

Village of Baddeck

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Upcoming Election

Two Village Commissioner positions will be coming to term in July, thus, we will be holding an election. The nomination period will be from June 6 to June 13th. The advanced polls will open on July 2, and election day will be July 6. Commissioner terms are for three years. The nomination papers will be available on the website, and at the office. We encourage anyone interested to reach out. If you have questions about the process, please reach out. The website <u>www.baddeckvillage.ca</u> and our Facebook page will have up to date information regarding the election. You can also always visit the Village office, at 492 Chebucto Street (Monday-Friday, 9:30am-1pm) or contact the office via phone (902-295-3666), or e-mail the Village Manager, at <u>roman.braun-huettner@baddeckvillage.ca</u>

Regular public meetings of the Village Commission are on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Office (492 Chebucto Street). Here are the upcoming meeting dates.

> May 8th, 2024 June 12th, 2024 July 10th, 2024 August 14th, 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 18th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The AGM will be held at The Inverary Resort. We will provide a general update on village operations and infrastructure, the 2024-2025 budget and a financial statement for 2023-2024.

Wastewater & Water Treatment

The Wastewater Treatment Plant will be undergoing a control panel and electrical upgrade in May. This is to replace obsolete infrastructure. The Village is working to secure fundings to address the cost of this project. The total cost is approximately \$65,000.

Since the work will require a shut down, we will have a **discharge event** for approximately one week while the work is done. We are committed to having the work done prior to the May long weekend, in hopes of **minimizing the impact of the discharge**. We are hoping that folks will do their best to minimize the waste water going down your pipes during this period May 13th to May 17th.

The Water Treatment Plant will be equipped with a generator to ensure that the plant can function in the event of a power outage (this is in line with emergency preparation plans). The Village is in the process of procuring a generator and having it installed. The cost will be approximately \$50,000 and again, we are working on securing funding for this project as well.

The Village is grateful to MLA Keith Bain, MP Jaime Battiste and Victoria County Council for supporting our funding applications for these capital projects with letters of support.

Three new fire hydrants were purchased. The Village Public Works Department will be coordinating the replacement of hydrants on the Shore Road (in front of the Inverary Inn entrance), at Fownes Drive, and on the Trans-Canada Highway near the Irving/Tim Horton's.

Please reach out with concerns, comments or questions to the Baddeck Village Commissioners.

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Village Commission Update/May 2024

Water Utility Billing

The last water bills for the 2023-2024 fiscal year have been mailed out. Going forward, the bills will reflect the new water rates established by the UARB. You can expect water bills quarterly beginning in July and you can find the NEW RATES on the village website (www.baddeckvillage.ca).

You can pay your water bill through online banking, by e-transfer or in person via cheque or debit. If you have any questions please contact the village office.

Baddeck Community Club Property: Call for Volunteers

The Village acquired the "Community Club" property (also sometimes known as the old Baddeck Academy property, and "the tennis courts") in June of 2022. There is a current committee working on this project, and the village is seeking new membership. The committee is seeking up to 4 volunteer members who would be excited about planning for the revitalisation of this property, engaging in community feedback sessions and developing a plan for this recreational space. The terms of reference for committees is on the village website. If you have an interest in or experience with recreational initiatives, development, project planning or community development, we could use your expertise! We welcome folks from diverse backgrounds. If you're interested, please send an email to <u>info@baddeckvillage.ca</u> with your contact information, and some background as to your interest in this committee.

The Boardwalk

A section of the boardwalk has been barricaded, as it is unsafe in its current condition. The Waterfront Baddeck Committee has been working tirelessly to secure funding from various levels of government and grants to ensure that this infrastructure is replaced and will be a gathering place and point of pride for years to come. We look forward to putting up "under construction" signs in the near future! Until then, we appreciate your understanding as we deal with the infrastructure in the interest of safety.

Smart Meters and Standpipes

The majority of the water meters in the Village have been changed to Smart Meters and we are committed to reaching 100%. The plan is to change the rest of the old meters in fall 2024 and we will follow up on scheduling the changeover. Also important to note, the standpipe (the external shutoff for water on each property) needs to be accessible and in good condition so the water supply can be turned off to change the meter, or in an emergency. It is usually located in front of your home or building. If you can't find your standpipe or it appears to be damaged, please contact the Village Office ASAP.

COME WORK WITH US!

THE VILLAGE OF BADDECK HAS SECURED FUNDING FOR A STUDENT POSITION THROUGH CANADA SUMMER JOBS. THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR A STUDENTS FOCUSED ON OFFICE ADMINISTRATION. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE OR THE FACEBOOK PAGE, OR CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY.