

The Local Lookout



**Logy Bay
Middle Cove
Outer Cove**

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The Communications & Public Engagement Committee of Council is pleased to offer the second issue of The Local Lookout, one of Council's communication tools for our residents. You can also find information on our social media: Facebook, Twitter and the Town's website. Please take the time to see what's going on in your Town.

We would love to hear from you and welcome your feedback on any Town initiative. You can reach us via email office@lbmcoc.ca or call and talk to one of our knowledgeable staff at 726-7930. Remember, we are here to serve this community!

Mayor Bert Hickey: "Our Council is very mindful of the importance of keeping our residents informed on all issues that may affect them, transparency, and fairness in the administration of our policies and regulations, and how we spend your tax dollars. We also welcome your thoughts and/or suggestions on any issue."

Administration and Finance

Online Tax Payment is here!

During 2019, the Town completed a change in banking institutions with a focus to better serve our residents! For 2020 we have new options available to pay your taxes online!

- ✓ Online banking: you now have the ability to setup the Town a Payee and make payments directly from your online banking. Further information will be provided with your 2020 tax invoice!
- ✓ Tired of writing post-dated cheques? Contact the Town and we will arrange preauthorized debit payments that are convenient for you.

You can, however, continue to pay by cheque, debit or cash at the Town Office. Whatever works best for you!

Remember, the Town is always willing to assist individuals in working out a reasonable payment plan schedule. All enquiries made to the Town are confidential.

Our Town Council will be passing the 2020 municipal budget in January and residents will be notified with the details at that time.

During 2019, the Town was pleased to provide both financial and in-kind donations/grants to various organizations, partners and youth as a way to strengthen social activities, recreation and our community at large. Some of the donation/grant recipients were:

- Kid's Eat Smart Foundation
- Community Food Sharing Association
- St. Francis of Assisi Church
- St. Francis of Assisi School
- Northeast Eagles Hockey Association

Councillor Brian Roche: "It's an honour to continue to give back to our great community. As a lifetime resident, I share your values of maintaining our rural culture while maximizing our quality of life. Our Finance Committee is continuously trying to make things more efficient and cost effective for our residents, while still maintaining the service level and programs that you expect. We understand the value of your hard-earned money and it is our responsibility to ensure we are getting the most from it! I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Should you ever need me please do not hesitate to call."

Did You Know?

Chief Joe Boland, originally from Logy Bay, was presented the Member Insignia of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by Governor General Julie Payette at Rideau Hall in Ottawa this past November 2019. The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was created to recognize exceptional service. Chief Boland was one of 40 recipients this year.

Congratulations Joe!



Photo Credit – MCpl Mathieu Gaudreault, Rideau Hall

Safety and Emergency Planning

The Bicycle Safety Session for children, held June 2019, was a great success! Road safety awareness and tips provided to children are necessary tools to keep them safe when bicycling.



**Great day, great participation and Thank You
to all those who volunteered to make this event successful!**

Road Safety

Striving towards safer roads and a safer community at large has been the focus of our Safety and Emergency Planning Committee of Council. In collaboration with our Safety Advisory Committee, and in listening to our residents, traffic-calming initiatives continue to be one of our main priorities. In response to your requests, Council will install additional radar speed signs throughout the Town in 2020. These new radar speed signs will have a high visible RED flashing “Slow Down” message that will certainly catch drivers' attention.

Traffic-calming speed humps have been our first initiative towards disrupting speeding on straight-stretch roads where excessive speeding often occurs. We asked the children of St. Francis of Assisi School if they would get involved by making our roads safer, and get involved they did by coming up with some fantastic road safety messages you will soon see around our Town.

Remember this message from your children when driving in our Town:

Slow down you clown, it's OUR town!

Council is also reviewing safer and different infrastructure options to improve safety in our school zone area. This area will continue to be a priority focus for 2020.

The Town hosted a FireSmart Session earlier this year for residents to learn about how to better protect their home and property from forest fires. Council will be working toward a FireSmart Community Plan, with a multiyear roadside brush-cutting plan commencing in 2020. Residents are encouraged to be fire smart at home with a Home Assessment via this app:

<http://readydl.com/landing/wildfire/index.html>

Remember, we live in a heavily forested rural area and that in itself presents a vulnerability. Some tips that can help you protect your home and property are:

- ✓ Do not store woodpiles, construction materials and patio furniture against or near your house as they are a major fire hazard.
- ✓ Cut back trees and vegetation around your home as windblown embers can ignite vegetation.
- ✓ Add to your landscape design, close to and adjacent to your home, non-combustible materials such as brick, gravel/stone or concrete.



**Santa knows how important safety is.
He dropped into the Town Hall to review safety regulations for his sleigh travels.**

Did You Know?

Selina Oldford, grade 5 student at St. Francis of Assisi School, was the winner of a regional wildfire safety contest, with the prize being Fire Chief for one day. Selina's entry was judged the best of 500 entries (ages 7-12), after drawing a comic showing a family creating a fire escape plan and putting it into action. In the comic, their house caught fire the next day and they got out safely because of their plan. Selina became Fire Chief for one day on November 1, 2019. Congratulations Selina!



Photo Credit – Katie Breen (CBC)

Councillor Ashley Politi: “Road and pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Town will continue to implement road-safety initiatives in the upcoming year. These will include additional radar signs and school zone improvements, along with additional community educational events. Please remember: Be proactive. Don't learn safety rules by ACCIDENT! Safety is ALWAYS more important than convenience.”

Planning and Development

Town Staff and Council have been working towards a new Town Plan and Development Regulations to serve this Town for the next 10 years. A draft plan is anticipated to be presented to the public early in the New Year for your feedback. Several critical studies/projects are completed or near completion and will be implemented into the new Town Plan. As indicated before, this Council is dedicated to preserving and protecting the Town's rural character, preserving and protecting the wetlands, waterbodies and waterways which, in turn, aid in groundwater (well water) recharge, mitigate for overland flooding, and contribute to the Town's natural plant life, animals and rural aesthetics.

In response to your concerns, Council remains committed to maintaining the minimum one acre lot size for the future buildout of our Town. The minimum one acre lot size is critical to the well water recharge process, provides ample space for septic systems and contributes to the rural character that we value and what makes this Town extra special.

Did You Know?

If our Town was connected to a municipal water and sewer system we would be required to comply with the Federal Wastewater System Effluent Regulations introduced in 2012. This is practically impossible for most municipalities across Newfoundland and Labrador and it would cost this Town hundreds of thousands of dollars, perhaps millions to meet the 2012 Federal Regulations. Fortunately, our Town has private well and septic systems which are not applicable to the Federal Regulation requirements. Knowing what other financial challenges other municipalities are facing, our Town policies must reflect the critical importance and sustainability of our Town's future by maintaining our minimum one-acre lot requirement to maintain and preserve long-term septic systems and groundwater recharge.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment recommends that septic tank systems be pumped out every 3-5 years. This will ensure the long-term viability of your septic system and long-term sustainability of the groundwater.

Councillor Denis Hickey: "Maintaining the Town's rural character while encouraging sustainable development will guide Council's long-term planning. Utilizing professional planning and engineering advice, together with resident engagement, will assist Council in the decision-making process."

Public Works

The upkeep of our roads, public spaces and municipal buildings remain a key priority for our Town. During the summer of 2019, our Town invested in a kitchen and storage renovation for the upper level of the Justina Centre. The renovations facilitated the necessary move from the lower level to the upper level for two community groups (Bridge Club and 50+ Club). Our Town is very mindful that the move to the upper level provides greater safety, comfort and much easier access.

A new parking area was created on Cobbler Crescent (off Red Cliff Road) to accommodate residents, dog walkers and hikers, to mitigate for the congestion of parked vehicles at the end of Red Cliff Road. The grand opening will take place in the Spring of 2020 and the parking area will be opened seasonally from spring to fall. Additionally, in the Fall of 2019, and in partnership with the Town, the East Coast Trail Association have been making necessary repairs/improvements to the popular Cobbler Path.

Permits

The Town must inspect your culvert before issuing you a Permit to pave or repave any driveways within the Town because the culvert may need replacing. The Town requires a 2-week notice prior to inspection. Culvert-end finishes such as riprap and concrete headwalls must be installed no higher than your driveway finish height. Permits are required for construction of residential dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, sheds, garages, greenhouses, extensions, repairs, renovations, demolition, advertising signs, fences, gazebos, pools and poolhouses, retaining walls, cellars, culverts, paving of driveways, secondary driveway access, moving fill, sod cutting, etc. Permits are also required for operating a business. Please contact the Town Hall at 726-7930 for further information.

Did You Know?

When driving and coming upon horseriders, it is advisable to NOT beep your horn as this may startle the horse and cause panic. Simply approach slowly and cautiously, without beeping, and proceed along.

Recreation and Community Events

Congratulations once again to “Team Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove” for winning the Jack Byrne Memorial Trophy (Town with most overall points) at the Killick Coast Regional Games this past summer! The Killick Coast Regional Games will be held in **our Town** next summer from **July 26 - August 1, 2020**, at Kelly Park and we are looking for volunteers to help out (contact the Town Office if you are interested). The Killick Coast Regional Games promote physical activity and fosters friendly competition for youth aged 11-17.

The Festival of Friends “Family Day” was a huge success with a Kid's Got Talent Show and great fireworks! We will be continuing to promote youth talent and provide them a rare opportunity to perform on the big stage!

The Town hosted a well-attended Rowing Appreciation Night this past August. It was a wonderful trip down memory lane with photos and memorabilia highlighting crews and individuals who have represented our Town in the Royal St. John's Regatta.

The next Festival of Friends will take place August 12-16, 2020.

Councillor Paul Ryan: “Sustainable rural quality of life, what does that mean to you? With climate change and housing development in mind, a key 2020 project is our municipal natural asset inventory, once we have our wetlands fully mapped.”



In response to the shortage at the Northeast Avalon Food Bank, the Town has donated \$1000 on behalf of its residents, along with your food donations collected throughout the week. Thank you to all who brought in donations to the Town Office and fresh food to St. Francis of Assisi School. The Town is always grateful to partner with the School on these community initiatives.



Daycampers sporting their new tie-dyed shirts crafted in camp.

Deputy Mayor James Cadigan: “We greatly appreciate the engagement of our community with many of our events and projects. As your representatives, we know it is imperative that our friends, families and neighbours are heard. I am honoured to have the opportunity to give back to our Town, I know the importance of working together as a community to maintain our high quality of life. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.”

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2019, was well attended and very heartfelt. The event was live-streamed through Facebook so those unable to attend in person could view and pay their respects. Thank you to the volunteers and participants!



During the September 16, 2019, Council meeting, artist Ed Roche presented and donated to the Town an original painting of Outer Cove Beach set back in time.

Kicking off our Christmas season, our Tree Lighting event was attended by approximately 120 residents and included an exciting countdown, fireworks and pizza! Thank you to everyone who attended and those who donated winter hats and mittens. We received a generous amount which were donated to those in need.

Did You Know?

During December 2019, the East Coast Trail Association will be constructing a new pedestrian bridge over North Pond Brook that will allow hikers to continue along the Silver Mine Head Path, located in Middle Cove, over the new bridge and into the jurisdiction of Torbay.

The Town awarded the Ray Bonia Memorial Scholarship to 1st place winner Anna Edwards \$1000 and 2nd place winner Chris Edwards \$500. Congratulations to both recipients and we wish you well with your future endeavours.



**Heather Bonia (representing the Bonia family),
and 1st place award recipient Anna Edwards, 2nd place award recipient Chris Edwards.**

Councillor Bradley Power: "2019 marks my ten-year anniversary on Council, having been first elected in the fall of 2009. I am continually impressed each and every day by the commitment and dedication shown by my Council colleagues and our staff toward this beautiful community of ours. I sincerely look forward to what 2020 will bring for Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove."

Justina Centre Bookings

The Justina Centre is your community centre and is utilized for many events/activities throughout the year such as: Summer Day Camp, 50+ Club, Kelly Park Sports Association, Fitness, Seniors Dinner, Dances, Bridge Club, Dart League, Girl Guides, Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa.

If you wish to rent the Justina Centre contact the Town Office for date availability office@lsmcoc.ca. You must sign a rental agreement and make a payment to confirm your booking. Unfortunately, over-the-phone inquiries do not constitute a firm booking.

Do you know anyone from our community that served in the Merchant Marines? We are collecting information for a future acknowledgement/honouring. Please contact the Town to advise us.

Local Tidbit Question

Name 2 local areas in our community that a winter sport and a summer sport were played before Kelly Park was constructed? Submit your answer to the Town by 4:30 pm on Friday, January 10, 2020, and you will be entered to win a prize (winner will be announced over social media).

Come Home Year 2021!
***Yes, we are having a
Come Home Year
to celebrate our Town,
our Culture and our Residents!***

Mark your calendars for August 6-15, 2021. We will be planning special **Come Home Year** events leading up to and coinciding with the Festival of Friends for 2021. The **Come Home Year 2021** significance is to acknowledge the Town's 35th anniversary of Incorporation and the Festival of Friends 25th Anniversary.

We are seeking input from residents on what you would like to see in the logo for Come Home Year 2021. Please email any suggestions to AllisonWhitty@lsmcoc.ca.