

Warden's Message

At the time of printing Nova Star Cruises is scheduled to begin its cruise ferry service between Yarmouth and Portland on May 15th. This would not have happened without the dedicated, combined effort of many people working towards restoring this vital service. I extend my thanks on behalf of the municipality to those who have worked diligently to re-establish a ferry service.

Municipal Units in Nova Scotia are facing many challenges and obstacles. We will continue to work towards a sustainable future to meet today's needs without compromising the needs of future generations. For a look into the many aspects of municipal council I invite you to attend Council meetings. A Committee of the Whole meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month beginning at 10 am; a Regular Council meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 pm. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building, civic 932 Highway 1 in Hebron.

If you would like to become a citizen representative on one of the various committees or boards of the municipality, please submit your expression of interest including a brief resume. You will find an article in this newsletter indicating contact information on various committees and where to forward information.

I extend to all residents of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth an enjoyable spring and summer and I look forward to seeing you at the many festivals and events that will be taking place in the coming months.

Enjoy your spring and summer!
Warden Murray Goodwin

Senior Safety Program Have You Registered?

The goal of the Senior Safety Program is to reach out to as many seniors as possible to promote and create awareness of services available. Through home visits the program provides information on personal safety, consumer fraud and scams, elder abuse, crime prevention methods, Vial of Life, 911 system, personal well being and more.

In 2012 there were 70 new clients who registered for the program and in 2013 there were 55 new clients with 489 re-visits, for a total of 544 visits. Referrals were generated from family, Continuing Care, Adult Protection, RCMP and participants at community presentations. A lot of time and effort has been made to work with other agencies to deal with high risk seniors to achieve a positive outcome. The Senior Safety Coordinators are liaisons and advocates for seniors, pointing them to resources and support in our rural communities.

The Senior Safety Program is FREE to all senior residents who are 55 years of age and over, however no one will be refused assistance. For more information, please contact **Doris Landry, Senior Safety Coordinator at 881-7107.**

Domestic Brush Burning The Rules and Dates Have Changed

Residents of Nova Scotia no longer need a permit to burn domestic brush. Instead of issuing permits, the provincial government has posted an online burning restrictions map to inform people when it's safe to burn brush. During wildfire risk season (March 15th - Oct 15) you must check before you burn.

The changes only affect brush burning on domestic properties such as woodlots, cottages and fishing camps. Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from the Department of Natural Resources.



To find out if it's safe to burn, please go to: www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe or call their toll free number: **1-855-564-2876**

Low Income Exemption

A Low Income Tax Exemption is available for property owners within the Municipality of Yarmouth who have a combined household income for 2013 of \$20,298.23 or less. The deadline to apply is May 15th, 2014. For more information, call **742-7159**.

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Voluntary Committees Request for Applications

The Municipality of the District of Yarmouth is interested in receiving applications from residents who may be willing to serve on various committees or boards of the Municipality. Interested individuals who would like to serve on committees or boards are invited to submit their expressions of interest, including a brief resume, to Ken Moses, CAO, Municipality of Yarmouth, 932 Highway 1, Hebron, NS B5A 5Z5. For information on which committees or boards currently have vacancies, please contact our office at **742-7159** or visit our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Civic Sign Program

Once again, the Municipality of Yarmouth is offering **FREE** double sided blue reflective civic signs. As well, an aluminum post may be obtained for the cost of (\$17.25) upon application at the Development and Public Works Office. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

You are eligible for this program if you did not apply in past years and are a homeowner applying for your principle residence which is in the Municipality of Yarmouth. For more information including the application form and installation guidelines, please call **742-9691** or visit our website at:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Tax Bills

The 2013 tax bills are now past due and interest is being charged at the rate of 1.5% per month on overdue amounts. The 2014 tax bills will be mailed out in June. Payment can be made with cash, by cheque, debit, online and telephone banking, credit card (service charge applicable to user) and automatic withdrawal.

If your mailing address has changed and you haven't yet notified our office, please do so prior to the 2014 tax bills being sent out in June.

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

linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

10-digit Dialing and New Area Code Coming in 2014



The popularity of new communications services and the ever-growing demand for new telephone numbers will soon result in the 902 area code reaching its capacity.

As a result, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has determined that customers will need to adopt 10-digit dialing for all local calls within the 902 area code as of August 23, 2014. In addition, starting in November 2014, a new area code will be introduced—area code 782. These changes are designed to handle increased demand, but will not result in any changes to local dialing rates.

For more information on 10 digit dialing, please visit the Telecommunications Alliance website at www.dial10.ca or go to www.bellaliant.net/dial10

Municipal Boundary Review

The Municipal Government Act requires that in 2014 every municipality must conduct a study of the number of boundaries or polling districts in the municipality, their fairness/reasonableness along with the number of Councillors. Following the completion of the study, Council must apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to confirm or alter the number of Councillors and boundaries of polling districts. As part of the process the Municipality of Yarmouth will be seeking feedback from our residents. Notification of any avenue to gather this information (i.e. public meetings, electronic survey) will be advertised on our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

and our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Municipality-of-the-District-of-Yarmouth/444601338917545>

Yarmouth Rural RCMP Reduction in Property Crimes

Property crimes usually account for the majority of a detachment area's Criminal Code case load. Property crimes also increase the level of fear and victimization among residents and raise costs for businesses and the community in general. For these reasons, reducing property crimes will increase the sense of security for both residents and business owners.

In 2013, the municipalities of Yarmouth and Argyle continued to see decreases in the number of reported property crimes compared to the previous five years. Yarmouth Rural members, with the assistance of the Crime Reduction analyst, continued to ensure that repeat property-crime offenders were abiding by their court-ordered conditions, whether it be house arrest or a curfew. The Crime Reduction analyst also tracked property crimes on a daily basis and looked for patterns and trends, not only in Yarmouth County but also in adjacent detachment areas.

In 2013, reported property crimes reached the lowest levels in the past six years, from a high of 523 occurrences in 2009 to 290 occurrences 2013, a decrease of 45% in four years.

We are pleased to announce the 2014 Volunteer representatives for this year:

Municipality of the District of Yarmouth - Joe Bishara, YCMHS and MGEC Memorial Club.

Town of Yarmouth - Al Mohle, Yarmouth Food Bank and Yarmouth Curling Club.

Both volunteers were honored at the Provincial Volunteer Awards Day on April 7th. Our local Yarmouth Volunteer Reception is on April 29th at Town Hall. Congrats to all the volunteers who help make Yarmouth such a great place to live!

Also, please take part in our great summer program lineup with Lake Milo Aquatic Club activities, Summer Day Camps, Canada Day celebrations, Family Beach Party and much, much more!

Gail, Misty, Maura, John and Frank are here to help you get more involved and active! Call us today at **742-8868**. Check out our website:

<https://yarmouthrecreation.ca/>

and "like" our facebook page:

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



Leif Ericson Park Re-Development at Cape Forchu



Upgrades are almost complete on the trails at the Leif Ericson Park! With the Cape Forchu Lightstation on the cover of Nova Scotia Doers' & Dreamers' Travel Guide, Cape Forchu having the designation as one of the Greatest Outdoor Spaces in Canada, and the return of the ferry, it's great timing to be able to offer this experience to visitors and locals alike. Come down and have a look - or a walk! Watch for information about the grand opening this Spring! (Financial assistance for this project provided by ACOA).

Check out our Facebook page for public notices, news on upcoming community events, employment opportunities and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Municipality-of-the-District-of-Yarmouth/444601338917545>

If you have a community event you would like put on our Facebook page, please email it to us at:

admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

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Spring Clean-Up for residential properties within the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth will be undertaken during May, 2014. (As usual, standard dates being the first two Fridays and Saturdays in May.)

SPRING CLEAN – UP COLLECTION DATES:

DATE OF CLEANUP

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS:

Friday, May 2
Saturday, May 3
Friday, May 9
Saturday, May 10

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 Spring 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 ▶ Hot water heaters ▶ 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, combustible 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 placed 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.energycyns.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 25th will be collected on Dec 26th.
 3. Pickup scheduled for Jan 1, 2015 will be collected on Jan 2, 2015.

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June 2014							July 2014							August 2014						
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