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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL:

Council wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025. We have been very busy since our last newsletter working on your behalf for improved town and provincial roads, reliable cell phone and 911 services, accessibility of our town building, fire department improvements (equipment and vehicles) and working with ERSB for the collection of fire service fees from surrounding areas to assist with the financial needs of our Fire Department.

We encourage all residents to bring forward any concerns or items you would like addressed by Council. We are happy to work with you to develop ideas and strategies to improve our Town and its development. Your input is welcome!

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TOWN COUNCIL:

- V. Joan Nolan, Mayor
- Gerard Linehan, Deputy Mayor
- Paula Linehan, Councillor
- Don Corrigan, Councillor
- Loretta Nash, Councillor

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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2025 TAX AND FEE STRUCTURE:

TAX STRUCTURE 2025

Property Tax (Residential)	4.5 mils (\$500 minimum)
Property Tax (Commercial)	4.5 mils (\$500 minimum)
Vacant Land Tax	\$250.00
Un-serviced Land Tax	\$250.00
Business Tax (minimum)	\$350.00
Utility Tax	2.5% of gross revenue
Eastern Regional Service Board Fee	\$225.00

FEE STRUCTURE 2025

Permit Fees:

All Permits are valid for one year from date of issue.

New Home Construction	\$250.00
Extension to Home	\$125.00
Renovations	\$50.00
Demolition	\$200.00

Note: If property is clear of all debris following demolition, a \$100 refund will be issued).

Building Other than Home:

Under 100 sq. ft.	\$50.00
100-299 sq. ft.	\$75.00
300 sq. ft. and above	\$100.00
Fence	\$50.00
Greenhouse	\$50.00
New Commercial Construction	1% of contract
Renewal of Permits	\$25.00
NSF Fee	\$50.00
Tax Certificate	\$100.00
Hall Rental (per day)	\$50.00
Extended Hall Rental	to be determined by Council on an individual basis

Tax bills will be mailed out in February 2025. All taxes and ERSB fees are due and payable by June 30, 2025. As of July 1, 2025, anyone owing taxes or fees is in arrears. Those in arrears could have their account submitted to credit recovery or small claims court. 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.

2025 PUBLIC MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, January 14
Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, June 3

Tuesday, July 15
Tuesday, August 12
Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, November 4
Tuesday, December 2

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.

CELL PHONE and 911 SERVICE:

Colinet Town Council has been involved with Municipalities NL, as well as the provincial and federal governments in working towards providing reliable cell phone and 911 services to Colinet and other areas of Newfoundland and Labrador. Meetings have been held at local and provincial levels, with very positive feedback from both the federal and provincial governments. Council is very optimistic that our voices are being heard and are hopeful for a positive outcome to our concerns in relation to inadequate cell phone and 911 service for our area. We will continue to work with all agencies to ensure access to reliable services remains a priority.

ABANDONED WELLS AND DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES:

Council is requesting that residents check their properties for any abandoned wells, dilapidated structures or other hazards on their property, especially those which may pose a hazard for children who may play in the area. If there are any such hazards on your property, please ensure wells are filled in and structures removed or secured. If you are aware of any such hazards on other properties, please notify the Town Office.

SNOW CLEARING:

During the winter months, 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:

Please report any streetlights which are not working to the Town Office; remember to identify the pole number when reporting an outage.

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD COLLECTION:

Waste collections in 2025 are scheduled for Wednesdays, with a few exceptions due to holidays. Exceptions are: Thursday, January 2; Thursday, July 3; Thursday, September 4; Thursday, November 13 and Tuesday, December 23. Recycling will be collected on the second Wednesday each month, as per the ERSB calendar mailed to households in January.

Bulk garbage days are scheduled for April 7 and October 13, 2025.

Beginning April 1, 2025, an access card will be required to enter any ERSB waste recovery facility. Applications are available at the Town Office, Colinet Enterprises or on the ERSB website at easternregionalserviceboard.com.

ROADS:

Thank you to everyone who wrote letters to Minister Hutton outlining concerns over the condition of Route 81 to Markland and Route 91 to Placentia. We encourage everyone to keep lobbying for road improvements in our area. Let's hope Government reads our letters, recognizes this very urgent issue and acts on paving these much-used gravel roads.

GRANT FOR HOME REPAIRS - DID YOU KNOW?

Homeowners with a household income of less than \$32,500 can apply for a **\$5,000 grant for home repairs** from Newfoundland and Labrador Housing. For more information, see the Provincial Home Repair Program at <https://www.nlhc.nl.ca/housing-programs/provincial-home-repair-program-phrp/>. Applications will also be available at the Town Office for anyone who doesn't have internet access.

PROPOSED ECOLOGICAL RESERVES:

Halls Gullies and Ripple Pond Proposed Ecological Reserves are areas identified for protection under the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act. The Provincial Government has asked Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council to engage the public and make recommendations on future protection. Residents of

Colinet and surrounding areas who would like to be involved with future planning for these areas, visit <https://www.engagenl.ca/en/ripple-pond-proposed-ecological-reserve> and <https://www.engagenl.ca/en/halls-gullies-proposed-ecological-reserve> for more information.

THANK YOU!

Council extends a heartfelt thank you to all who volunteered their time with the Town. Annual activities, such as Canada Day celebrations, the Remembrance Day ceremony, Christmas Parade and visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as the 2024 Anniversary Celebrations, would not happen without volunteers working together. You are appreciated!

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Bill Murphy, member of the Inverness County Connectivity Committee, Nova Scotia, who met with Colinet Council and other interested parties in January, and shared Nova Scotia's very successful efforts to secure cell phone service in rural Nova Scotia.

A special thank you to Denise Batten for volunteering her time to assist with letter writing to Minister Hutton lobbying for improved road improvements and paving.

Our Volunteer Fire Department is an integral part of our community that we are very thankful for. Knowing we have a group of volunteers who are making our safety a priority is invaluable to our town.

Colinet-Harricott-North Harbour Fire Department

Member	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Ralph Linehan (F. Chief)	521-2809	690-2347
Albert Brewer (Asst. Chief)	730-9105	687-2383
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
Robert Nash		687-3203
Levi Stoyles		631-6383

You can now call 911 for all Emergencies (Ambulance/Fire Department)

Poison Control 709-722-1110 / 1-866-727-1110

RCMP Holyrood 709-229-3892

