

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

(for Seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement or The Allowance)

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 forms are available in **July of each year** at Access Nova Scotia in the Provincial Building on Starrs Road as well as the Municipal Office in Hebron. The deadline to apply is December 31st of each year. 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



Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome Victoria Brooks Chief Administrative Officer

We are pleased to introduce Victoria Brooks who has recently joined the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth as Chief Administrative Officer, (CAO).



Victoria comes to us with a background of considerable municipal experience, having held the position of Deputy CAO with the Municipality of Digby. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Certificate in Local Authority Administration, and a National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration II; Municipal Governance. Most recently she has been working with the Western Regional Enterprise Network (WREN), the region's economic development agency. As lead for the WREN's BusinessNow program, Victoria delivered services and programs to businesses both

one-on-one and at a sector level. Victoria also spent 12 years in the private sector; in retail, light manufacturing, and international procurement capacities.

Warden Leland Anthony stated, "We are very pleased to welcome Victoria to the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth team. Her experience and skills will be a great asset to the work that lies ahead. Under her leadership and guidance, we look forward to the continued enhancement of the municipality."

Victoria Brooks commented, "Returning to municipal government has been a long-term goal. Excellence in serving the rate payers and residents of the Municipality of Yarmouth, along with council and staff, will be my priority."

We're Launching our New Website!

The new Municipality of Yarmouth website will be launched at the Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. You can view the meeting live on our facebook page (Municipality of the District of Yarmouth). Visit our new website for information on upcoming community events, municipal grant and bursary notices, information on tax rebates, employment opportunities, council and committee meetings and much more!

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E-Newsletters

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 call or email us and we will add you to our mailing list.

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Our newsletters are also available for viewing on our website:

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Email: admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Transportation & Infrastructural Renewal Operation Contact Centre

There's now a single point of contact when you need to report complaints or make inquiries to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Any day, any time, 24/7. The Operation Contact Centre can be reached at **1-844-696-7737** or by email: tir-occ@novascotia.ca

More information on Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal can be found on their website at:

<https://novascotia.ca/tran/>

Waste Check 'my-waste'TM mobile App Puts Garbage/Recycling Collection Information on Your Smartphone

Waste Check, the waste management authority for Yarmouth and Digby Counties, is pleased to announce that they launched a mobile App containing all the information people need to know, tailored specifically to their neighbourhoods, about their residential garbage and recycling services.

Called 'my-waste'TM, the app lets mobile device users download the full range of information normally on their website or in the collection schedule that Waste Check distributes. Now residents don't have to go hunting for the printed schedule or search pages on a website. Instead, by downloading 'my-waste'TM, residents can check details and set reminders for every collection type, find out exactly what to do with any item, access important local contacts and so much more!

Special features of the Waste Check 'my-waste'TM App include a "What Goes Where?" search function that lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a specific item. This also includes waste drop-off location information. Apartment residents can also access information about the programs that matter to them, plus tips on reducing and reusing in their buildings.

The Waste Check 'my-waste'TM App also includes a special "report-a-problem" function that allows residents to report waste-related problems like missed collections, illegal dumping, broken green carts, etc. The report-a-problem feature uses the smartphone's GPS positioning system and built in camera. Simply select the report-a-problem function, take a picture and the problem is automatically emailed to Waste Check.

The Waste Check 'my-waste'TM app is free. Residents can get it by going to <http://www.my-waste.mobi/NS-Wastecheck/>, then selecting the icon link either to the iPhone/iPad or Android App store, or they can search "my-waste" in their phone's version of an App store.

Once residents have downloaded the app, they can set it up to give them regular reminders for any of the collection programs. For example, they can set a reminder for the day that recycling is collected. Residents will also receive important and immediate alerts upon opening the app, such as cancelled collection due to weather.

This is a new way for Waste Check to connect with residents about their resource recovery and waste diversion programs. They'll be able to update the information on the App as necessary during the year, so it will always be current. Residents will never forget a collection day and that should lead to increased recycling rates. Everybody wins!

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program

Do you want to improve the energy efficiency of your home or install clean energy options, but don't think you can afford the work? Now you may be able to.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program allows Municipality of Yarmouth homeowners to install clean energy upgrades such as insulation, energy efficient windows and doors, as well as high efficiency heat pumps and solar panels, and have the up-front costs paid for by the Municipality. Residents will benefit from the PACE program by eliminating the large upfront cost of upgrades, and the ability to spread installment payments over a decade.

The PACE program is administered by highly qualified energy professionals at the Clean Foundation. Upon application, a Home Energy Assessment will be conducted to determine what upgrades a home is eligible for. They will also do an analysis to figure out how you can *save as much or even more* in energy and heating expenses than the cost of the retrofits.

The Municipality of Yarmouth is in the process of creating a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program by-law. Stay tuned for the official announcement!

Senior 50+ Expo

Yarmouth County Seniors 50+ Expo 2018

When: Saturday, September 29th, 2018

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

(The venue site is at the school in Tusket which is 10 minutes from Yarmouth)

There is opportunity to visit exhibits and attend workshops on topics such as:

- Practical tips to reduce falls in your home
 - Fun physical activity
- How to properly sort waste in your home
 - Financial wellness for seniors

Something New!!!

Come enjoy an amazing fashion show with history, music and dance from the 1950s!

The event and lunch are provided at **no cost to you** but we do require that you **register in advance**.

**Please pre-register by
Friday, September 21st, 2018
by contacting:**

Continuing Care (902)742-3542 Ext. 1925

Waste Check Tips for Using Your Green Cart

Green carts are crucial for reducing the amount of organic waste that gets sent to landfills, but they can create nasty smells, especially during the warm summer months. Below are tips on how to reduce odours, control flies, and increase cart cleanliness.

- Wrap food waste in paper products; newsprint, boxboard (i.e. cereal box), soiled paper towel, flour, sugar or potato bags.
- Place balled-up paper on the grate of the cart at the start of each new cycle.
- Keep the lid closed when not in use.

In the Summer

- Store the cart in a well ventilated, shady area.
- Put the green cart out for collection even if it's not full.
- Spread dish detergent around the lip of the cart. This will deter some insects.
- A layer of peat moss over materials in the cart will control flies.
- Lime sprinkled in the cart will kill maggots.
- Hose out the cart periodically.
- Use soap, baking soda or ammonia to clean it.
- Refrigerate or freeze very smelly items (i.e. seafood) until collection day.
- Clean out your fridge on day 12 or 13 of your collection cycle, not day 2!

In the Winter

- Wrapping food waste in paper products and using balled-up paper on the grate is very important to prevent material from freezing to the cart.
- In snowy conditions, set the cart about six feet from the roadside.
- Put vegetable oil on the sides of the inside of the cart. It will prevent items from sticking.

You're Invited! Seniors Lunch & Learn

Seniors Café LUNCH and LEARN Series South Ohio Community Centre 307 Lake George Road

- Free Lunch
- Door Prizes

Wednesday, Oct 3rd - 11:00 am - Continuing Care Program
Coordinator Cindy Goreham

Wednesday, Oct 10th - 11:00 am - Wills and Estate Planning
Lawyer Pat Caldwell

Wednesday, Oct 17th - 11:00 am - Healthy Aging
Dr. Shelagh Leahey

Wednesday, Oct 24th - 11:00 am - Safety Ready for Winter
Cst. Mario Gougeon RCMP

For more information, call Trudy at 902-742-4878

Spotlight on Local Business Goodness to Go Energy

Goodness to Go Energy is a family owned business proudly located in Yarmouth, Co., NS and run by Jessica Sollows with the help of her husband, Clark. During their travels Jessica and Clark had an idea for making convenient and healthy snacks for people on the go so Jessica began making home-made granola bars and selling them at farmers markets. In 2017 Jessica launched her business and began professionally packaging her products. Her goal was to sell her product through retail locations as well as online. She wanted to give back to her community so decided that her company would give 10% of its profits to charity. Goodness to Go Energy has an exciting announcement coming up in October about a charity they have partnered with in the Yarmouth area.

Since launching, Goodness to Go Energy has established over 30 retail locations in Eastern Canada and exports products to the United States. In the future, Jessica and Clark hope to export their Yarmouth-made products to retailers all across Canada and to markets in Europe.

Goodness to Go Energy manufactures four varieties of hand-made granola bars including peanut butter, banana, vanilla and ginger. Their products are gluten free, certified organic and vegan friendly. They contain no refined sugar and no preservatives or fillers. The box the bars are sold in is made from recycled fibres and is recyclable itself. The product is not only ideal for athletes but also for office workers, busy moms, hungry toddlers and people who travel.

Remember to look for them in your local retailer's refrigeration section!



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Tax Bills - Payment Plan

The 2018 tax bills are due and interest is being charged at the rate of 1.5% per month on overdue amounts. Payment can be made with cash, by cheque, debit, automatic withdrawal, online and telephone banking.

Payment can also be made by credit card through Paymentus Corporation by telephone at 1-855-288-4067 or online at www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca Paymentus is an independent third party company providing a service and will charge a fee to your credit card for their service.

"It is the owner's responsibility to notify the Municipality of Yarmouth of any changes/corrections in mailing address."

We would be happy to assist you in setting up a payment plan that works for you. Please contact our office at 902-742-7159 or send us an email:

linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Financial Assistance for Sport & Recreational Activities

If you need financial assistance for your child to participate in a sport or recreational activity, there are many avenues to explore! Your local recreation department can help steer you in the right direction!

Jumpstart is more than just about getting kids active. It's about giving kids from families in financial need the same chance to participate as their neighbours, their classmates and their friends. Apply at:

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en.html>

Kidsport is a national not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under. More information can be found at:

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/apply-for-assistance/>

The **JSTRONG Fund**, formed in memory of Jadon Robinson, is designed to assist youth and families who may not be able to participate in sport and recreation due to financial burden. Forms are available at the Yarmouth Recreation Office, 932 Highway 1 in Hebron. Need more info? Send an email to: jstrongfund@outlook.com

Check out the Yarmouth Recreation website at: www.yarmouthrecreation.ca for information on fall programs and events or go to www.southshoreconnect.ca to get CONNECTED!



Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-law & Lending Agreement

Council of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth has recently developed and passed a Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-law. The Municipality recognizes that climate change is beginning to affect us all in many ways; a recent manifestation of this has been extremely dry conditions during the summer months which in turn has created unprecedented well water supply issues for some of our residents. To try to assist with this, Council has developed this financial tool. It is designed to help those in most need by making available financing, with certain conditions, directly through the Municipality of Yarmouth, that can be used to remediate their well water supply situation.

To review the by-law and learn about the conditions, details, application process and more on how the Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program works, please go to our website at:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Council of the Municipality is acutely aware of the growing climate change phenomena and will continue to pro-actively develop tools and mitigation strategies aimed at protecting our region and our residents as we learn more about how it is impacting us.

Senior Safety Program New Telephone Number - 902-881-4099

The Senior Safety Program holds educational sessions and has direct contact with seniors through in-home visits by the Senior Safety Coordinator. For any questions regarding the program, please call Doris Landry, Senior Safety Coordinator at her new telephone number **902-881-4099**.

Municipal Student Bursary Recipients

Congratulations to Macey Bethune of Forest Glen, graduate of Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School and Dawson Colquhoun of Canaan, graduate of Drumlin Heights Consolidated School who were the recipients of the two \$750.00 student bursaries offered by the Municipality of Yarmouth in 2018.

If you wish to apply for a student bursary, an application form will be available on the Municipality of Yarmouth website in January of 2019. To be considered for one of the student bursaries, you must be a resident of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.



Voluntary Committees and Boards Citizen Representation

The Municipality of the District of Yarmouth has several committees and boards that have citizen representation. From time to time the Municipality will advertise for expressions of interest in various committees from citizens. If you are interested in this or any other committee, please contact our office at **902-742-7159** for more information.

Regional Solid Waste Authority Committee (Waste Check)

Waste Check is the regional solid waste authority for Yarmouth and Digby Counties with a board comprised of two appointed representatives from each of the member municipal units (one council member and one resident of the municipality). Waste Check is responsible for offering their services to help residents/business owners understand and carry out the terms of the Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy. Waste Check employees make visits to homes, schools, businesses and institutions free of charge and offers many programs to assist everyone in reducing waste for a healthier environment.



Did You Know?

Municipal Council meetings are now being streamed live on the Municipality of Yarmouth facebook page. Council meetings take place twice a month. The Committee of the Whole meeting takes place the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:00 am and the Regular Council meeting takes place on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. To watch live, please go to the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth facebook page:

[Municipality of the District of Yarmouth](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofyarmouth)