

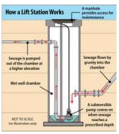
We have lots on the go!



Town Council Meetings: Regular Council meetings are held on the **first Tuesday** of every month and are open to the public. Residents can attend meetings but if you want to make a presentation or address the council you need to be added to the agenda ahead of time. Please call the office a few days in advance to get added. If you have any concerns or requests, etc. feel free to put it in writing to be added to the agenda and discussed at the meeting.



Town Taxes: The 2025 property taxes went out in the mail in January. If you did not receive your invoices, please contact the town office. The tax rates have remained the same except that the poll tax will no longer be charged. Previous years taxes still must be paid though. Taxes are due on June 30th unless you have a payment plan in place. If you don't have a payment plan in place by this date you will be charged 2% interest on all overdue accounts. **The early bird discount is being offered again this year. If your taxes are paid in full by June 30th you will get a 25% discount. If paid by September 30th you will get a lesser discount of 20%.** This only applies to taxes for the year 2025. This does not apply to any taxes owing from previous years. Please feel free to call the office for new totals before making out cheques or paying online to make sure you pay the correct amount. You can make payments by e-transfer, online banking, cash, cheques or credit/debit cards. We do have a debit machine.



Lift Stations: The town received funding from the Government to upgrade 5 of our lift stations. One was completed last year and the other 4 (2 on eastern point, one into Gargamelle Cove and one on Lavers Drive east) should be completed this year.



Sidewalks: The tenders for the sidewalks came in way over what the funding was approved for, so we had to go back and ask for an increase in funding in order to complete the proposed project. We have not heard anything back yet. If the extra funding is not approved, we can probably still get some sidewalks done, just not as much as we wanted. We will know more later.



Daycare: The \$10 a day daycare that is planned for the stadium is still a work in progress. Service NL has approved the building plans, and we have an incorporated board of directors. An application has been sent in for funding to do the repairs/upgrades. The quotes have come in overbudget as well but we will continue to work on this. This has been a slow process but there is still hope!



Affordable Housing: The Port au Choix Affordable Housing Committee has applied for and has been approved for \$1,475,000 to build 10 affordable housing units. The town is working with a consultant to get everything in place and like everything else this is a work in progress and takes time. The housing units will go up in the area where the new road was built. We will keep you updated on the progress, but this will probably involve a two-year plan.



New Fire Truck: As most of you know by now the Town has received approval and funding to purchase a new fire truck. The approval was based on an 80/20 cost basis with the town being responsible for over \$120,000 of that cost. The fire department agreed to pay 50% of the \$120,000 which they have already made, thanks to the great fundraising they have done. Thank you to the fire dept and all who supported their fundraising efforts.



Streetlights Out: If anyone notices any streetlights that are out or are not working properly you can contact the office, and we will contact Hydro to get them fixed. Like every other spring there are also many old telephone/internet lines that are hanging low or wrapped around poles. If you see any around your door, please call Bell or Eastlink to let them know. It would be great to get them all removed and cleaned up.



Dump hours: Dump hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 8pm – 5pm. It is closed on Sunday and Monday and every day for lunch from 12pm – 1 pm. There is no cost for residents to bring household garbage/furniture etc. to the landfill site. There is absolutely no need or excuse to dump garbage anywhere else! The town will also have a clean-up week as in other years.



Clean up Week: This year clean up week will be held from June 2nd – 6th. This is the time to clean up around your property, clear out those sheds and get rid of unwanted items. Normal garbage will still be picked up by Norpen on garbage day, but the town will pick up other items. Let's keep our town clean and tidy!



Cod Festival 2025: The Cod Festival is being planned for the weekend of July 11 -13. Mark your calendars. If your group or business would like to participate by having an event or meal etc. let us know so we can add it to the schedule. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call the office.



Community Garden: We have 35 beds in our garden plus we have bucket racks. They are assigned every year for a one-year term free of charge. Check out the Facebook page for more info. If you would like to add your name to the list, please call the office. Beds will be assigned in April. You can get the same bed as before if your name is picked again.



Street Address #s: Reminder: If you do not already have your civic address # posted on your property somewhere it is a good idea to do so. There are new paramedics and police officers here that do not know all the people in our area or the street addresses that they live on. If you call for help you have to give your civic address and if there are no numbers on your home, it makes it difficult for them to find you.



GNP Community Place: The town made an interest free loan to the GNP Community Place Board for the purchase of their building. We are happy to announce that the loan has now been repaid in full. Great work by the Board! We thank them for their commitment & dedication to our town. The GNP Community place and the services it offers are certainly a great asset to our town.



ATV Trail: The town is working with the Regional Council (ROP, HB, PS, & PAC) and ACOA to secure funding to develop a bike trail from Port au Choix to Hawkes Bay. More info will be shared when available.



Roaming Dogs: It's that time of year again when the weather warms up and the dogs love to run. The town does have by laws that state that all dogs must be tethered at all times. This means if you take your dog for a walk, keep him/her on a leash and do not allow your dog to run free. Not only can the animal get run over but not all people like dogs or want them on their properties. Some people are afraid of dogs. Please be respectful.

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