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In Nova Scotia, Municipal Awareness Week was held November 1 – 7.

The week is a chance to highlight the people, services and decisions that help our communities thrive. But it's also a reminder that residents have an important role to play in shaping the future of Victoria County.

There are many ways for you to get involved, whether it's completing a survey, attending a Council meeting, sharing feedback on a project or reaching out to your district councillor with a concern or idea.

Your input helps Council understand what matters to residents and make informed decisions for our communities.

In this edition of News & Views, you'll find some of the highlights we shared on our municipal website during Municipal Awareness Week. By sharing these short stories, we want to help you learn more about municipal services, the people behind them and how local government works.

I encourage you to take a look, stay informed and have your say. Strong communities are built when we work together.



Municipal 101:

How Council Makes Decisions

Municipal Council makes decisions as a group. Issues may be raised by residents, councillors or municipal staff. Staff research the issue and provide information and recommendations to help Council consider the options.

Council discusses the matter at a meeting, considers public input where appropriate, and votes on a motion. Once a decision is approved, municipal staff put it into action.

Want to follow along? Attend a Council meeting or review meeting agendas and minutes on the Municipality's website to see how decisions were made.

Municipal Awareness Week

This initiative celebrates the vital role that local governments, elected officials and municipal staff play in shaping communities and delivering essential services.



Municipal staff who work at the Administration Building in Baddeck

New Equipment Makes Waste Management More Efficient

Public works has a new piece of equipment that will help manage and store some waste materials.

The shredder reduces the size of construction and demolition materials, by a 4 to 1 ratio, allowing more material to be stored in a smaller area.

This helps us make the most of the space we have without the need and cost of increasing our waste management footprint.



The industrial shredder working at the Baddeck Waste Management Facility

Now Accepting More Items for Recycling in New Haven

To make recycling more convenient for residents in the North, the New Haven Recycling Depot will now accept **paint and fluorescent lightbulbs!**

These additions give residents more options to recycle locally without having to make the trip to the Dingwall facility with these materials.



Municipal staff who work at the New Haven Recycling Depot

Keeping Our Water Systems Safe

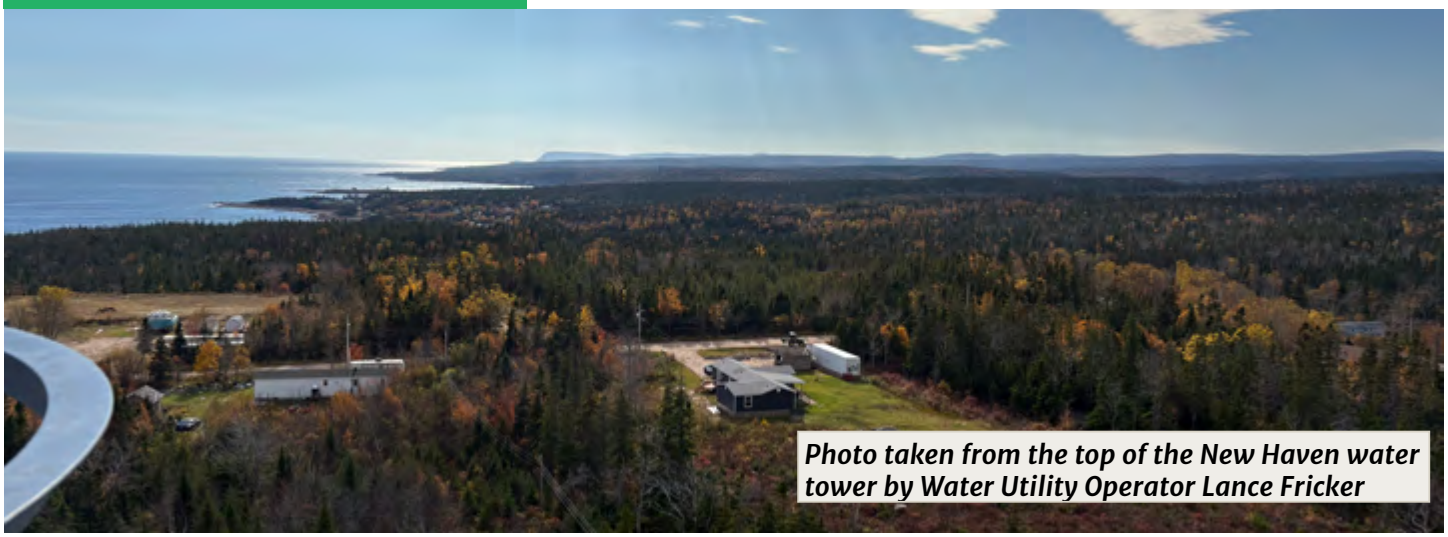


Photo taken from the top of the New Haven water tower by Water Utility Operator Lance Fricker

Our Water Utility Operators play an important role in monitoring the municipal water system and helping ensure the water you depend on meets provincial requirements.

DID YOU KNOW? In 2025 we received 190 metric tonnes of recycling at our facilities. For comparison, blue whales, the largest marine mammal, typically weigh between 100 and 150 metric tonnes.

Regular water sampling and testing help monitor and record water quality. These ongoing checks are part of meeting Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change requirements and maintaining a safe, reliable water supply for the communities served by Victoria County's municipal water system.

Public Works Winter Collection Advisory

A few reminders to residents ahead of the winter season.

- Garbage boxes must be accessible to staff from the road and free of ice and snow.
- We send out a notice if garbage is cancelled or if a route cannot be completed due to poor weather or road conditions.
- We do not put out a notice if collection is delayed.
- There will be no collection on unpaved roads when conditions are too dangerous for staff and vehicles.



Get notified through the Voyent Alert and the Recycle Cape Breton apps. Go to victoriacounty.com to download the apps or email info@victoriacounty.ca for more information.

December is Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month

For staff working in our waste and recycling facilities, a single needle-stick injury can result in months of medical appointments, bloodwork, and up to a year of testing to determine whether diseases or infections were transmitted.

ALWAYS place sharps in an approved sharps container and return to a pharmacy or other safe drop-off location for safe disposal.



A free safe sharps drop-off event was held recently in Baddeck by CBRM and Victoria County

Upcoming Events

PROPERTY TAX SALE

November 23, 2026

By Public Auction

A property tax sale by public auction will take place at St. Mark's Masonic Lodge (24 Queen St., Baddeck, NS) on Monday, November 23 at 11 a.m. You must be in attendance to bid on a property.

For more information: 902-295-3231 or countytax@victoriacounty.ca

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, November 26, 9:30 a.m.

Municipal Administration Building, Baddeck, NS

Residents are invited to provide comments on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy Bylaw before it goes to Council for Second Reading. A rezoning application has been submitted for a property (PID 85041622) in Tarbot to change from the Commercial Recreation (CR) Zone to the Rural General (RG) Zone to reflect its intended residential use.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 26, 10 a.m.

Municipal Administration Building, Baddeck, NS

Residents are welcome to attend the regular meeting of Council or watch the live stream.

Keep Active in Victoria County

Pickleball	AGES 15 AND OVER
Mon. 3-5 p.m.	North Highland School (Aspy Bay)
Tues. 6-8 p.m.	Rankin School of the Narrows (Iona)
Wed. 7-9 p.m.	Boularderie School
Thurs. 3-7 p.m.	North Highland School (Aspy Bay)
Thurs. 6-8 p.m.	Rankin School of the Narrows (Iona)

Floor Hockey	AGES 15 AND OVER
Mon. 5-7 p.m.	Cape Smokey Elementary School in Ingonish
Wed. 6-8 p.m.	Rankin School of the Narrows (Iona)

Modern Line Dancing	AGES 15 AND OVER
Thurs. 7-8 p.m.	Boularderie School

Volleyball	AGES 18 AND OVER
Wed. 7:30-9 p.m.	Baddeck Academy

victoriacounty.com/recreation-events

MORE INFO!

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