

# The Municipality of the District of Shelburne

## Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2011



The Council of the Municipality of Shelburne offers congratulations to Irving Shipbuilding for being awarded the largest component of the National Shipbuilding Strategy. The Municipality looks forward to working with Irving to ensure the Shelburne Ship Repair facility is ready to handle any new work that this contract creates.

The announcement is valued at \$28 billion and the program is estimated to create 15,000 jobs. The Irving facility in Shelburne just reopened only a few weeks ago after a \$24 million expansion and upgrade.

The Municipality of Shelburne has been pleased to support Irving in the bid process and we have worked with the Government of Nova Scotia as a full partner in their Ships Start Here campaign. Throughout this bid process, we have touted the skills and commitment of the Shelburne Ship Repair workforce. We know the facility has a world class workforce and will help the Irving team fulfill its commitments in this contract.

The expansion of Shelburne Ship Repair will help lead other new economic development opportunities in the coming months as our municipality grows and creates jobs.

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### Warden's Message

Hope springs eternal. Jobs are coming and all that good employment means. We have had huge investments locally from the Nova Scotia government and Irving Shipbuilding and with the recent award to them of the Ships Start Here contract. We have sizable municipal infrastructure investments and initiatives planned. We also have Cooke Aquaculture seeking licensing permission to begin their investment in the area. We now have these realizable hopes (among others) to have a robust economy that will provide jobs to our youth and friends. This vibrant local economy will support the services and small businesses a community needs. Economic security brings hope, optimism and a good quality of life for the community.

We are becoming a community with confidence in ourselves and opportunities for many. However, development has its challenges. Under the current conditions and financial constraints we still see positive developments in the municipality with respect to economic development, renewable energy investment, health care facility renovation, health care professional recruitment, emergency room availability, public transportation and housing options for seniors. All of this goes to making a proud, happy, secure and sustainable community.

The glass is half full and filling. Let us count our blessings when many other municipalities are facing difficulties. We are better off today than yesterday. Let's continue our work to see these hopes and dreams come to fruition. I hope you enjoy what we have and hope to establish in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.



### Lest We Forget



Remembrance Day  
Friday, November 11, 2011

Shelburne Service— 11:00 am @ Shelburne Legion

Lockeport Service— 11:00 am @ Baptist Church

The Municipal Administration Office will be closed for Remembrance Day.

**We would like to wish  
all our lobster fishers and families  
a safe and prosperous season**



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## NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Sou'West Nova Transit

Sou'West Nova Transit is a community based, non-profit, rural transportation society. It was established by local residents to provide low cost, door to door, affordable transportation on a dial-a-ride model.

It is aimed specifically at residents of Shelburne County who are elderly, economically disadvantaged and who have mobility and medical problems. Beginning of operations will be on or about November 1, 2011; but the transport operations start date will be determined at a later time.



Sou'West Nova Transit will establish the program by recruiting, training and scheduling volunteer drivers operating their own vehicles that meet eligibility requirements. These drivers will not be paid wages or salaries, but will receive reimbursement for fuel and meals.

To find out more information and/or volunteer, please contact David at 656-3010 or by email at [david.meyer@eastlink.ca](mailto:david.meyer@eastlink.ca).

### Dog Registration

All residents must register their dog(s). The fee is \$10 each, for the life of the dog.

Registered dogs are easier to return home if lost, hurt or found running at large.

Please register your dog for its safety and well-being.



**Food Bank Donations** are needed and everyone can help by dropping a few items in the food bank box at your local Sobeys. Popular items include canned meats, soups, stews, vegetables, milk and pasta sauces as well as juice, peanut butter, eggs, cheese and kraft dinner. Everything is appreciated!

The mission of the food bank is to provide for those who need our services, in a spirit of both compassion and practicality... maintaining the dignity and confidentiality of each client; and good will amongst the volunteers who serve, on average, some eighty plus homes per month.

**Shelburne & Area**— Regular hours are Wednesdays 9:30 am-12:00 pm located at the Anglican Church Hall on Ann Street, Shelburne. 875-2192.

**Lockeport & Area**—(servicing the 656 exchange) Contact Carrie MacLeod 656-2591 for drop-off or donations. Regular hours are the 3rd Tuesday of each month 12:30-1:30 pm at the Lockeport Baptist Church.

### HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (HCPSSP)

This program is a partnership between Roseway Hospital/South West Health, the Municipalities, Roseway Hospital Foundation and Roseway Hospital Auxiliary to support students in pursuing education in health professions.

Financial assistance will be made available to chosen eligible students who are pursuing education in a health care field for which there has been an identified recruitment need.

For more information contact:

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South West Health  
60 Vancouver Street  
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Did you know...

You can dial 811 to speak to a Registered Nurse. The Nurse Line is open 24/7 or you can visit [811.novascotia.ca](http://811.novascotia.ca)

### COUNCILLORS

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### BY-LAWS

We are currently updating our by-laws. Please check our website often for details on the following:

- Land Use By-Law and Municipal Planning Strategy related to Wind Turbines
- Solid Waste Management By-Law
- Dogs By-Law

The Tourism Interpretive Sites are located in the following Communities within each of the Districts:

**District # 1** - At the beginning of the Quinn's Falls Road in Clyde River, within sight of Hwy 103 and under the shade of a majestic oak tree.

**District # 2** - In Gunning Cove, overlooking the Cove and Shelburne Harbour, the working Government Wharf and Fort Point Fisheries.

**District # 3** - In Sandy Point at the Lighthouse Park and Community Centre, overlooking Shelburne Harbour.

**District # 4** - In Upper Ohio, overlooking Philip and Jones Lakes.

**District # 5** - At Hayden's Road in Jordan Falls, at the trail head for the Jordan River Trail.

**District # 6** - In West Green Harbour, overlooking the harbour and the working wharf.

**District # 7** - In the Dept of Natural Resources Picnic Park in Sable River, just off Hwy 103 and Hwy 3.

## INVESTING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE

The seven Tourism Interpretive Sites and Bridge Repair on the Tom Tigney Trail in Sable River has been three years in the making.

When the folks of Sable River talk about "going around the river", they mean that they are walking from the east side of the community to the west side, along the Tom Tigney Trail, across the former CN rail bridge, over the Sable River. Residents have been "going around the river" for the past 100 years. The east and west abutments required extensive cement repair work to ensure the future use of the bridge and the Tom Tigney Trail.

There are many scenic sites within the Municipality of the District of Shelburne; an interpretive site was chosen in each of the seven districts to offer the visitor a peak into the rich history and culture of the people of this municipal, rural area.

Site development includes access to the site, a parking area, landscaping to position a three source separation unit for solid waste, installation of a covered picnic table and interpretive signage. The signage will include pictures and facts of historic significance regarding each local community; information on birds and plants common to each area as well as the view and natural amenities at each site.

All three levels of government contributed to this investment. The Municipality of Shelburne contributed \$52,000; our funding partners contributed as follows: ACOA - \$85,200; the NS Dept of Economic & Rural Development & Tourism - \$34,515; the NS Dept of Health & Wellness - \$30,000; the NS Dept of Seniors - \$5,000; and the Resource Recovery Fund Board - Region 6 Waste Diversion - \$2,975 for a grand total of \$209,690.



2011 Terry Fox Run Participants



2011 Sable River Family Fun Run Participants

**Kids in Motion** is an after school program being offered in a variety of ways through several Recreation Departments in our area. The Municipality would also like to provide this **FREE** programming & will be offering Power Skating & an Introduction to Speed Skating at the Shelburne County Arena for children in grades 4 – 6. To make this program accessible to all Municipal residents, we will be providing **FREE** busing from Lockeport Elementary School & a supervised walk from Hillcrest Academy. It will be offered in two 8 week sessions on Friday afternoons. Each session will accommodate 30 skaters (15/school). A great way for your kids to be active, have fun & learn a new skill or maybe just improve their skating. Give it a try! More details & registration forms will be coming soon. Funding for this program is through a partnership between TCR School Board, NS Dept of Health & Wellness and MDS. Have questions?...call Michelle 875-3544 ext. 229.

### Sable River Community Garden

It's amazing what happens when you put little seeds into the earth!

Pumpkins and squash have been highly successful in the garden. The group from the Beech Street Studio will have pumpkins for many purposes. They also have big plans for next year's planting and for using fresh produce in their cafe.

Our tomatoes are plentiful, but slow to ripen. Garlic will be bedded down and left to over-winter in the ground. The O2 group have potatoes yet to be dug. Other small plantings have produced beans, broccoli, rapinni, celery, corn, cucumbers, chard, radishes... all being shared by families and friends.

We learned that vine crops like to climb on the nets that keep out the deer. We learned that sharing the work of weeding and watering requires much planning and organizing, but mostly we learned that vegetables are easy to grow and highly productive.

Shelburne County Women's Fishnet has received a grant to develop, manage and promote the garden next year. We look forward to more home-grown produce, and the learning and fun that are part of this wonderful hobby.

Recreation

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## Sustainable Development in MDS

With fall upon us, we are working hard at the new **Sandy Point Sewage Treatment Plant** to complete construction. If the weather is on our side, we hope that the new plant will be operational early in 2012. The plant is located at 507 Sandy Point Road.

An open house was held during the Whirligig Festival and the Harvest Fair to talk about **Coastal Management**. We have been doing outreach and talking with our residents about their experiences living on the coast and their point of view on long term management of our coastline in terms of development and adaptation to climate change. We're just wrapping up the first round of public engagement, so thanks to everyone who shared their stories and experiences living on our coast. For more information and an interactive map showing pictures and interviews from residents along the coast, please visit our website and click on Coastal Management Strategy from the left side menu. If you'd like to contribute photos or a story to this map, please contact me.



We are also completing some preliminary work to explore the option of installing a small wind turbine at the new Sandy Point Sewage Treatment Plant under the **Nova Scotia Community Feed-In Tariff program**. This program provides long-term, fixed price contracts for electricity generation by eligible community groups, including municipalities.

Finally, we are starting work on the implementation of the **Eastern Shelburne County Energy Strategy**. We are working on developing partnerships in the community for some of the implementation activities. Recently, we held an information session on Energy Efficiency, and we hope to host more community events in the coming months. For information on energy efficiency opportunities, please visit [www.energycyns.ca](http://www.energycyns.ca). And if you are interested in tracking and reducing your energy use, there is a great new website available designed just for Nova Scotians! Challenge your friends...save money...reduce your carbon footprint - visit [www.nse2challenge.ca](http://www.nse2challenge.ca).

Please contact Emily any time for more information on any of these projects or on how the ICSP is being implemented. Her office has moved back to the Municipal Administration Building, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Please call or email for an appointment - [etipton@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:etipton@municipalityofshelburne.ca).

### Be Sure to Post Your Civic Number Correctly

Civic numbers shall be:

- easily identified and legible;
- a minimum height of four inches on all residential properties;
- a minimum of thirty six inches above grade from the bottom of the numbers;
- either composed of highly reflective material or be effectively illuminated during hours of darkness;
- displayed on the same side of a public street or a private road as the property is located and is visible from either direction;
- displayed in a location which is not obstructed from view.
- displayed in a horizontal orientation.



**Did you know...**  
It is illegal to construct or demolish any structure without a permit

### **Why do I need a Building Demolition Permit?**

- Building Permits provide the means for Building Officials to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the building occupants.
- You have a major investment in the home or business you are about to build or remodel. When that home or business does not comply with the codes and regulations, the value of your investment may be reduced. Applying for a permit ensures the National Building Code and Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations are met.
- Most mortgage and insurance companies ask for the occupancy permit or letter of completion before they release the mortgage or insure the building. **Inspections are for your Protection.**

**Wood Burning Safety Tip-** The most dangerous wood stove installations are makeshift installations by untrained people. Installing a wood stove may seem simple; it isn't. A safe installation calls for a lot of specialized knowledge.

A wood stove must have a proper brick or metal chimney — never try to vent a wood stove out a window using single-wall flue pipes. Make sure the inside of the chimney flue is clear and smooth.

The flue pipes that connect the stove to the chimney are often the weak link. Every joint in the flue pipe assembly **must** be fastened with three sheet metal screws to prevent it from falling down as it heats. Flue pipes must be at least 450 mm (18 in.) away from combustible materials like wood furniture and drywall. The stove should be at least 125 cm (48 in.) away from combustible materials.

## Celebrate with LED Lights

Nova Scotia Power is helping to make your spirits bright, while you save energy and money. Take advantage of the LED holiday light exchange program taking place at the following locations:



### Sandy Point –

Sandy Point Lighthouse Community Center – 1586 Sandy Point Road  
November 19, 2011 @ 8 pm

### Shelburne –

Shelburne Town Office – next to 168 Water Street  
November 25, 2011 @ 6:30 pm

### Jordan Falls -

I.O.O.F. Community Hall - 64 Lower Jordan Road, Jordan Branch  
November 28, 2011 @ 7 pm

### Lockeport –

Town of Lockeport, Town Square – 57 Hall Street  
December 1, 2011 @ 6pm

### Ohio –

Lower Ohio Community Hall – 1581 Hwy 203, Lower Ohio  
December 3, 2011 @ 1pm

Middle/Upper Ohio Fire Dept. – 4002 Hwy 203, Middle Ohio  
December 11, 2011 @ 7 pm

### **How does it work?**

- Bring two strings of old traditional holiday lights (indoor or outdoor) to any event listed above, and
- Get one 35 bulb multi-colour string of LED holiday lights in exchange
- Quantities are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. One LED set per person.

## NOTICE TO ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

A monetary incentive of \$100.00 per kilometer is being offered to any group taking part in the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Litter Clean-up Program to clean litter from the ditches and roadways within the Municipality of the District of Shelburne before March 31, 2012. A minimum of 1 km must be cleaned in order to qualify for this incentive. Bags, road signs and collection of waste will be provided by the Municipality.

For more information or to register, please contact Valeria Kean, Waste Diversion Coordinator at 875-5336 or email [vkean@municipalityofshelburne.ca](mailto:vkean@municipalityofshelburne.ca)

### *Did you know...*

*Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours.*

**Christmas Tree Collection will be January 17-27, 2012 on your regular garbage day.**



## **How your Residential Tax Dollars are Spent**

Costs imposed by other levels of government:

Education	\$ 0.24	
Police Protection	\$ 0.14	
Correction Services	\$ 0.02	
Assessment Services	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.43

Costs for which some other municipalities charge an area rate:

Fire Protection	\$ 0.13	
Street Lights	\$ 0.07	
Solid Waste and Building Insp	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.37

Other Basic Services:

Economic Development	\$ 0.05	
Recreation	\$ 0.06	
Grants to Organizations	\$ 0.06	
Regional Library	\$ 0.01	
Savings	\$ 0.02	
Governance	\$ 0.05	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 0.12	
Building Operation	\$ 0.03	
Debt Service	\$ 0.03	
General Administration	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.48

Residential rate for 2011-12 \$ 1.28

### Director of Finance

We would like to wish our Director of Finance, Dwayne Carey, the best of luck on his retirement starting October 28, 2011, and welcome Matt MacInnis to our team as the new Director of Finance.

Procedures have commenced for the next **TAX SALE** which is scheduled for mid February, 2012.



# Waste Diversion

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Finance Clerk

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# Emergency Management

Emergency Management Officer

Donald Bower

# Happy Holidays

Recently, a countywide debriefing session was held following the horrific fuel tanker fire that occurred near Clyde River. All emergency responder departments were represented from Shelburne County as well as Provincial and Federal government agencies. The intent of the meeting was to analyze what was done well and to identify what would benefit from further work and study. This is how your community is made a safer place, as emergency responders and managers learn how to deal with ever increasingly complex and dangerous incidents.

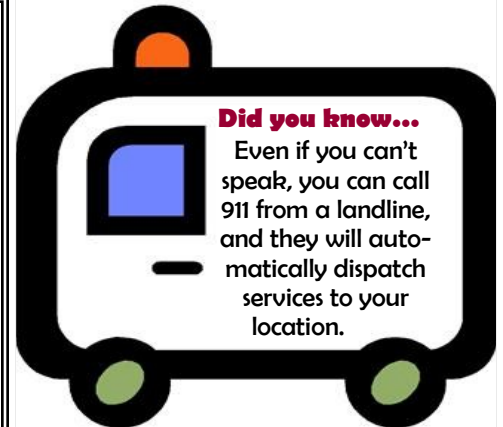
Concerns with respect to the environment are now almost as important as the emergency/disaster itself. For example, in the recent tanker fire the tough decision the emergency managers had to make was whether to let the fuel burn or attempt to put it out. A major component of that decision process was the amount of environmental damage that would occur as a result from that decision, along with responder safety considerations.

While emergency responders and public safety officials will do everything possible to maintain the public well-being, ultimately each individual must ensure that they and their dependants are appropriately cared for in an emergency. The reality is, that depending on the nature of the disaster, emergency responders simply may not be able to get to you for several days.

In Shelburne County, we have been incredibly fortunate with regard to the number of natural and manmade disasters. In fact, we have to go back quite a few years to recall an incident severe enough that it seriously impacted a large number of residents in the county. Given that, based on the best modeling available, we are way past due for a serious natural disaster - what then would the residents' individual responsibilities be? The list of things to do in an emergency is not very long and when combined with a good household plan, can go a long way to ensure that family and friends remain safe.

## Emergency Check List:

1. Have a household plan for what to do in a disaster - review it with your family twice a year - a good time is when you check your smoke detector when the time changes;
2. Pick up a copy of "72 Hours", the federal government publication, available from any municipal/town office. It tells you what to do and what to have prior to an emergency;
3. Make sure that at least one of your household telephones is a wired telephone (it will work in a power failure);
4. Have a battery powered /windup (AM/FM) radio that can tune to CKBW (93.1 MHz). They will be on air when commercial power is not available. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) from local municipal/town/EMO officials will be broadcast over that station;
5. Remove obvious threats from your property; overhanging branches or trees that could break due to wet snow load; shrub or brush or stored material that might be a fire hazard.



### Did you know...

Even if you can't speak, you can call 911 from a landline, and they will automatically dispatch services to your location.

Environment Canada says that this coming winter will be of average severity. Take care and have an enjoyable and safe winter.

## Holiday Office Hours

- The Municipal Administration Office will be closing for the holidays on Friday, December 23, 2011 at 12:00 noon and re-opening on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 9:00 am.
- The Regional Materials Recovery Facility, located in West Green Harbour, will be closing for the holidays on Saturday, December 24, 2011 at 12:00 noon and re-opening on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 9:00 am.
- Waste Collection will remain **unchanged** over the holidays.

## Ring in 2012 with us!

The 2012 New Years Levee will be held jointly with the Town of Shelburne on Sunday, January 1, 2012, at the Shelburne Community Centre located at #63 King Street, Shelburne.

Updated information will be available on both websites and the Town of Shelburne's community notice boards.

The Shelburne **Christmas Parade of Lights** will be held on Saturday, November 26th at 6:30 pm. Be sure to bundle up, come out and catch a glimpse of Santa.

*Enjoy a safe and happy holiday. Best wishes from the Warden, Council and Staff of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.*