

Town of Heart's Delight-Islington Spring Newsletter 2022

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Mayor Melvin Harnum's Report

This being my first newsletter since becoming elected as Mayor, I would like to say thank you to you all for your vote of confidence in me. I hope to do my best for our Town with my great team of Councillors in which we intend to work hard to move our town in the right direction in our term of office. Since being in office, we have been busy learning and dealing with past issues, which is slowly being resolved. Since day one, we have been in planning for our 50th Anniversary of Incorporation/Come Home Year celebrations, which has been taking up a lot of time and will continue to do so until the celebrations are over.

As the warmer weather starts, we will be putting most of our energy into clean up and beautification of our town and its surroundings. At this time, we ask all of our residents to put special interest in your own properties and to help in any way possible to clean up areas that need be. We have scheduled a clean-up week for May 27th – June 5th which will include all cemeteries and beaches.

Let's plan to enjoy and work together for a very positive 50th Anniversary and Come Home Year celebrations. We have a great celebration planned for July 29th to August 7th. Please spread the word to your family and friends to plan holidays and come celebrate with us!

We have just received an ActiveNL grant to get started on a walkway around the pond by the Town Hall, which we hope to start shortly. We are also hoping to get started on a new bridge on Trussell in behind Brookcove.



Deputy Mayor Denise Bryant's Report

I am very happy to be the liaison for the Recreation Committee. Since the beginning of my term on council, I have noticed how busy the committee members have been, especially due to the challenges of working within the Public Health guidelines.

In the fall there was a Haunted Hike which was well received by young children in the afternoon and older children in the evening. Instead of supper with Santa, they purchased chicken snacks and delivered supper with Santa to the homes of children in the community, a brilliant idea! Mummies represented the recreation committee in the Santa Claus parade. Over the winter, they secured a grant and hired 3 people who helped with much needed improvements to the building in Brookcove, which is available for rentals. In keeping with the pandemic regulations, the Easter Bunny delivered goodies to children's homes in the community.

They have had ongoing fundraisers to help with these ventures, as well as, the future construction of a multipurpose ball court in Brookcove which they hope to start soon.

There will be a grant for 4 students to help with a children's summer program and various play area improvements. They also have activities planned for Come Home Year/Anniversary Celebrations.

I commend these volunteers for what they are doing for the people of our town. They have lots of energy and ideas and it will be interesting to see what they plan next.



Councillor Aaron Bishop's Report

I have been appointed Public Works liaison and appointed to special committees of Lands/Right ways and Social Public Relations under our current Council. With winter now behind us we are excited to get started on road repairs, ditching and water leak repairs. The outfall project in Islington was completed last fall with the contractor returning this spring to finish the beach clean-up. There will be shoulder and ditch repair this spring on Route 80 within Heart's Delight-Islington.

There has been a significant amount of time put into our Come Home Year/50th Anniversary Celebration by Council and different organizations in our Town over the past seven months. You can find the schedule of events on our Facebook page and in the coming weeks we will release a final brochure.

I would like to ask all residents if you have a concern that would involve any of my positions within Council or if I can help you in anyway, please reach out to myself directly or forward your concern to our Town Office. My contact information can be found on our Town Website or at the Municipal Building.



Councillor Tony Legge's Report

As liaison between the Town of Heart's Delight-Islington and the Heart's Delight-Islington Heritage Committee, I have participated in zoom meetings with the Heritage Committee until regular in-person meetings can be held. As liaison I have reported back to Council on the success of the Heritage in increasing the amount of interest our Facebook site posts and what Heritage intends to do regarding preserving videos that are being stored at the Town Hall and converting them to a more accessible and safe storage media.

The Heritage Committee would like to encourage all residents to contribute old photos of family, town events, as well as scenes from around our area so they can be preserved and shared with the community our Heritage Facebook site as well as archives.

Upcoming events can be found on our town Facebook site or the Heritage Facebook Group. Thank you for your continuing support.

Councillor John Mulrooney's Report



Water Plant Update - work continues by Council to improve the HDI water and sewer system. This year we will be Proceeding with installation of a storage water tower system that will more than double the plants treated water storage system. This project will reduce the boil water alerts associated with power outages and line cleaning. Council has plans to develop the GIS mapping the HDI water and sewer system giving more accurate information of the lines and operational valves. We are striving to eliminate "boil water alerts".

Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Council has applied to be one of 10 – 12 locations throughout the province to install an EV Level 3 & DC charging station in HDI. The system will be funded by the Provincial Government and installed & operated by Newfoundland Light & Power.



Councillor Barry G. Sooley's Report

Our Fire Department in our community continues to be a dedicated and active group of volunteers. They are always there when needed. They attend regular meetings and training sessions. Due to COVID, we had to cancel our events, but in the future, we hope the Fire Department can get back on track with their events and their annual poker run. On behalf of the Fire Department, I would like to thank everyone that supports the weekly TV Bingo.

As summer approaches, you are reminded to be very cautious with outdoor fires. And please ensure that your homes are equipped with smoke detectors that are properly working.



Councillor Faron Sooley's Report

I'm newly elected to Council and have been appointed the liaison for the library and streetlights. The library continues to be an asset to the community. It is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers and its open Tuesdays and Thursday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. They have a good selection of reading material for all ages and a computer is available for public use.

They will have a student hired for the summer. They also still hold their weekly coffee hour every Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Town Hall. On behalf of Council, I would like to thank Mrs. Ruby Warren and the volunteers for keeping our library going.

I also look after the streetlight, if you notice any lights out let me know and I will pass it onto the Town office. We now have two new lights installed in Brookcove Place.