

TOWN OF COLINET

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM TOWN COUNCIL

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We sincerely wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2024. We, as members of your Council, are honored that you trust us to responsibly manage the Town through its growth and development, as well as through challenging times. We are looking forward to the revitalization of our Town as we move forward to support our infrastructure needs while promoting our Town as a great place to live and visit.

We look forward to exciting times ahead and invite all residents to become involved as we plan for and endeavor to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Have a happy and safe 2024!

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TOWN COUNCIL:

- Ben Didham, Mayor
- Loretta Nash, Councillor
- Paula Linehan, Councillor
- Don Corrigan, Councillor
- Joan Nolan, Councillor

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Town of Colinet
P.O. Box 8
Colinet, NL A0B 1M0

Phone: 709-521-2300

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Email: townofcolinet.nl@gmail.com

UPDATE ON TOWN BUSINESS

2024 PUBLIC MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, January 16
- Tuesday, February 13
- Tuesday, March 12
- Tuesday, April 9
- Tuesday, May 7
- Tuesday, June 4
- Tuesday, July 2
- Tuesday, August 13
- Tuesday, September 10
- Tuesday, October 8
- Tuesday, November 5
- Tuesday, December 3

Please note that any changes to meeting dates will be posted to the Facebook page: Town of Colinet, St. Mary’s Bay, and posted at Colinet Enterprises. Every effort will be made to give sufficient notice of any changes.

Monthly meetings are open to the public; however, if you wish to bring forward an item for discussion at a Council meeting, please provide a detailed request in writing to the Town Office by the Friday preceding the meeting for inclusion on the Agenda. Otherwise, Council reserves the right to defer discussion until the next meeting.

2024 TAX STRUCTURE

Mill Rate:	4.5%
Minimum Property Tax:	\$500.00
Maximum Property Tax:	\$1,500.00
Minimum Business Tax:	\$350.00
Vacant Land Tax:	\$250.00
Un-serviced Land Tax:	\$250.00
Utility Tax:	2.5%
Eastern Waste Management	\$200.00

Tax bills will be mailed out in March 2024. All taxes are due and payable by June 30, 2024. As of July 1, 2024, anyone owing tax is considered to be in arrears; those in arrears could have their account submitted to credit recovery. If you cannot pay the amount in full, please contact the Town

Office to set up a payment plan to avoid penalties. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, money order, or e-transfer to townofcolinet.nl@gmail.com.

Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis only, based on combined household income. Previous year tax assessments will be required for consideration of an exemption. Please note that Old Age Security is considered income for the purpose of Property Taxes.

Civic numbers will be provided with 2024 tax bills. Please note that many properties have been assigned multiple civic numbers (e.g. 1000-1010). The Municipal Assessment Agency assigns numbers based on every 50 ft of frontage on a property. (Therefore, if you have 200 ft of frontage, you have been assigned four civic numbers, one for every 50 ft.). Council will be working with residents in the future to determine the exact civic number which applies to the residence on each property. Once this is completed, each property will have one civic number which will be applied to their residence.

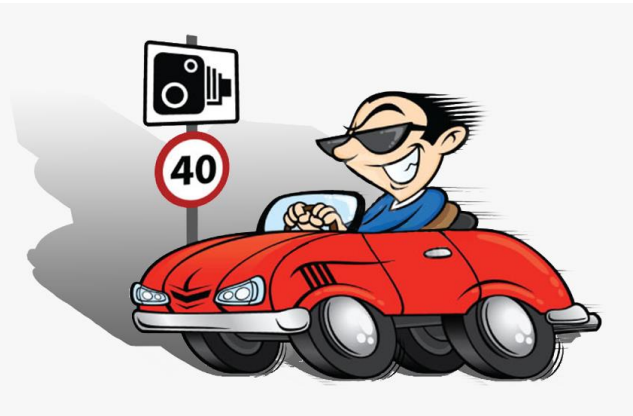
2024 FEE STRUCTURE

Renewal of Permits:	\$25.00
New Home Construction:	\$250.00
Extension to Home:	\$125.00
Renovations:	\$50.00
Building other than home:	
Under 100 sq. ft.	\$50.00
100-299 sq. ft.	\$75.00
300 square ft.	\$100.00
Fence:	\$50.00
Greenhouse:	\$50.00
Demolition:	\$200.00
(with possibility of \$100.00 refund if inspection of property shows land is clear of all debris).	
New Commercial Construction:	1% of contract
Tax Certificate:	\$100.00
NSF Fee:	\$50.00
Hall Rental (per day):	\$50.00

· All permits must be paid in advance and are non-refundable. Please ensure permits are visible on your property while work is ongoing.

ROAD SAFETY

Town Council is concerned with the speed of traffic through the Town, particularly on the main road. We remind everyone to consider the safety of all residents of our Town, particularly small children and people walking. Speed limits are posted; please comply with these limits. Any violations of posted speed limits which are brought to Council’s attention will be reported to the RCMP for action.



SNOW CLEARING

Winter is upon us; operators with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Town’s private contractor, are working to keep our roads clear of snow and ice. Please ensure your vehicles are parked in an area which will not impede snow clearing efforts. Any vehicles deemed to be creating a hindrance or obstruction to snow removal may be towed at the owner’s expense.

STREETLIGHTS

Residents are asked to report streetlights which are not working to the Town Office. Please provide the Pole Number when reporting the streetlight.

EASTERN WASTE COLLECTION

Eastern Waste collections are scheduled for Mondays in Colinet during 2024, with recycling collected every second Monday. (Note: When a holiday falls on Monday, collections will be scheduled for Tuesday). Remember, clear bags are now mandatory, with the exception of one privacy bag per household. All garbage must be placed roadside by 7:00 a.m. on collection days. **Bulk garbage days are scheduled for June 3 and September 30, 2024.** For additional information, please visit the ERSB website at easternregionalserviceboard.com.



COMMITTEES

The following Committees of Council have been appointed for 2024. Council invites anyone who wishes to sit on either of these committees to contact the office by February 13, 2024.

Recreation:

Ben Didham and Brian Eason

Infrastructure:

Joan Nolan and Don Corrigan

Human Resources:

Loretta Nash & Brenda Pike

Special Events:

Paula Linehan, Joan Nolan and Brenda Pike



TOWN HALL MEETING

Feb. 13 at 2:00 P.M. at the Town Hall

Do you have questions or concerns about the introduction of property taxes to our Town? Council invites all residents to attend a public town meeting with representatives from the Municipal Assessment Agency and the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to discuss the introduction of property taxes to the Town of Colinet. Residents will have an opportunity to present their questions and concerns and receive informed answers regarding property taxes.



Thank you to those who volunteer their time and efforts with the Town. Without you, events such as Remembrance Day and the Christmas Parade could not happen.

A special thank you to all members of our Volunteer Fire Department for the considerable time you put into keeping our Town safe. We appreciate you!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Note: These numbers are for use in emergencies only. Please place in an area within easy access in your home.

Colinet-Harricott-North Harbour Fire Department

Member	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Ralph Linehan (F. Chief)	521-2809	690-2347
Albert Brewer (Asst. Chief)	521-2383	687-2383
Gerard Linehan	521-2558	
Gordon Hearn	521-2396	687-8182
Jason Downey	521-2830	682-5071
Matt Leary		770-7181
Bernard Nolan	222-7838	682-7838
Michael Nolan	521-2430	727-0782
Elizabeth Nolan	521-2430	727-8112

You can now call 911 for all Emergencies

- Gibbons Ambulance 521-2554
- RCMP Holyrood 229-3892
- Mount Carmel Mutual Aid 911
- Riverhead Jaws of Life911
- Poison Control.....1-709-722-1110 / 1-866-727-1110