

Nova Scotia Municipal Elections 2016

In Nova Scotia, municipal and school board elections are held every four years on the third Saturday in October. The next election is on:

Saturday, October 15th from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Advance Poll dates are as follows:

Saturday, October 8th: 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm at the Hebron Baptist Church
Tuesday, October 11th: 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm at the Hebron Baptist Church

As usual, in municipal elections, notification cards will not be sent out advising residents of the polling station where they should vote. If you are not aware of which polling station you should go to, or for additional information about the election, please contact the municipal office by phone at **902-742-7159**. You can also send an email to either of the following email addresses:

Michael Durkee, Returning Officer RO@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Linda Power, Assistant Returning Officer linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca



You can also visit the Municipal Office at 932 Highway 1 in Hebron during regular business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit our website at: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

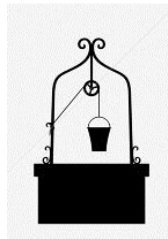
Residential Water Testing Nova Scotia Environment

Water for drinking, cooking and other domestic uses should be of good quality, that is, free from organisms that may cause disease and from chemical substances and radioactive matter that may pose a health risk. The water should be aesthetically appealing, which means that it should be free from objectionable color, odour, and taste. Other considerations such as corrosiveness, encrustation or excessive soap consumption due to hardness are also important in terms of public acceptance.

You, the homeowner, should have your water tested to determine its quality. Harmful bacteria or chemicals can be present in drinking water that tastes, looks, and smells acceptable. Some of the potential threats to groundwater quality in Nova Scotia include petroleum products, sea water intrusion, de-icing salt, sewage disposal systems, animal wastes, landfills, and pesticides.

For information on well disinfection procedures, well construction, water testing and water conservation and protection, please visit the Nova Scotia Environment website:

<http://novascotia.ca/nse/water/privatewells.asp>



Yarmouth Recreation Programs and Services

Yarmouth Recreation provides recreation programs and services to residents of the Municipality of Yarmouth and the Town of Yarmouth. We also have many indoor and outdoor facilities available to the public at very reasonable rates. The Lake Milo Aquatic Club, Rotary Centre, Hebron Recreation Complex and Broadbrook Park are all fine examples of our recreational infrastructure.

Please visit the Yarmouth Recreation website at: www.yarmouthrecreation.ca and "Like" our Facebook pages:

<http://www.facebook.com/YarmouthRecreation>
& <http://www.facebook.com/ActiveYarmouth>

Inquiries??

Phone: 902-742-8868 or email gail@district.yarmouth.ns.ca



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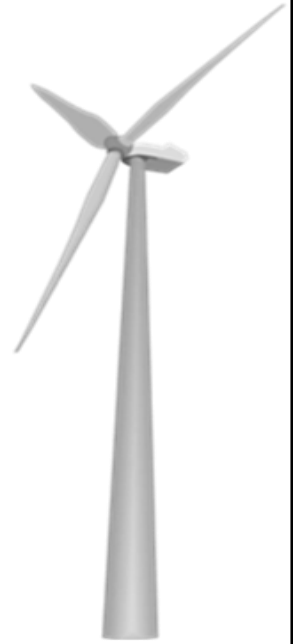
Check out and "like" our facebook page (Municipality of the District of Yarmouth) for public notices, grant and rebate notices, news on upcoming community events, meeting notices, employment opportunities and much more!

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GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE



SMALL SCALE COMMUNITY WIND TURBINE PROJECT (Rose Road - Wellington)



Project Update

- The turbines have been installed, tested and signed off by the manufacturer.
- The turbines were commissioned on Friday August 5th 2016.
- The manufacturers have witnessed the turbines generate power under given wind scenarios and have confirmed the turbines are operating correctly.
- On September 1st the Community Feed-In-Tariff (COM-FIT) rate of 0.499¢ / kilowatt hour (kWh) will begin. This community green energy project will then start to generate revenue based on this rate.
- The twenty year contract with NSPower will commence on Sept 1st 2016.
- The turbines have been operating successfully since the day they were connected.
- The project has been delivered on time and on budget.

Dog Tags

If you own a dog and you live within the Municipality of Yarmouth, you are required to register it. Dog tags can be purchased from the Municipal office in Hebron or from the Yarmouth SPCA on the Hardscratch Road. The 2016 annual dog tag fees are as follows:



Before May 1st:

Spayed or neutered \$10.00
Not spayed or neutered \$15.00

After May 1st:

Spayed or neutered \$12.50
Not spayed or neutered \$17.50

All information collected when registering your dog is added to a database. If your dog gets lost, this information could help reunite you with your lost pet. For more information, please contact the Municipal office at **902-742-7159**.

Welcome John Moses and Scott Sollows Public Works Assistants

Please join us in welcoming John Moses and Scott Sollows who have recently been hired as Public Works Assistants for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for delivering and maintaining a number of fundamental services to the residents of the municipality in their communities. These services are largely related to health and safety.

The Department of Public Works is located on the lower level of the municipal building, 932 Highway 1 in Hebron.



John Moses



Scott Sollows



Recycle My Cell Canada's Recycling Program for Mobile Devices and Accessories

Recycle My Cell is a free, convenient and easy-to-use way to recycle old and unwanted cell phones and accessories.

By entering your postal code at www.RecycleMyCell.ca you'll find the nearest locations where you can drop off your device - cell phones, smartphones, rechargeable cell phone batteries, pagers and accessories - regardless of brand or condition.

Phones and accessories are sent to certified processing facilities where they are triaged and evaluated for usability. Phones that meet specific functionality criteria are resold for reuse. Phones that do not meet these criteria are broken down and are managed responsibly by approved processors.

In addition to freeing yourself of old devices, you will help the environment. A small effort on your part can make a big difference. Whether reused or recycled, your old device stays out of the landfill!

Protecting Lakes and Water Quality - Riparian Buffers

Yarmouth County's lakes are an important natural resource and provide valuable recreational opportunities for fishing, cottagers and boaters. Unfortunately, some lakes in Yarmouth County are experiencing poor water quality conditions which seriously reduce their ecological health and restrict their recreation value. Restoring lakes back to health is very challenging and takes a long time. Maintaining and preserving our existing healthy lakes is very important and benefits everyone.

A natural lake shoreline includes vegetation with trees, bushes and plants. Plants provide a natural filter for waters that flow into the lake. Without natural filtering water entering the lake can contain contaminants which contribute to the deterioration of the water quality.

A number of factors contribute to the deterioration of water quality in lakes. One of the ways we can help maintain healthy lakes is to simply maintain the natural shoreline vegetation when building or developing land on lakes. Clearcutting all the trees and shrubs down to the water's edge and gravelling the lakeshore removes nature's natural filtering system, and allows contaminants to flow into the lake.

The Council recognized this, and included provisions for 'Riparian Buffers' in the Municipal Planning Documents in 2013. 'Riparian' means 'relating to the banks of a natural course of water'. The provisions involve not removing all of the natural vegetation on lakeshores, and providing for views of the lake, boat launches and swimming areas. Everyone who develops properties on lakeshores is encouraged to participate in the protection and preservation of the water quality in the lake by following these simple and effective provisions.

To find out more information on protecting lakes and water quality please contact the Development Office in the lower level of the Municipal Administration Building 932 Highway 1 in Hebron **902-742-9691**.

Spotlight on Local Business Web.com



A leading provider of Internet services, Web.com provides a full range of online marketing solutions to help small businesses complete and succeed online. As Yarmouth's largest private employer, Web.com has more than 275 employees in the Yarmouth area, 60% who are under the age of 40 and roughly half who have been with the company for more than five years. Positions range from sales technical support, custom website design and more!

Web.com's commitment goes beyond small business. Social responsibility and giving back to their community remains a top priority. Over the years Web.com has provided support for many events and activities. From the Yarmouth Mariners Hockey club to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, Web.com's community footprint continues to grow each year.

Recently, creating innovative opportunities for the residents of Yarmouth and surrounding areas has been at the forefront for Web.com. The One Journey program at NSCC offers guaranteed employment upon successful completion of a nine week training program. No previous experience is required. For more information, please call NSCC at **902-749-2407**.

Located at 52 RCOM Drive in the Yarmouth Municipal Business Park, Web.com is celebrating 15 years and is a proud member of the community!

2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships

November 14th - 19th, 2016
Mariners Centre, Yarmouth

The best mixed curling teams from across Canada will compete for the national title and the right to represent Canada in the World Championships.

Ticket Packages are now on Sale - visit the box office or purchase online at:

<http://mariners-centre.com/boxoffice>

Volunteers are needed!

Visit yarmouthcurlingclub.com for more information or contact Rick Allwright at **902-740-5251**.



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Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors Program, administered by Access Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a rebate (determined by the Provincial Government) on their municipal property taxes paid the previous year. Application deadline is December 31st.

For more information please contact:

Access Nova Scotia at 1-877-296-9338
or the Municipal Office in Hebron at
902-742-7159

or email: linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Streetlight Installation or Removal

The Municipality of Yarmouth has undertaken a streetlight conversion project which is currently complete. For information on the Street Lighting Policy or to make a request for streetlight installation or removal, please review the policy on our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING



Would you like to receive your tax bill or sewer bill electronically or just keep an eye on your account? To sign up and get started, please send an email to:

linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Yarmouth Joint Emergency Management Before the Storm -Tips for Personal Preparedness

- Arrange a meeting place or a way of communicating with family members who may be at work, school, or away from home when a storm hits.
- Make sure you have an Emergency Survival Kit with sufficient supply of food and water.
- Regularly inspect the trees in your yard and remove any damaged limbs to make them more wind resistant.
- Check the drainage around the house to reduce the possibility of flooding after a heavy rain.
- Secure lawn furniture, trash cans and anything else that can be picked up by wind and become a danger.
- Designate a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather if winds become extremely high.
- Make sure you are signed up for **CityWatch** so you can be notified of what to do and where you should go.

How to Register for CityWatch:

Go to <http://emovarmouth.com/emo> click on CityWatch and enter the information. You could also send an email with your name, mailing address, email address, landline or cell phone number and cell phone provider to emovar@ns.aliantzinc.ca or call 902-742-8558 and give the coordinator your information.

You can also mail your information to:

**City Watch Coordinator
Yarmouth Emergency Management
932 Highway 1, Hebron, NS B5A 5Z5**



What is the Home Warming Program and Who Can Apply?



The Home Warming Program offers a no-charge energy assessment and home upgrades to income-qualified homeowners. For homeowners who qualify, the Home Warming team will provide a comprehensive energy audit and will work with you to determine what energy efficiency upgrades will make the most sense for your home. The team will then take care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you.

You can apply for the Home Warming Program if:

- Your income is under the levels shown in the Income Qualification Chart below. (Based on Low Income Cut-offs before-tax figures set by Statistics Canada)
- You own a single unit home located in Nova Scotia and can provide proof of ownership
- You live in your home year-round, it is your current primary residence and you do not plan to sell it in the near future.

For more information on the Home Warming Program or to obtain an application form, please visit: www.homewarming.ca

Income Qualification Chart

Number of People Living in Your Home	Maximum Annual Household Income (Line 236 from your Tax Notice of Assessment)
1 person	\$21,186
2 to 4 people	\$39,367
5 or more people	\$56,064

Senior 50+ Expo

Yarmouth County 50+ Seniors Expo

When: Saturday, October 1st, 2016

**Where: Ecole secondaire de Par-en-Bas,
Tusket**

(The venue site is at the school in Tusket which is less than a minute from the Tusket exit)

The event and lunch are provided free to you!

Keynote Speaker: Lynette Amirault, Dietician

There will be various workshops on topics such as Alzheimer Disease, Scams and Fraud, Senior and Caregiver Stress Management, Dating / Healthy Relationships, History of Recorded Music, and Home Safety.

Exhibitors from local and provincial businesses, departments and organizations will also be there!

Please register by September 23rd, 2016

VON Office: 902-742-4512

Did You Know?

We can email our newsletters to you! This will allow you to click on each link and go directly to that webpage or email address. If you are interested in signing up, please email us at: admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca or call us at

902-742-7159 and we will add you to our mailing list.



Our newsletters are also available for viewing on our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca



Fall Clean-Up for residential properties within the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth will be undertaken during October, 2016. (As usual, standard dates being the first two Fridays and Saturdays in October.)

FALL CLEAN – UP COLLECTION DATES:

DATE OF CLEANUP

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS:

- Friday, October 7**
- Saturday, October 8**
- Friday, October 14**
- Saturday, October 15**

- Monday**
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday**

Solid waste placed for collection shall be separated, packaged, or bundled and shall not exceed a total of 70 kilograms (155 lbs) in weight or over 2.0 meters (6 ½ feet) in any dimension up to a maximum of 2 cubic meters (2 ½ cubic yards) in volume. Garbage must be placed in clear bags when bagging material.

DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF WASTE TO BE COLLECTED OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THE MUNICIPALITY OF YARMOUTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES.

Accepted Items	Items <u>Not</u> Accepted
<p>The following list of items will be picked up during our Fall Clean-Up. Items must be separated into various groups for ease of pick up and disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Oil tanks (must be cut in half) ▶ Mattresses rolled and tied ▶ Rugs/carpets (cut & rolled in manageable sizes) ▶ Swing sets and trampolines must be dismantled ▶ Basketball system poles must be dismantled or cut into maximum 6' lengths. Base must be removed. ▶ Hot water heaters ▶ Microwave ovens ▶ Household furniture ▶ Lawn mowers (drained of oil and gasoline) ▶ BBQ's ▶ Appliances and white goods <p><i>Refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed from the appliance. Only one major appliance per household from each group will be accepted for pick up i.e. one stove, one washer, one dryer, one hot water heater, etc.</i></p> <p>Tree limbs, brush (must be bundled in 3' lengths) <u>WILL</u> be accepted on <u>NORMAL</u> organic week pick ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <u>ALL construction/renovation/demolition debris and waste material (windows, plywood, wood products, etc.)</u> ▶ Explosives, combustibles or toxic materials ▶ Lobster traps ▶ Paints and solvents, liquid wastes. <i>(Most household waste paints & solvents can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot, 1932 Hardscratch Road for disposal).</i> ▶ <u>Refillable</u> propane tanks <i>(Can be dropped off at Home Hardware Building Centre Yarmouth or at the Hardscratch Road Transfer Station, Mon to Fri 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday 9 am to 3 pm).</i> ▶ Car bodies, batteries & heavy car parts ▶ Garden and yard waste <i>(goes in your organics green cart).</i> ▶ Waste oil <i>(May be dropped off at your local service station or at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot at the Transfer Station, 1932 Hardscratch Road).</i> ▶ Household hazardous wastes such as corrosive cleaners and solvents, strong acids and alkalis and house and garden pesticides <i>(Can be taken to the HHW depot, 1932 Hardscratch Road).</i> ▶ Electronics (computers, TV's, monitors, printers, telephones, VCR's, DVDS, stereos, digital cameras, etc.) <i>Can be taken to Paper Chase Bottle Exchange, 10 Hardscratch Road, Mon-Sat 8 am to 3:30 pm. Phone 742-9747. For a complete list visit: www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns or phone 1-877-462-8907</i>

*If you have any questions on the proper disposal of these items, recycling, or regular pick up, please contact **Waste Check** at (902) 742-1312 or toll free at 1-800-569-0039.*

Please ensure that clean-up waste is placed on property lines at the edge of the public roadway no later than 7:00 am on the day of the collection. As per By-Law S-088-02 "**materials for roadside collection shall be set out no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the special collection.**"

Property owners may choose to drop off separated waste at the transfer station located on the Hardscratch Road (limit of 200 kg/week) but must limit quantities per household, as indicated above, and place in clear bags.

Refrigerators and freezers that are 10 years and older, between 10 and 25 cubic feet and in working condition are eligible for pick up and rebates from Efficiency Nova Scotia. Non-working appliances do not use electricity, and therefore are not eligible for pick up. To schedule a pickup call **1-877-808-4549**. For more information on eligibility, pickup and recycling, please visit the Efficiency Nova Scotia website at www.efficiencyns.ca/

Before setting an item at curbside, consider REUSE options. A local service agency, your church group, or a second hand store, may provide a new home for an item you no longer want.

Municipality of Yarmouth - Residential Organics and Waste Collection

Residual garbage pickup
 Compostables pickup (green cart)

 Fall & Spring Cleanup (Standard dates: October and May).

Match your regular pickup day to the corresponding clean up day:

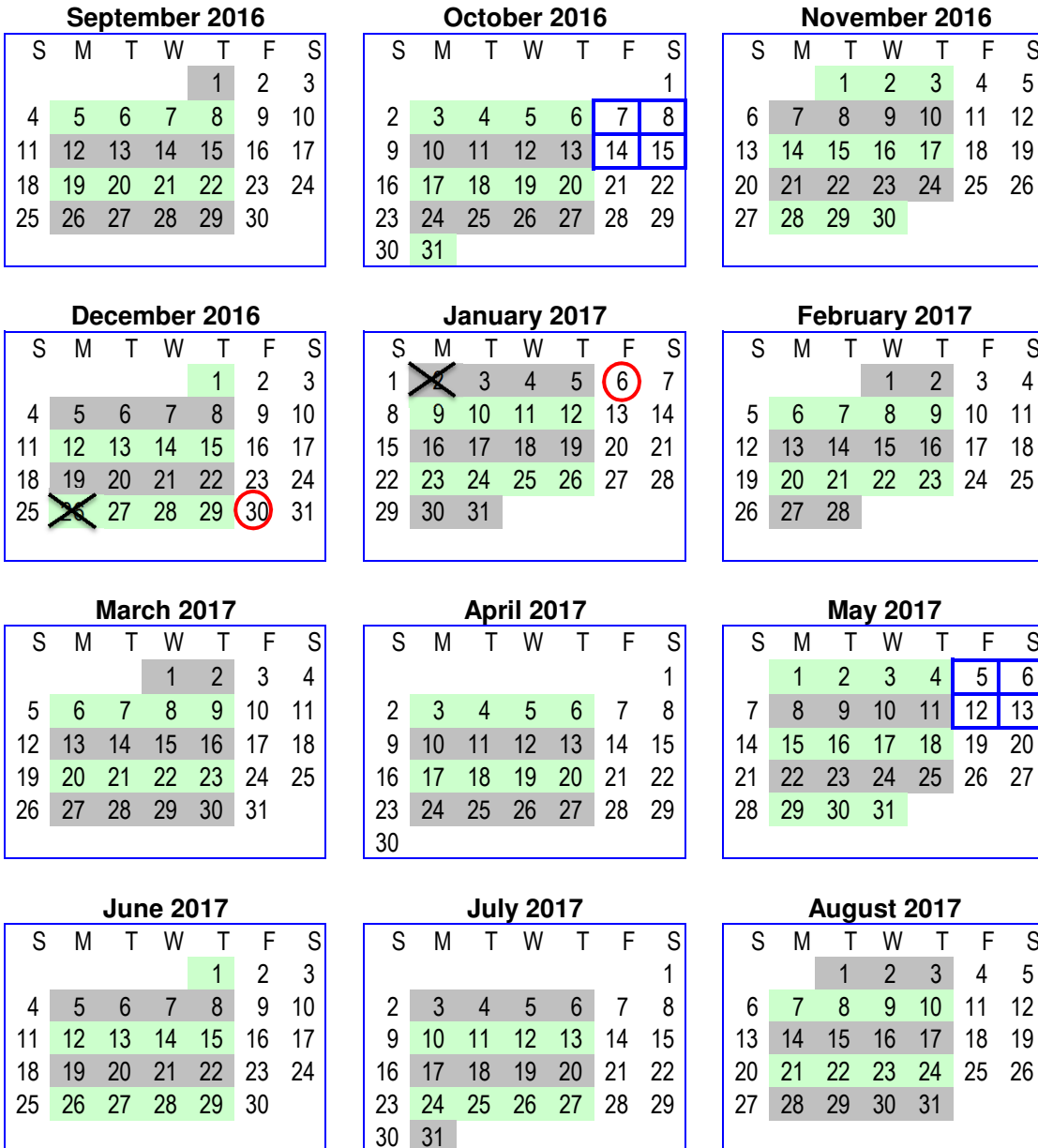
Monday - 1st Friday; Tuesday - 1st Saturday

Wednesday - 2nd Friday; Thursday - 2nd Saturday

Notes: 1. Recyclables (blue bag) pickup takes place every week on your pickup day.

○ 2. Pickup scheduled for Dec 26, 2016 will be collected on Dec 30, 2016.

○ 3. Pickup scheduled for Jan 2, 2017 will be collected on Jan 6, 2017.



This information is also available on the Municipality website: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca
 For inquiries re: solid waste call WasteCheck at 902-742-1312.