

The Local Lookout



**Logy Bay
Middle Cove
Outer Cove**

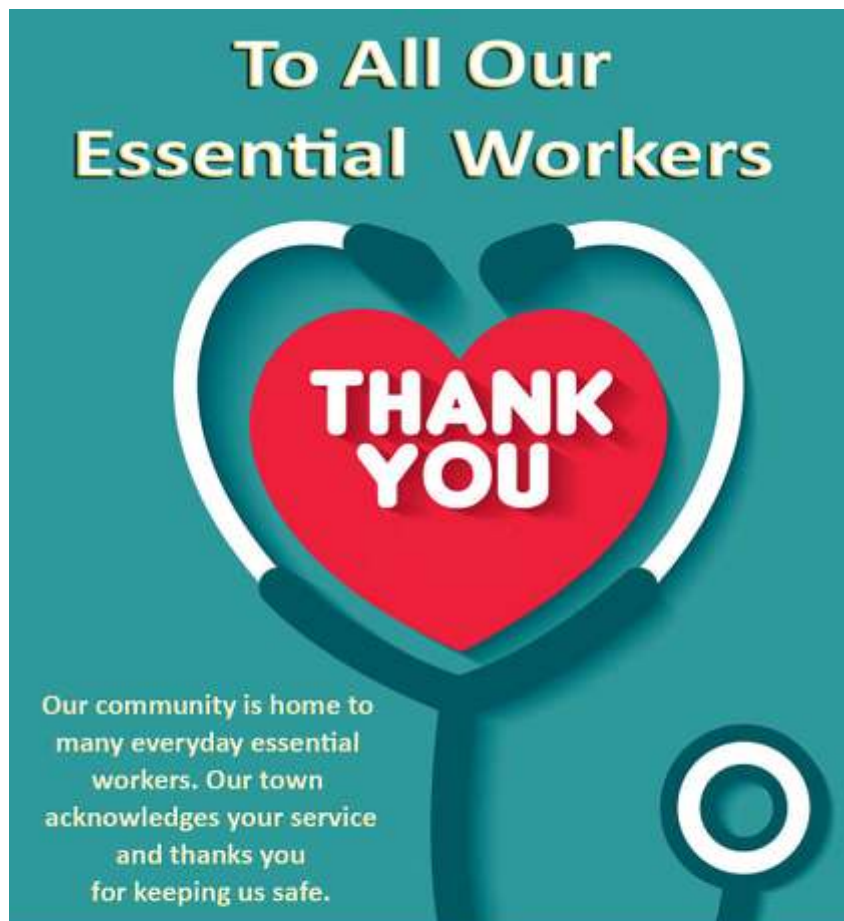
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The Communications & Public Engagement Committee of Council is pleased to offer the third issue of The Local Lookout, one of Council's communication tools for our residents. You can also find information on our social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter and the Town's website. Take a few minutes to keep up to date on what's happening in [our Town....your Town](#).

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

You can also receive Town information via email through our Constant Contact program. Please visit our website at www.lbmcoc.ca to sign up for this service.

Mayor Bert Hickey: "COVID-19 has presented many challenges for all municipalities, and we are no exception. From ensuring we continue to have regular council meetings, to addressing increased traffic volumes due to usage of the East Coast Trail, we've been busy! A big thank you to staff and Council for rising to the occasion and meeting these challenges - there have been many. Have a great summer!"



Finance and Administration

We are very pleased to have introduced online banking payments as an option for paying your taxes. Allowing you to pay as little or as much as you want when the timing works best for your family within the regulated June 30th deadline.

It has proven to be a huge success with 56% of all payments received for 2020 being done through online banking.

Should you require any assistance on how to make an online banking payment please don't hesitate to call the Town office.

Councillor Brian Roche: "These are different times living with COVID-19. I am very proud of the hard work done by our town staff in keeping the town fully operational by transitioning quickly to a home-based work environment. These are challenging times, and as a Councillor, I am committed to safely opening up all aspects of our town within government COVID-19 regulations. From KPSA to the Community Garden we are starting to get some normalcy back to residents. Should you need anything or require any assistance please don't hesitate to give me a call!"

Did You Know?

We have a new Town Clerk/Manager. Janine Walsh joined our team in June of this year. Janine stems from the civil engineering industry and has experience in both the public and private sectors.

"I am excited to start this new journey with the Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove. There is so much exciting activity and I am truly looking forward to contributing to this thriving community. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position so far and I am grateful to have such an amazing, supportive team working with me."

We would LOVE to see you....but we can't just yet!

We have made some changes to our Town Council Office to ensure we are kept as safe as possible during these unprecedented times. Although we continued to work diligently from home, we are back in the office where staff can work together to serve you the best way we can! We are following advice and generally staying closed to the public; however, you can schedule a meeting to come to the office if necessary. Here are some changes you will notice the next time you visit...



We have installed front counter barriers for staff, Council and resident protection. We continue to have hand sanitizer on site for your convenience while in our office. Our number one priority is always staff and resident safety!

Did You Know?

It is vital that we protect and manage the Town's natural assets and environment to ensure the health, well-being, and long-term sustainability of our Town. Natural assets include land and water areas with their ecosystems, subsoil assets and air. The Town's Groundwater Modelling Study and the current draft Wetlands, Waterways and Waterbodies Study both point out the importance of protecting our groundwater supply and the Town's wetlands, waterways and waterbodies. These studies have confirmed that management of these natural assets will allow for future residential development (minimum of a 1-acre lot) while maintaining the adequate levels of groundwater that we depend on. This is extremely important to the future of the Town as there are no plans for water and sewer infrastructure. In addition to these recent studies, Council is currently studying the benefits of a Municipal Natural Assets Management Strategy which, through the proper management of the Town's natural assets, should result in reduced municipal costs, be a perpetual resource, and support climate change adaptation.

Safety and Emergency Planning

Safety on our streets continues to be a priority in our Town. Striving towards safer roads and a safer community is always our focus. We ask for your support and if you see unsafe practices taking place in our Town to please email or call us so that we are aware. If you witness unsafe driving or non-moving violations such as illegally-parked vehicles, we ask you to report these incidents to the RNC by calling the non-emergency number: 729-8000.

The Safety and Emergency Planning Committee has had a busy year. We have used the experience we gathered during unprecedented times from both Snowmageddon and COVID-19. Both of these experiences have encouraged our Committee to take a closer look at our emergency and continuity plan. We will be updating our plan during the summer and look forward to having this document easily accessible by our residents.

We would like to thank the Safety Advisory Committee for their ongoing support and dedication to helping keep our Town safe. We will be having another public meeting in the upcoming months.

The Safety and Emergency Planning Committee would like to pass along the following updates:

- Council is currently reviewing infrastructure options to improve safety for all our residents in the school zone. This will continue to be an area of priority focus in 2020.
- The Town Council continues to keep the dangerous Marine Drive washout between Outer Cove beach and the Lookout a priority. As this is owed and maintained by the provincial government, we are in constant communication with them to address this area. We look forward to bringing residents an update in the near future. **Please be extra cautious when driving, walking or biking in that area.**
- Security and parking control measures are in place at our beaches during the summer and the busy capelin season. This allows the Town to mitigate traffic congestion and to keep our beaches secure and safe.
- No Parking signs have been installed on both sides on a partial section of Red Cliff Road. Residents and visitors are reminded to follow parking signs in our Town and to use appropriate parking spaces the Town has provided.
- Phase 1 of 30km/hr speed limit on side streets has commenced. This initiative was brought to Council from the Safety Advisory Committee and community feedback regarding speeding on our side streets in our community.
- New speed radar signs are being installed in our Town this summer. We will also be moving other signs to new locations to obtain new data. The Committee will be releasing speed sign data in the near future.

- Council is committed to reviewing information and requesting feedback on the speed cushions one year after installation. This process will commence in the near future.
- Our Committee continues to work with the Community Garden to offer this initiative while meeting safety and sanitization requirements.
- This year, the Safety Committee asked the students of our Town to submit Safety Messages. We received over 80 messages! We will be modifying gateway signs in our Town to include safety messages.

Councillor Ashley Politi: “2020 has proven to be a year of unprecedented times. Pedestrian and road safety, along with being available to residents, has been my priority. Our town continues to explore new and current safety initiatives including, additional No Parking zones, school zone improvements and additional radar signs in our town. Road and pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see unsafe road practices or infrastructure in our town please report it! Be proactive. Don't learn safety rules by ACCIDENT. Thank you to the Safety Advisory Committee for your time and support. We will be open to new members at a meeting in the near future.”

Virtual Bike Safety Rodeo will take place in August!



Safe Streets Driving Pledge We challenge all our residents to take the Safe Streets Driving Pledge! You can find it on our social media, website and on the back of The Local Lookout. Please sign this pledge and do your part to keep our streets safe. We would love to see a photo of your pledge! Send one to office@lbmcoc.ca or tag us on social media by using #LBMCOCSafeStreets

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Did You Know?

The 15-stall parking lot on Cobler Crescent is now open to the public! This is a convenient spot to park when hiking the East Coast Trail. We are proud to be able to provide this service to the users of this trail and alleviate traffic congestion for our residents in this area!



Planning and Development

Don't forget to get a permit whenever you are completing work on your property to ensure you are meeting the Town's regulations. If you are unsure if you require a permit, it's better to be safe and contact the Town Office for clarification.

Your Town is working to identify and preserve its municipal natural assets. The term Municipal Natural Assets refers to the stocks of natural resources or ecosystems that contribute to the provision of one or more municipal services required for the health, well-being, and long-term sustainability of a community and its residents. For instance, municipal water services typically provided by engineered infrastructure that can also be provided by natural assets services. This can conversely be viewed as natural infrastructure that, if lost, would need an attempted replacement by an expensive engineered infrastructure solution.

Town Staff and Council are continuing to work towards a new **Town Plan and Development Regulations** to serve this Town for the next 10 years. The draft plan has been presented to the public, outlying your request for one acre lots. We are very close to completing this large undertaking and our goal is to have this in place by Fall 2020. As previously indicated, 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 flora and fauna, and rural aesthetics. We thank you for your patience throughout this process as we want to make sure we get this right the first time!

Did You Know?

The watershed boundaries and headwaters of Kennedy's Brook, Outer Cove Brook, Coaker's River, Druken's River and Soldier's Brook extend into the neighbouring municipalities of St. John's and Torbay. As a result, it is not only critical that the Town manage development within its own municipal boundaries, but also to be aware of planned development and land-use policies in neighbouring municipalities or areas in which these headwaters are located.

Our recent Wetlands Study estimated that there are 150 wetlands which cover approximately 11% of the Town's planning area, and that there is a total of 21 waterbodies and 47 watercourses which cover just under 1% of the Town's planning area.

Councillor Denis Hickey: "Completion of the Town Plan and Development Regulations will position the Town for sustainable development into the future. Protecting the Town's natural assets through ongoing environmental stewardship will assist in maintaining the Town's vision of a rural municipality."

Public Works

The upkeep of our roads, public spaces and municipal buildings remain a key priority for our Town. The COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed us down in getting our projects moving! We have contractors working to replace some major culverts in our Town, and our road paving program will be ongoing throughout the month of August. However, this is not it! We have more projects coming to keep our community roads in the best possible shape including asphalt patching, roadside ditching and more!

Have you seen our REMODELLED Justina Centre?



We are prepared to start taking bookings as soon as COVID-19 measures allow! We used the time that we had to close this facility to give it a fresh, clean coat of paint. This modern upgrade has created the perfect location for up to 150 people!

Councillor Paul Ryan: “Thank you everyone for your patience with us so far this Annus Horribilis. It's now construction season, which starts with street sweeping and high traffic area line painting for safety after the winter. I'm pleased to say that our new Asset Management Plan will keep your Town-owned roads in the best shape in the region, with a plan to resurface every one over a 15-18 year recurring cycle, with about 2km planned this and every year. This is in addition to standard grind and patch work. You can also expect additional cross culvert upgrading to meet climate change standards as well, all in an effort to prevent residential flooding. I hope you enjoy the summer in our beautiful town!”

Recreation and Community Events

Although we were not able to proceed with hosting the **Killick Coast Regional Games** this summer, this just gives us more time to make them that much better for next summer! Our plans have moved ahead a year and we are on track for hosting in the Summer of 2021 at Kelly Park. We would love to have help from our Town residents and would welcome anyone interested in volunteering! This fabulous event promotes physical activity and fosters friendly competition for youth aged 11-17.

The **Festival of Friends** will also not be able to proceed this year but, once again, we will strive to make next year the best one yet!

Day Camp is a GO! Our Town is one of the very few that proceeded with hosting a Day Camp this summer for children in kindergarten to grade 6. We overcame the challenges and made it our mission to provide this well-needed service to our residents. Staff worked extremely hard to plan a Day Camp that was able to offer the most opportunity to our children, in a fun and safe way following all the provincial guidelines!



Deputy Mayor James Cadigan: “As a community, we are adapting to life with COVID-19 and working together to keep our friends and family safe and healthy. We will remain steadfast to the challenges around this virus and be prepared to adapt in the best interest of our residents. Please stay tuned to all our community outreach channels to remain current with services and programs updates within our community. I wish to commend the work of our staff during this challenging time.”

Come Home Year 2021!

***Yes, plans are still on track for Come Home Year 2021
to celebrate our Town, our Culture and our Residents!***

Mark your calendars for August 6-15, 2021, as 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@lbmcoc.ca.

Did You Know?

Keeley Blanchard is a life-long resident of our Town, and a recent Biology graduate.

We happily accommodated her request to spend some time cleaning up Outer Cove beach. Special thanks to Keeley for dedicating her time to help make our beaches free of garbage and plastic!



Councillor Bradley Power: “The last few months have been an extremely challenging time for us all. Our town has done extremely well, in my opinion, addressing the requirements of the public health emergency. Our resiliency as a community has certainly been tested, but we've passed with flying colours. I commend everyone for doing their part to keep our friends and families safe. Let's continue fighting the pandemic together, and we will come out the other side stronger than ever. I will continue doing my part and I'm always here if you need me.”

TOWN OF LOGY BAY-MIDDLE COVE-OUTER COVE SAFE STREETS DRIVING PLEDGE

I, _____ hereby pledge to be a safe driver. This includes obeying all traffic laws and taking every precaution to ensure my safety, and the safety of those around me, every time I am behind the wheel.

I pledge to:

1. Obey all traffic laws.
2. Not drive while under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or prescribed medication that can alter driving perceptions.
3. Drive within the posted speed limit, or slower, depending on the current conditions and environment. I will adjust my speed when children are playing or roadwork is being completed.
4. Drive defensively and responsibly and have patience with other drivers on our roads.
5. Remain alert and aware of possible driving dangers.
6. Always leave early enough so I don't have to rush to be on time especially in our school zone or where children are known to frequently play.
7. Not give in to the impatience of others to drive above the speed limit.
8. Not text or use any other handheld devices when driving.
9. Treat people who are walking and bicycling with respect and share the road safely with them. Give pedestrians and anyone bicycling enough space when traffic allows and always slow down when approaching them.

I, _____, understand that driving is a privilege and a responsibility. I agree that my safety and the safety of others in our community is always the first priority of driving. I acknowledge that by committing to the above pledge, I am doing my part in helping make our roads and community a safer place.

**If you see someone driving dangerously, please report
these incidents to the RNC at 729-8000**