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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I met a man the other day at Tim Hortons (where else) and I asked him how things were going. His reply was gratifying to my ears. He stated that business was improved over last year and that he and his family were just minutes from the golf course, tennis, walking trails, a beautiful Rothesay Common and sailing on the spectacular Kennebecasis River. In addition, the gentleman stated that he was only approximately two hours from fishing for salmon on the Miramichi River. Yes, he concluded, we certainly live in the most wonderful place in all of Canada.

I concur with this man's assessment of our town of Rothesay. We may not be perfect but I believe the majority of citizens would agree that we live in a community that is safe and inviting.

Our Protective Services, Police and Fire Departments, are first rate and they afford a level of comfort that other communities can only dream about. On the cultural side, the two Valley Towns are progressing with a significant expansion to the Kennebecasis Public Library. Rothesay Council is presently working on two major projects. Planning for correcting the flooding problems in Oakville Acres is nearing completion and hopefully construction will begin in the near future.

The other major project receiving attention is planning for a new Field House. When finished, this project will complement the Q-Plex and bring to fruition a much needed facility for all age groups. The greatest reduction in our use of the medicare system can be achieved through a physically fit population.

In closing, I ask all Rothesay residents to join with me and members of Council in doing our civic duty to live a healthy life in a clean and healthy environment. On the golf course there is a saying "fix your divot and one other". Around Town I say pick up your litter and that of another.

A final reminder, that Municipal Elections will be held throughout New Brunswick on May 14, 2012. Rothesay will elect a Mayor and seven Councillors.

Bill Bishop, Mayor

Work Underway on Airport Interchange Improvements

Work has begun on improvements to the route 1/111 interchange in the vicinity of the Fire Hall. The bridge structure will be widened to provide for three lanes of northbound traffic. A new lane will begin at the point where the eastbound off-ramp from the Mackay Highway meets the Airport arterial and continue to Campbell Drive. This will eliminate the necessity to yield to traffic travelling toward the Fire Hall on the Airport arterial, a location of numerous accidents. Another new lane will be added to provide for turning left onto the highway on-ramp to the City. Traffic signals are to be added there and at the Campbell Drive intersection.

The work is being done by Dexter Construction Company Limited (Dexter), a privately owned construction company of the Municipal Group of Companies based in Bedford, Nova Scotia. Through the Route 1 Gateway Project, Dexter has a contract to construct improvements and maintain the highway from River Glade to the US border. Some disruption will be experienced in the vicinity of the overpass this year and the project should be completed by early fall.

Curbside Recycling

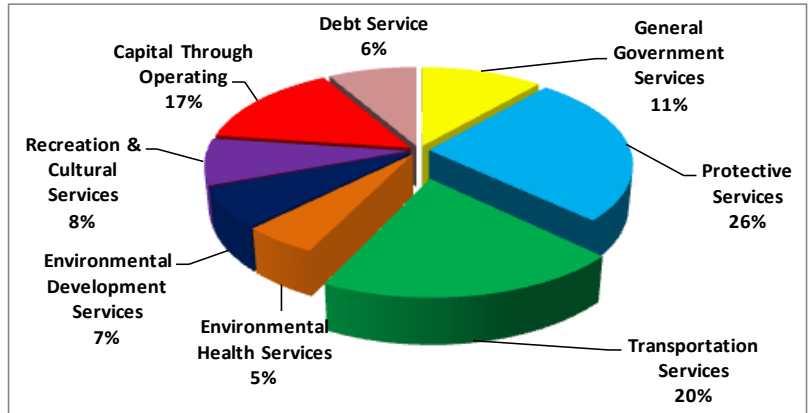
Work continues on providing a recycling service at the driveways of Rothesay residents. Current plans call for a two stream separation of fibre and other materials to be collected bi-weekly. Once this service is in place, scheduled for early summer, the blue depot at the Rothesay Arena will be removed. Detailed information on the service and materials to be included will be published in the spring.

Public Lands in KPark Area

Council is presently considering the management of the property owned by the Town in Kennebecasis Park and Hastings Cove. The Town is the steward of substantial lands in the area and Council wishes to ensure these lands are used in the best interests of all residents. A meeting was held before Christmas and a circular sent to each householder for input. A By-law will be considered in March. More information can be found on the Town website.

2012 GENERAL BUDGET

General Government Services	1,784,504.61	11.2%
Protective Services	4,116,536.06	25.9%
Transportation Services	3,192,773.29	20.1%
Environmental Health Services	822,100.00	5.2%
Environmental Development Services	1,086,045.97	6.8%
Recreation & Cultural Services	1,270,568.25	8.0%
Capital Through Operating	2,619,725.00	16.5%
Debt Service	<u>1,007,746.76</u>	6.3%
TOTAL:	15,900,000.00	



2012 CAPITAL BUDGET

Rothesay Mayor and Council have approved the 2012 Capital Budget for both the Works Department and the Water & Sewer Utility. Some of the projects that residents can look forward to this year include:

- ◆ New Sidewalks on portions of Hampton Road, Gondola Point Road, Sierra Avenue, Clermont Lane and Highland Avenue;
- ◆ Asphalt and Chipseal work on a number of streets throughout the Town;
- ◆ Two new lighted crosswalks, one on Hampton Road between Marr Road and Oakville Lane and one on Gondola Point Road at Clark Road;
- ◆ Cleaning and re-lining of watermains on various streets to improve water quality;
- ◆ Improvements to the sewage lift station on Shipyard Road and
- ◆ Various design and construction projects related to drainage around Town, including work near Oakville Acres.

Rothesay will also be undertaking a fairly extensive study this year to look at traffic flow throughout the municipality. A traffic management consultant will be retained by the Town to look at intersection layouts, complete traffic counts to determine traffic flow patterns, track average vehicle speeds, assess the interaction between vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic and also review how that traffic interacts with the railway. It will not be uncommon throughout the summer to see individuals at intersections with clipboards, to see traffic counting wires strung across the roadways or to see signs that determine the travelling speed of vehicles. The Town urges residents to contact the Town Engineer with any concerns or comments that you may have with respect to traffic flow. Your input will be a great asset to the final goal of this project, which is to develop a long term traffic flow model with recommendations for future improvements.

STREET LIGHTS OUT? If you see a street light flickering or not lit, please call the Town office 848-6600 or report the outage directly to NB Power—www.nbpower.com (Report an outage). The Town pays for the lights whether or not they are functioning so please help us keep your street lit.



CLEAN-UP WEEK

ONCE ONLY PICK-UP

ALL ITEMS MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE



May 28th BY 7:00 a.m. Regardless of your scheduled pick-up day

Items must be tied in manageable bundles, weighing no more than 50 lbs. Junked car parts and batteries, white goods (appliances), paints/solvents and similar items will NOT be picked up. Tires can be dropped off at any retail outlet. For further information on the disposal of non-conforming items, please call the Fundy Regional Solid Waste Hotline at 738-1212.

ORGANIC PICK-UP

ALL ITEMS MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE

June 4th BY 7:00 a.m. Regardless of your scheduled pick-up day

This clean-up will be for the collection of leaves, and yard waste for composting. Leaves, grass clipping, and bundled twigs that are no longer than 4 ft in length and less than 50 lbs. should be placed curbside. Residents are encouraged to use decomposable bags, non-waxed cardboard cartons or garbage cans that can be emptied into the trucks.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR COMPOST CART FOR THIS PICK-UP

Please note the dates for the Rothesay Spring Clean-up and Organic pick-up are incorrect in the calendar distributed by the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission.



May 14, 2012

QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS

(Municipal, District Education Council & Regional Health Authority Elections)

Below is a quick guide to special dates for municipal elections:

Nominations Close:	April 13, 2012	2:00 p.m.
Deadline for withdrawal of nomination:	April 16, 2012	5:00 p.m.
Special Ballots available:	April 23, 2012	
Advance Poll Day 1:	May 5, 2012	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Advance Poll Day 2:	May 7, 2012	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Election Day:	May 14, 2012	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Declaration of winning candidates:	May 15, 2012	
Deadline for recount applications:	May 24, 2012	

Additional information can be found on the Elections New Brunswick website at <http://www.gnb.ca/elections/index-e.asp>.

Municipal Campaign Training Workshop for Women

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be hosting a two-day workshop in Rothesay, February 25th and 26th, 2012, providing campaign training for women in New Brunswick. The workshop will cover a wide range of topics, including: deciding to run, financing the campaign, campaign ethics, canvassing, public speaking, and media training.

The Getting to 30% program is being funded for a two year period by Status of Women Canada. The funding is being used to develop, promote and present the Municipal Campaign School Workshops and Webinars across Canada.

Registration is now open at <http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/women-in-local-government.htm> (select Getting to 30%). Please contact Jennifer Mowbray, 613 907 6219 or jmowbray@fcm.ca for additional information. Seating is limited so register now!

More Public Art for Rothesay - Rothesay is participating with other regional municipalities and UNBSJ in Sculpture Saint John, an international symposium of sculptors taking place in August and September. Activity will take place on the Saint John Waterfront at the former Coast Guard property. Consisting of more than 6 acres at the water's edge, this location is deemed as the most desired, most valued and most visible in the City. Sculptors will be chosen to participate in the symposium shortly and a site in Rothesay for one of the completed works will be selected in the spring. Visit <http://www.sculpturesaintjohn.com/> for details on the Symposium.

New Recreation Facility on the Drawing Board

Rothesay has engaged an architectural firm to prepare concept plans for a multi-purpose recreational complex expected to be developed in conjunction with renovations to the Rothesay Arena. The local office of *exp* will prepare a plan incorporating spaces for a variety of activities for all age groups in the community. Public presentations of the firm's recommendations will take place in the spring.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Those wishing to apply for positions in the Rothesay Parks and Recreation Department please submit resume and cover letter to:

charlesjensen@rothesay.ca
by April 1st, 2012



Construction season will soon be upon us.... Don't forget to apply for a Building Permit for any of your projects. Contact the Building Inspector's office at 848-6669 if you have any questions on whether your project requires a Permit.

City Tax on Non-residents??

Recently the media has reported a concept where residents living outside Saint John would somehow be taxed when visiting the City. While the details of how such a proposal would be implemented are not clear, the basic concept that somehow the City is subsidizing non-residents is frequently raised by City politicians and the media. When you are considering the validity of this theory the following points may be relevant:

Rothesay, along with Grand Bay/Westfield and Quispamsis, contributes to five major facilities located in Saint John by sharing the shortfall in their annual revenues compared to their operating costs. These facilities are the Imperial Theatre, the Trade and Convention Centre, the Canada Games Aquatic Centre, Harbour Station and the Saint John Arts Centre. The sharing is based on the relative tax bases in each community. The City is responsible for capital improvements in all but the Imperial Theatre. Since the average residential assessment is higher in Rothesay, the typical Rothesay household actually pays more for this operational deficit than the average City homeowner.

Businesses in Saint John, where Rothesay residents shop and work, pay property taxes to the City. A high proportion of the tax base in non-residential property is considered desirable in most jurisdictions since it is typically taxed at a higher rate and puts less demand on services. Saint John has about 30% of its tax base in non-residential property while Rothesay's is 6%.

Much of the road network used by residents travelling into and around the City is part of the Provincial road system for which the City receives maintenance funds.

In 2012 the City will receive a Provincial grant of almost \$19M to subsidize its operational costs. This equates to \$278 per person while the three towns receive \$50 per capita. (Rothesay receives only \$35/cap, approximately what it sends to the Province in property taxes on municipal buildings and the Provincial portion of HST.) This disparity is thought to be based on the City's role as a regional service centre.



MARCH BREAK WINTER ADVENTURE



Looking for something for the kids to do during the March Break? Rothesay is offering a March Break Winter Adventure Camp from March 5th to the 9th for children between the ages of 7 and 12. The Adventure Camp will be held at the Rothesay Arena between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (early drop off & late pick up available).

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall and for your convenience forms are also available online at www.rothesay.ca to download, fill out and bring with you. Please note Day Camp Fees will be \$100.00 per child, \$95.00 for additional child. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 24TH.**

For further information contact Keri Kent at 848-6652 or e-mail- KeriKent@rothesay.ca

ANIMAL CONTROL

The 2012 Cat and Dog Licenses are now available to purchase at the Town Office. The cost for a spayed female or male is \$5.00 and \$10.00 for an unspayed female. The Town requires proof of an up-to-date Rabies Vaccination Certificate before issuing a license. The Animal Control By-law 4-98 is presently being reviewed. The current By-law is available for viewing on our website www.rothesay.ca. If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail them to: rothesay@rothesay.ca.

