week for 7 weeks. Students must :

1. Be between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
2. Was registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year;
3. Intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year;
4. Is a student in a secondary (high school), post-secondary, vocational or technical program;
5. Is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and; Is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial / territorial legislation and regulations.

Please submit your resume by **May 8, 2015** either: In person at the Town Council Office, Fax: 709-457-2663, email: roddickton@nf.aibn.com, or by mail to: Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm P.O. Box 10 Roddickton, NL A0K 4P0.

Message from the Roddickton-Bide Arm Fire Dept.

With the weather warming up, everyone is wanting to shake off winter with a BBQ. You need to make sure your equipment is working properly. Check the propane hoses for breaks and cracks and the burner for rust that has eaten through. Be sure that the BBQ is away from anything that may catch fire. When you first light the barbeque, don't walk away. Make sure that it is burning properly and there are no leaks. Be safe and enjoy!





Coalition of Persons with Disabilities

Newfoundland and Labrador

The mandate of the Coalition of Person with disabilities is

1. Promoting the Inclusion of persons with disabilities through public education and awareness;
2. Influencing change at all government levels to ensure full citizenship for all persons with disabilities; and
3. Networking with others to influence change.

COD-NL's main role is information, education and awareness. It strives to involve its members and all persons with disabilities in its objective of influencing change and policy at all levels of government.

The Coalition has developed a "Prep Kit" that individuals can pick up from the Town office. The "Prep Kit" contains a form be completed by the individual with important information. It can then be placed on the fridge to allow emergency responders or family/friends with easy access to information in the case of emergency. The form includes information such as allergies, emergency contact numbers, blood type, medications taken, and items needed in case of an evacuation such as oxygen, wheelchair, hearing aids etc.

For more information about the Coalition of Person with Disabilities you can call 722-7011 or check their website at www.codnl.ca.

Permits for Renovations, Extensions and New Structures

Residents are reminded before any renovations begin you are required to have a permit from the Town. Permits vary in price from \$10 - \$15 depending on the scope of the project.

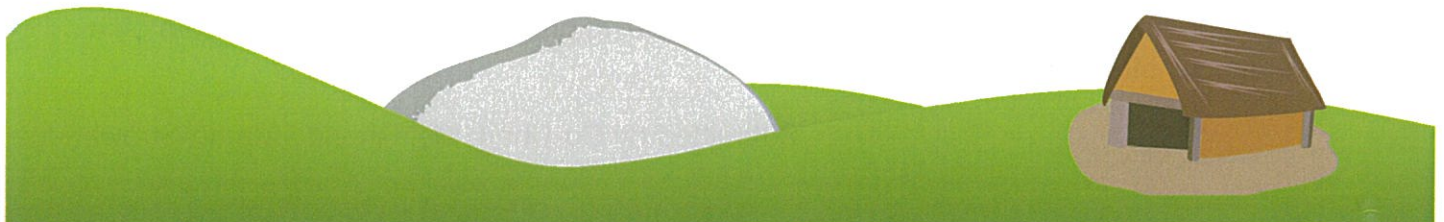
Business Permits

All new businesses or any change in scope of a current business requires a business permit from the Town at a cost of \$50.



STUDDED TIRES

According to Service NL regulations, studded tires are not permitted on vehicles from May 1 to October 31 of each year.



Recreation Round-Up

The Roddickton-Bide Arm Recreation Committee has had a very busy winter season. As we gear up for summer, we are actively seeking new members to join our committee. If you are interested in volunteering, please let one of the committee members know and the next meeting date will be shared with you!

Arena

The Arena opened the first week in January providing all ages with the opportunity to avail of our winter offerings. Programs offered included Canskate, Figure Skating, Kids/Youth Hockey, and Adult Hockey. These programs were offered twice a week with good participation rates. On January 31st, we were entertained by a Figure Skating Ice Show followed by a 4 on 4 hockey tournament. There were 11 figure skaters and 34 hockey players involved in this event. It was a great show for spectators of all ages! The second 4 on 4 youth hockey tournament took place on March 20th with 40 of our youth participating in a great night of exercise! Thanks to the Calvary Pentecostal Women's Group for donating the food items and working in the canteen during this event. The children of our area would not be able to participate in these events without our dedicated volunteer coaches. A big THANK YOU goes out to Shane Caines, Danny Simms, Dean Blanchard, Robert Parris, Chris Doctor, Andrew Kearney, Andrew Brown, Zach Parris, Riley Colbourne, Hillary Randell, Tonya Pittman, Amelia Blanchard, Julianna Humby, Jillian Lahey, Aaron Aikens, and Elizabeth Hillier for helping our youth develop their skating and hockey skills. We would also like to thank all who volunteered in the canteen and cleaned the ice; sometimes at a moment's notice! Jessica Jenkins was hired on as a student worker for the Recreation Committee this winter. Thank you so much Jessica for all your work!

Valentine's Day Dance

On Saturday, February 14th the Recreation Committee held an adult dance at the Gerry Byrne room. Live music was provided by Mitchell Hunt. Food service was also available. Although attendance numbers were low, those who did attend had a great time! We would like to thank all who volunteered their time on the door and in the kitchen for this event.

Snowmobile Races

On February 28th the second annual King of the Clouds snowmobile races were held. Although the temperatures were frigid, many people gathered at ice level eager to see the races. This year racers travelled from Corner Brook, Stephenville, Port au Port, and Flowers Cove to compete against our own hometown favourites in 11 race categories. At the end of the day, Jamie King of Corner Brook, was crowned King of the Clouds! Thank you to Corwin Clements, Barry Randell, and their crew for organizing the races. Also, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up and provide canteen services in the bitter cold. As well, thanks to everyone who supported this event with donations of food.

Get Moving Program

This year we were able to offer the Get Moving Program for the first time. The program was subsidized by the Provincial Health and Wellness Grant. April Canning was hired to run this program for the youth of our area. This program ran for 11 weeks with classes being offered in healthy cooking and physical activity. Our children engaged in outdoor activities and other special events such as dances, arts and crafts, and movie nights. It was great seeing programs offered to our youth on a regular basis directly after school!

Submitted by Co-Chair: Ms. Rhonda Martin-Strowbridge

Harbour Authority

The Community Enhancement Employment Program ended January 30, 2015. Three floating docks were built. Thank you to everyone who were employed under this project. The Harbour Authority is a committee dedicated to advocating for the needs of boat owners. If you have are interest in joining the Harbour Authority Committee, contact Committee Chair, Rene Cassell.

911 Emergency Service

In early March, Newfoundland and Labrador launched province-wide 911 service for the first time. Previously, only 40% of residences in the province could call 911 in the event of an emergency. What does that mean to you? Residence can now call 911 in an emergency via landline or wireless telephone, where cellular service is available. The 911 service is in addition to local emergency numbers which you can still call in an event of emergency.

Fire Dept. 457-2333

Hospital 457-3344

RCMP 457-2468



The 911 service does come at a cost. A charge of 75 cents per phone line plus HST will be charged on your phone bill per month. Mobile telephone lines are also subject to this 75 cent fee.

This system is a “Basic 911” call in emergency service. The next step is the “Next Generation” which will incorporate Enhanced 911 services. This will, in the future, allow for text messages and video sharing.

Overdue Town Taxes

Town taxes are due when the bill is sent out. After the April 30th discount date, interest will be applied to all unpaid balances. For unpaid accounts, shut-off notices will be issued not later than June 30th by the office. Within one week of July 31st, letters will be forwarded by the office to the unpaid accounts advising that services will be disconnected if account is not paid in full within five days. Following the expiration of five days, the Town will then proceed with shutting off water. There is a fee \$ 100 to have water turned back on once the account is paid in full.

Town Clerk

The Town would like to welcome Ms. Tracey Stacey to the position of Town Clerk. She brings with her many years of experience in payroll and business. She currently resides in Bide Arm. Tracey will be happy to answer any of your tax bill questions.



Welcome aboard Tracey!



Spring Clean Up

What's Accepted

- Mattresses
- Sofas, chairs, furniture
- Bathroom fixtures
- Carpet tied in rolls (less than 6 ft., less than 50 pounds)
- Tree limbs tied in bundles (less than 6 ft., less than 50 pounds)
- Glass, securely packaged and marked
- Other bulk items normally associated with a household

June 3 and June 10 - Roddickton
June 4 and June 11 - Bide Arm

What's Not Accepted

- Brick
- Concrete
- Electronics
- Vehicle parts
- Earthen materials including stumps and large trees
- Roof shingles and construction materials
- Tires
- Liquids
- Regular household garbage
- White goods
- Hazardous waste like paint, chemicals, etc.



Things to Remember

Place your items at the curb or side of the road the day of your scheduled pick-up.

Please note: Tree limbs, carpet, wood and similar objects should be cut into pieces a maximum of 6 feet long, and up to 22.5 kilograms (50 pounds). Glass must be removed from windows, doors, etc., taped or broken and put in a box clearly labeled "sharp objects" All loose items must be boxed. No scattered items please.

Items must be at curbside no later than 8 a.m. on collection day. No items can be put out after the second scheduled collection day as it will not be picked. For more information contact Norpen at 454-3110.

Do you have any suggestions for the Roddickton-Bide Arm Newsletter?

Are you interested in advertising a public event taking place in the Town newsletter?

Email suggestions and/or event details to roddickton@nf.aibn.com.

