

TOWN OF COLINET

Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Summer has arrived! We hope everyone takes advantage of local sites and events as plans are made to enjoy the warm weather.

Council has been working on long-term plans for the improvement of our town and its services. We welcome suggestions and ideas as we move forward. Feel free to reach out or attend a town meeting if you would like to be involved in future planning. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

<div>TOWN COUNCIL:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ben Didham, MayorLoretta Nash, CouncillorPaula Linehan, CouncillorDon Corrigan, CouncillorJoan Nolan, Councillor <div>OFFICE HOURS:</div> <div>Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</div> <div>Town Clerk: Brenda Pike</div>	<div>CONTACT INFORMATION:</div> <div>Town of Colinet</div> <div>P.O. Box 8</div> <div>Colinet, NL A0B 1M0</div> <div>Phone: 709-521-2300</div> <div>Email: townofcolinet.nl@gmail.com</div> <div>Facebook: Town of Colinet, St. Mary’s Bay</div>
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UPDATE ON TOWN BUSINESS

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Tuesday, July 2

Tuesday, August 13

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday, October 8

Tuesday, November 5

Tuesday, December 3

Monthly meetings are open to the public; 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 PROPERTY TAXES

All taxes are due and payable by June 30, 2024. As of July 1, 2024, any taxes which are outstanding will be considered in arrears and may result in penalties, unless a payment plan has been put in place with the town office. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, money order or e-transfer to townofcolinet.nl@gmail.com.

Please note that there is considerable vacant land which has been assessed in Colinet, for which the owners are not known. If you own vacant land or know of someone with vacant land for which an assessment has not been received, please notify the town office. This could result in a tax reduction for those paying their taxes as the town becomes more informed of unknown property ownership.

CIVIC NUMBERING

Council is aware that many residents are confused by civic numbering, as many properties have been assigned multiple numbers based on the size of their property. Council members/staff will be going throughout the town over the next few weeks with the intention of assigning one civic number to each property, based on where the home is located on the property. Council requests that once you receive your updated civic number, you post it on your property in an area which is visible

from the road. This is very important for identification during medical or other emergencies.

SPEEDING

Slow Down! Speeding remains a major concern in the Town. Mayor Ben Didham has donated signs encouraging motorists to slow down in areas where children and pets may be present. However, under provincial legislation, these signs cannot be erected on provincial roads. They will be erected on town roads, and Council is looking at other options for reducing speed on the main roads going through the Town. In the meantime, we can all do our part by slowing down while driving through the community.

ROAD CONDITIONS: Markland Road

On March 26, 2024, Mr. William Davis wrote to Premier Furey regarding the terrible condition of Markland Road. Council encourages anyone using this road to express their frustrations to Government, with the hope for positive action.

Following is an excerpt from Mr. Davis' letter. If you wish to read the full letter, please visit the town's Facebook page or request a copy from the town office.

*"Dear Premier Furey,
I am writing to you personally, once again, hoping for some action, as well as some long overdue answers. I cannot understand why, in this day and age, the gravel roads leading to and from the town of Colinet have been allowed to remain in such terrible condition. Why aren't these roads paved?! People like me who were born and raised in Colinet, have spent a lifetime pleading with government for improvements, as well as apologizing to visitors, friends and relatives for the horrendous state of our roads. They are so much worse than just an inconvenience or a source of embarrassment. Over the years, most of us (and too many of our loved ones) have been dirt road victims, experiencing countless difficulties as a result of such terrible road travel. Flat tires, cracked windshields, chipped paint and missed appointments are merely routine. For us, "road rage" has taken on an entirely different meaning. Who could blame us for being angry? I, for one, definitely feel short-changed..."*

FIRE SERVICE FEES

Council is in the process of entering into a Fire Service Agreement with Eastern Regional Service Board, whereby ERSB will collect fire service fees on behalf of the Town in Harricott, North Harbour, and outlying areas on Markland Road, Nine Mile Road, etc. Council is hopeful that collection of these fees will commence in 2025 and will provide much-needed funds to the Colinet-Harricott-North Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

SNOW CLEARING

Council wishes to express appreciation to David Nugent for his snow clearing efforts for the Town during the 2023-2024 winter season. David has done a terrific job of keeping our roads safe and passable during the winter months.

STREETLIGHTS

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

BULK GARBAGE

The next bulk garbage day is September 30, 2024. For additional information, please visit the ERSB website at easternregionalserviceboard.com.

ROCKY RIVER PROJECT

Atlantic Salmon population in Rocky River is in serious decline and may be extinct without your help. A salmon fry stocking program, in the 1980’s, resulted in establishing a sea-run Atlantic salmon population in Rocky River. From 1987 to 2010, the numbers of salmon entering Rocky River increased to 950. Since then, the numbers have decreased to less than 200 in 2023. DFO counts adult salmon entering and juvenile salmon (smolts) leaving the River. The data collected indicate that the decrease in salmon production is a result of a decrease in survival of salmon in the river and not at sea. The Salmonid Association of Eastern Newfoundland (SAEN) held public meetings in Colinet and Whitbourne providing information on the decline of salmon and possible causes for the decline. SAEN has partnered with DFO and

Memorial University to initiate research, in 2024, on some of the factors that may be contributing to the decline. This research includes assessing salmon habitat, distribution of adult salmon in the river, and interactions of sea-run salmon and landlocked salmon (ouananiche). There are other factors as well, such as poaching, and predation. Attendees at the Whitbourne and Colinet meetings expressed their concern of the decline in salmon production and are interested in setting up a River Stewardship Association. A Steering Committee was formed to develop a process for establishing a Stewardship Association. Public meetings are tentatively planned for this fall to solicit members for a River Stewardship Association.

MAINTENANCE WORKER

Council welcomes Brian Bulger to the position of Maintenance Worker for the Town from June – September. Brian will be helping out where needed, especially with groundskeeping on town properties.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING IN AND NEAR WATER BODIES

Any work being carried out in or near a water body requires a permit under Section 48 of The Water Resources Act, 2002. The application and associated Schedule Forms are available at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/waterres/permits-licenses/appforms/>

BUILDING NEAR HIGHWAYS REGULATIONS

Under Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 28/97, a person shall not erect, repair, alter or structurally improve a fence, building or other structure, nor shall he or she plant trees, shrubs or hedges without the prior permission of the minister within 15 metres of the centre line of Route 81 and 91; or within 10 metres of the centre line of Route 93 as well as roads which are maintained by the Town of Colinet.

50th ANNIVERSARY

The Town of Colinet will be celebrating 50 years of incorporation on September 24, 2024. Council is in the planning stages for events to commemorate this milestone.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Colinet Town Council and Colinet Loggers Heritage Society are partnering with each other to bring you Canada Day Celebrations this year!

Sunday, June 30th

Starting at 5 p.m., on Council grounds, there will be a bouncy castle for kids; In the adjacent parking lot in the gazebo, there will be a free BBQ (hotdogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers), pop and chips; as well as a Canada Cake, Canada Day trinkets, flags and stickers;
Music from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Kitchen Party - Bring an instrument! Sing a song!
Dance from 8 p.m. to close – Music by Brian Finn; Admission for dance is \$ 10.00;
Fireworks and sparklers at dark (weather permitting / fire ban being lifted).

**Both organizations look forward to celebrating with everyone!
Everyone Welcome**

RECENT BEAR SIGHTINGS

In light of recent bear sightings in the area, we have attached an information sheet prepared by the Wildlife Division, Government of NL, outlining how to minimize contact with bears and remain safe in their presence.

EMERGENCY 911 SERVICES

Please see the attached information sheet on accessing emergency services through 911. Remember, as of June 1, you must call 911 for all ambulance services.

Colinet-Harricott-North Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

	<u>Home Phone No.</u>	<u>Cellphone No.</u>
Ralph Linehan, Fire Chief	521-2809	690-2347
Albert Brewer, Asst. Fire Chief		687-2383
		730-1905
Gerard Linehan	521-2558	330-1634
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

RCMP Holyrood: 229-3892
Poison Control: 709-722-1110 / 1-866-727-1110

A huge thank you to all who volunteer in our community!

HAPPY CANADA DAY TO ALL!