

TOWN OF BERWICK
Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 23, 2021 - 6:30pm
AGENDA
(Via Webex Virtual Meeting)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
4. **Departmental Reports**
 - a. RCMP *Attached*
 - b. BDVFD *Handout*
 - c. Active Living *Attached*
 - d. Recreation *Attached*
 - e. Fitness Centre *Attached*
 - f. Public Works *Attached*
 - f. CAO *Attached*
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - a. Budget 2021/22 Presentation
6. **Mayor/Councillor Reports**
 - a. Councillor Goddard *Attached*
 - b. Councillor Trinacty *Attached*
 - c. Mayor's Report
7. **In Camera – Contractual/Legal**
8. **Adjournment**

Berwick Policing Report February 2021



***Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Kings District***

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Kings District Employees

Inspector Dan Morrow, Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by 8 corporals, 2 sergeants and 1 staff sergeant.

Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton.
Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

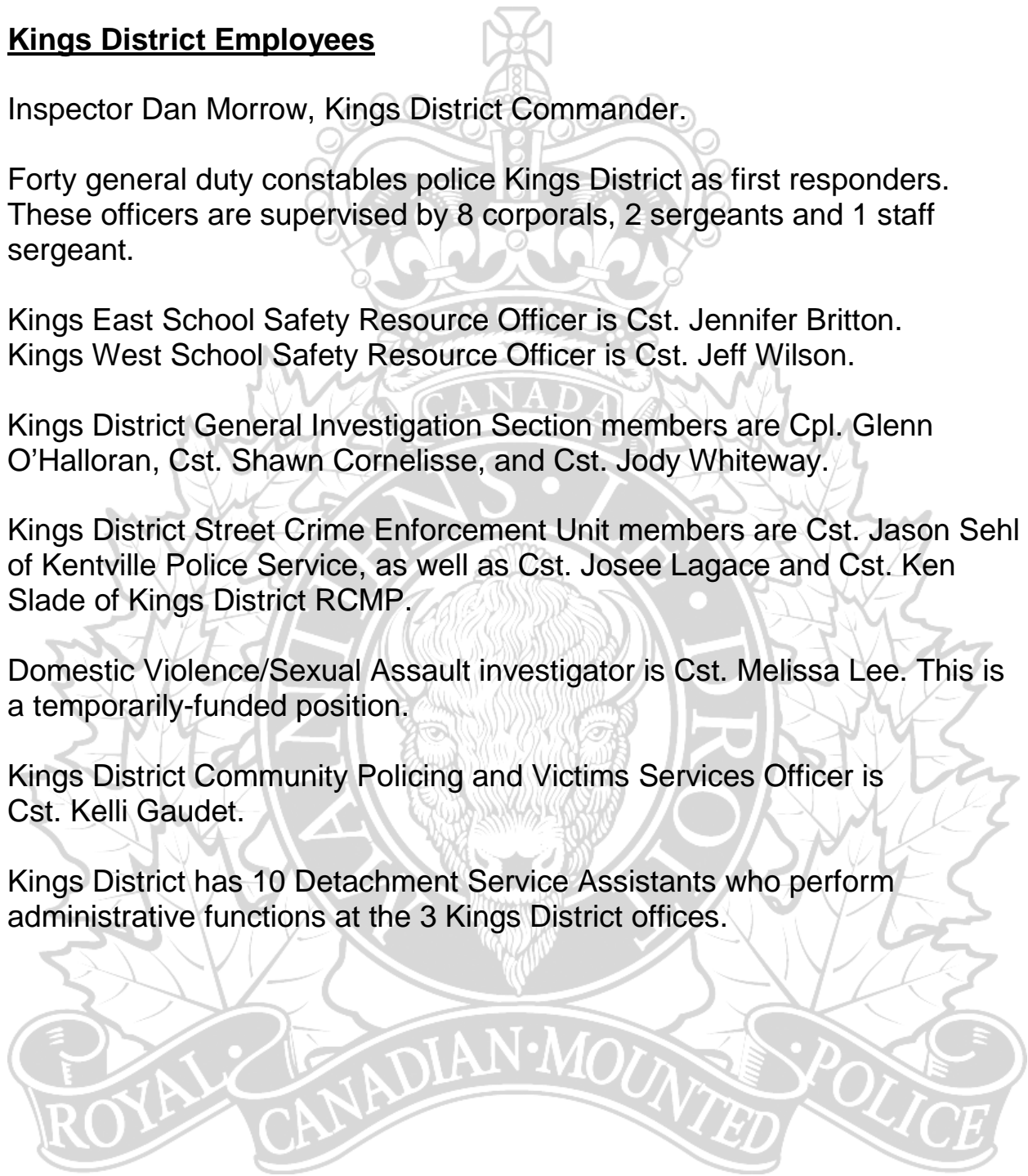
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Josee Lagace and Cst. Ken Slade of Kings District RCMP.

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is Cst. Melissa Lee. This is a temporarily-funded position.

Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is Cst. Kelli Gaudet.

Kings District has 10 Detachment Service Assistants who perform administrative functions at the 3 Kings District offices.



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School Safety Resource Officers

School Safety Resource Officers work as a resource to our local schools. Members provide presentations to every grade level from P-12 on current topics such as human trafficking, fentanyl, cybercrime, bullying, drug awareness and appropriate use of Social Media. Schools often request other presentations, which are customized to meet their needs. SSRO's update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSRO's do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSRO's also provide support for school events that occur after traditional school hours.

Cst. Wilson's service area is from Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, which encompasses 11 schools.

Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary and encompasses 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, Human Trafficking presentations as well as "lock down drills" have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period.

Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.

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Highlights

On February 1st, Cst. Wilson spoke with CBC Kids regarding Youth CyberCrime on National level show for possible future airing. Investigational work at WKDHS, Aylesford St Mary's, Dwight Ross schools. Dismissal patrol at Berwick DS Schools zone. No violators. 1 ticket issued in Coldbrook for passing emergency vehicle without slowing or pulling over.

On February 2nd, Cst. Wilson spoke K-Rock regarding snow safety and kids. Mobile RADAR performed in Berwick main St. No violators. 3 Warnings issued for non speed offences.

On February 3rd, Cst. Wilson performed radar for school zone arrivals at Kingston and PRMS. No violators. Meeting with CBC Kids again. WKDHS COVID concerns with smoking area. School zone speeding ticket and 1 warning issued to students. RADAR East main Berwick, 1 warning, 1 ticket Hwy 1 South Berwick. 1 Ticket Maple st Waterville.

On February 4th, Cst. Wilson participated in follow up meetings with CBC Kids. WKDHS met with Principal re student driving behaviour for previous days' ticket and warning. CKRHS spoke to re: previous days' tickets warnings for driving. Investigational follow-up. RADAR performed around CKRHS and Waterville during dismissal. 1 ticket issued. RADAR south Berwick/Hwy 1, no violators.

On February 5th, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up re cyber bullying. Assisted Cst. Britton at NKEC. Patrols of WKDHS.

On February 9th, Cst. Wilson attended online NS Youth Cybercrime Committee meeting. Investigational follow-up WKDHS and CKRHS.

On February 10th, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up on several matters. Patrols during Cambridge dismissal, 1 ticket issued. Waterville speed enforcement conducted, no violators.

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On February 11th, Cst. Wilson drafted several media releases and conducted investigational follow-up.

On February 12th, Cst. Wilson at WKDHS, PRMS, for investigational follow-up and restorative justice matter. Patrols of Berwick school zones, PRMS and Kingston schools.

On February 16th, Cst. Wilson prepared several media releases. Cst. Wilson assisted GD members due to storm and accidents.

On February 17th, Cst Wilson performed investigational follow-up at CKRHS and WKDHS. Media interview with Chronical Herald.

On February 18th, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Media release re: Wolfville Voyeurism file followed by interviews with ATV/CTV, CBC, Canada Free Press, Chronical Herald, Saltwire, Kings County Register. Safety message also released on next expected snowfall and clearing snow from vehicles.

On February 19th, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols of Pine Ridge, Kingston Elementary and PRMS. No violators. Investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Further media (CTV) interview. Patrols of Berwick school during dismissal and Berwick area. No violators.

On February 22nd, Cst. Wilson dealt with student suicide attempt first response and follow-up with Health services and family. Cyberscan meeting, Restorative Justice meeting and various investigational follow-up. Follow up on unfounded report of weapon brought to a school.

On February 23rd, Media release on counterfeit money, Break and Enter. Various investigational follow-up and operational assistance.

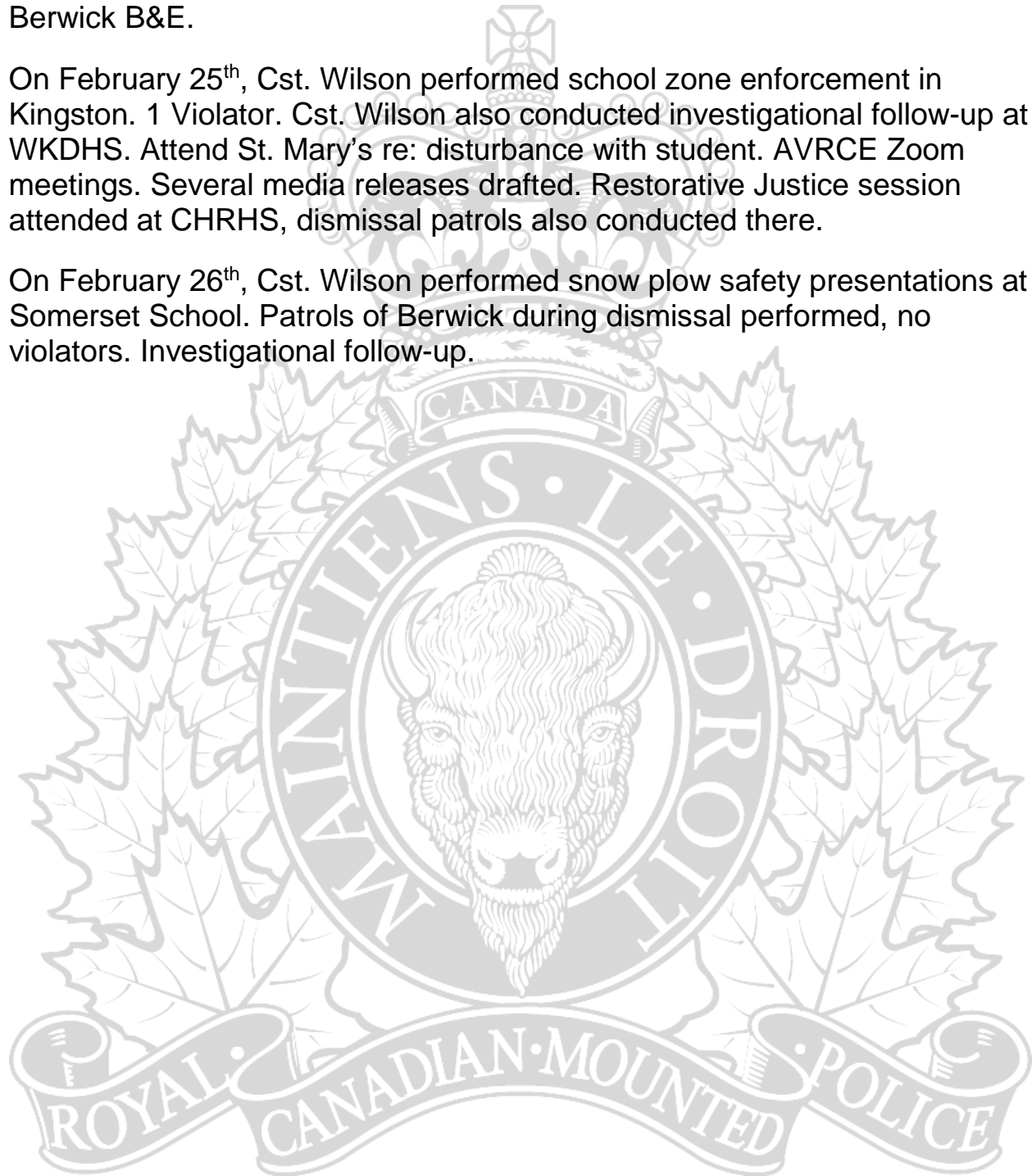
On February 24th, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols at Dwight Ross, École Rose, Pine Ridge and Kingston Elementary patrols for bus flashing light complaints. 1 ticket issued for speed. Media release prepared for Impaired file. Dismissal patrols at WKDHS, Kingston and PRMS. 1 ticket



issued. Investigational assistance and follow up. Media interview re Berwick B&E.

On February 25th, Cst. Wilson performed school zone enforcement in Kingston. 1 Violator. Cst. Wilson also conducted investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Attend St. Mary's re: disturbance with student. AVRCE Zoom meetings. Several media releases drafted. Restorative Justice session attended at CHRHS, dismissal patrols also conducted there.

On February 26th, Cst. Wilson performed snow plow safety presentations at Somerset School. Patrols of Berwick during dismissal performed, no violators. Investigational follow-up.



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Nova Scotia RCMP Release Annual Provincial Impaired Statistics for 2020

As Nova Scotia's Provincial Police, road safety is a top priority. In an effort to keep citizens informed about enforcement on our roadways, the Nova Scotia RCMP is releasing statistics for all RCMP detachments in Nova Scotia for 2020 on drivers charged for driving impaired by drugs or alcohol.

In 2020, Nova Scotia RCMP charged 1,625 drivers with impaired related offences.

- 821 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Alcohol
- 72 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Drug
- 142 charged with Refusal of a Demand Made by a Peace Officer
- 590 issued driving suspensions for Operating a Conveyance While Having Consumed Alcohol.

Impaired driving investigations can be complex, especially when they involve both alcohol and drugs. This is why Nova Scotia RCMP officers receive a variety of training, and have several tools at their disposal.

Each day, RCMP members are working throughout the province to help keep the roads safer for everyone. Recently, a member in the Halifax area was recognized by their supervisors for going above and beyond. Cst. Scott Aldridge from Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit charged 139 drivers in 2020 for impaired driving related offences. His contribution to road safety does not go unnoticed.

In Nova Scotia, there are approximately 250 RCMP members with training related to drug-impaired driving, 33 of whom are Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). Nova Scotia RCMP also has 427 trained breath technicians who are qualified to operate instruments that determine a driver's blood alcohol concentration.

Failure or refusal to comply with a demand made by a peace officer for a sample for testing sobriety can result in criminal charges that have the

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same penalties as impaired driving. There are range of fines and periods of driving prohibition for those convicted of driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Citizens are asked to call 911 immediately if you see a driver who is driving erratically or unsafely. Here are some signs of an impaired driver to watch for:

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- Drifting in and out of lanes
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently
- Making exceptionally wide turns
- Changing lanes or passing without sufficient clearance
- Overshooting or stopping well before stop signs or stop lights
- Disregarding signals and lights
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly
- Driving without headlights, failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on
- Driving with windows open in cold or inclement weather

Once you call 911, you will be asked to provide the following:

- Your location
- A description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, colour, make and model
- The direction of travel for the vehicle
- A description of the driver if visible.

RCMP Reminds Motorists to Stay Alert to Arrive Safely

Nova Scotia RCMP is asking motorists to help keep everyone safe on the roads by staying alert and focused at all times behind the wheel.

This month, the Nova Scotia RCMP will be conducting checkpoints throughout the province to highlight the importance of being focused while driving. From cellphones to loud music to other passengers, there are many distractions that can compete for a driver's attention and affect their ability to drive safely.

"Driving distracted puts you and everyone on the road at risk and is one of the four casual factors of fatal and serious injury collisions", says Cpl. Michael Carter with Traffic Services. "It may seem like a low risk to quickly check your phone but when you find yourself needing to stop suddenly, every second counts."

From October 1st, 2020 to January 31st, 2021, Nova Scotia RCMP charged 183 people with using a cell phone while driving. In Nova Scotia, the fine for using a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle is \$237.50. If convicted, four points are added to the driver's license. The RCMP will continue to target distracted drivers through enforcement in an effort to keep Nova Scotians safe on roadways. Here are some tips to help avoid distracted driving:

- Keep your cellphone out of reach. Reduce the temptation to use it by keeping it out of sight (for example, in a bag in the backseat) and turn the ringer off.
- Plan your route ahead of time. Before you get in the car, know where you're going and how you're getting there. If you use a GPS system, program your route prior to starting the car.
- Avoid eating and drinking while driving. If you need to take a drink, wait until you are stopped at a red light.
- Keep music or radio at a reasonable volume. Music should never be so loud that you would not be able to hear a siren, or the screech of brakes from another vehicle.

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- Offer help. If you're a passenger and notice the driver trying to use the phone, offer to send a text or make a call for them. You can also offer to help navigate the GPS.
 - Talk to new drivers. Talk to the new drivers in your life about the importance of staying focused behind the wheel and the serious risks when driving distracted.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

RCMP Warns of Online Marketplace Scams

In the last month, Halifax District RCMP have received several reports of online marketplace scams.

Several scams involved victims placing an ad online for various items (these have included clothes, electronics and instruments). The suspect poses as a buyer and asks the seller to send the items, promising that payment will follow. The seller sends the items but the payment never arrives.

On at least four occasions, victims have been defrauded after sending a deposit for a dog or puppy. In this scenario, the suspect posts an ad for the pet on an online marketplace. When the victim contacts the suspect, the suspect asks the victim to send a deposit. The victim sends the money and the suspect provides a fake address to pick up the dog. The suspect then stops communicating with the victim.

When considering making a purchase from an online marketplace, there are some things residents can do to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim:

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- If you're looking for a pet, consider adopting one from a reputable rescue organization or contacting a registered breeder with the Canadian Kennel Club.
 - If the person is selling an animal, ask for the pet's veterinarian clinic and call to confirm that the pet is a patient there.
 - If the person is claiming to be a breeder, ask for the breeder registration information. If they won't give it, this is likely a scam. If they do give it, verify the information.
 - If you are looking for a purebred, do research to get a sense of what a fair price is for the breed. Think twice if someone is selling a purebred dog at a very low price.
 - Ask for the seller's phone number. Call and ask specific questions about what the person is selling. If they don't give a phone number, it could be a sign of a scam.
 - Ask for multiple photos of what the person is selling. Compare them to ensure the item is the same in all photos.

Anyone can be a victim of a scam, and it's important to view all potential purchases with a critical eye. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, contact your local police.

If you encounter a scam but you have not been victimized, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

New, State-of-the-Art RCMP Operational Communications Centre Set to Open

On February 24th, Nova Scotia RCMP 911 Police Dispatchers will begin answering calls for service out of the new, state-of-the-art Operational Communications Centre (OCC) at RCMPNS Headquarters in Dartmouth.

Since 2018, the Nova Scotia RCMP has been planning this move to the modern space.

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"The Nova Scotia RCMP OCC is now among the most advanced communications centres in Canada," says Insp. Dustine Rodier, Officer in Charge of the OCC. "We now have an OCC that reflects the exceptional work of our 911 Police Dispatchers."

The centre uses the most up-to-date technology for enhanced service to Nova Scotians, and was built with employee wellness in mind. Employee feedback and best practices from across the country informed the centre's design.

Features include:

- Several layers of redundancy built into our systems.
- Next Generation 911 compatible systems that will support continued advancements in technology.
- Open concept layout for ongoing situational awareness.
- State-of-the-art situational boards for enhanced situational awareness.
- Top quality ergonomic workstations with built-in features to support employee health and wellness.
- Plenty of natural light.
- Multiple areas for employees to decompress after challenging calls.
- Full working kitchen for employees to gather and share meals.

"RCMP 911 Police Dispatchers help Nova Scotians every day, through the challenging yet exceptional work they do," says Assistant Commissioner Lee Bergerman, Commanding Officer of the Nova Scotia RCMP. "The new, modern OCC enhances our existing abilities to provide an extremely high level of service to the residents of Nova Scotia for many years to come."

The Nova Scotia RCMP have produced a video about the new OCC. It can be viewed on [Youtube](#) or [Facebook](#).

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Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:



- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
To date, Kings District members have charged 90 people with impaired driving (10 for drugs, 7 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 25 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 1,708 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 200 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**
Community resource officers and Senior Safety Coordinator continue to educate students and seniors on Cybercrime.
- **Reduce Crime Against People**
Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism. 81 checks were performed this month.

Calls for Service

In the month of February, Kings District responded to 1239 service calls. There were a total of 75 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	February Berwick	February Kings
	2021	2021
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	4
Assault	0	16
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	4
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	5
Uttering Threats	0	8
Property Crime		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	1	7
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	1
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1
Theft Under	1	15
Shoplifting	0	10
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	4
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	2	37
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	1	31
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	0
Trafficking	0	1
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	2



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	February Berwick	February Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	3
Impaired by Alcohol	0	10
Impaired by Drug	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	5
Fail to Stop or Remain	2	17
Seatbelt Violation	4	11
Intersection Violation	1	15
Speeding Violation	10	100
Insurance Violation	1	12
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	4
Collision - Reportable	1	36
Collision - Non Reportable	0	20
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	73
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	20	192
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	2
Checkstop	4	33
Other		
911 Call	1	26
Breach of Court Order	0	11
Liquor Act	0	11
Mental Health Act	3	34
Missing Person	0	49
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	21
Other	11	233
Suspicious P V P	1	16
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	10
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	6	40
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	71	1140
Total Occurrences*	75	1239



Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. 387 patrols were conducted in Berwick for the month of February. Below are some of the highlights for February.

February 1st: Numerous day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. No violators noted.

February 2nd: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. 2 tickets issued.

February 3rd: Extensive patrols of Berwick/101 area. 6 tickets issued. 1 warning.

February 4th: Extensive day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. No violators noted.

February 5th: Extensive patrols. RADAR conducted on Commercial, Main, Hwy 1. 7 MVA tickets issued, 3 OHV tickets and 3 warnings.

February 6th: Extensive patrols of Berwick area. Mobile RADAR conducted. 2 foot patrols of Rainforth Park. 1 Ticket issued.

February 7th: Checkpoint at 360 North Berwick. 2 tickets and 2 roadside screenings performed for alcohol. 3 other tickets issued during Berwick patrols.

February 8th: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 9th: Numerous patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 10th: Berwick patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 11th: Numerous patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 12th: Stationary RADAR performed on Commercial. No violators. RADAR on Main during shift change, no violators. Intersection enforcement on Commercial and Main, no violators.

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February 13th: Extensive patrols and stationary RADAR performed Commercial, Orchard and Main St. No violators. 1 ticket on Hwy1

February 14th: Extensive patrols of Berwick. Mobile RADAR performed on Commercial, Main St. No violators. 1 foot patrol Rainforth Park.

February 15th: Numerous patrols of Berwick area. Mobile RADAR performed on Commercial, Main St. and Hwy 1. 1 ticket, 1 warning.

February 18th: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

February 19th: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

February 20th: Extensive patrols of Berwick area. Several Mobile RADAR patrols performed on Commercial. No violators 1 impaired driver in Waterville.

February 21st: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Mobile RADAR conducted on Main, Commercial and Orchard. No violators. Joint checkpoint on Foster St and Rail bed with DNR. No violators.

February 22nd: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Mobile RADAR conducted on Main, Commercial and Orchard.

February 23rd: Extensive patrols of Berwick. Stationary RADAR conducted on Maple. Foot patrol conducted on Commercial, Union, Foster and Rainforth Park. Mobile RADAR performed on Main, Commercial and Hwy 1. 6 tickets issued.

February 24th: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 25th: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrol of Rainforth park, Nothing of note.

February 26th: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 27th: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

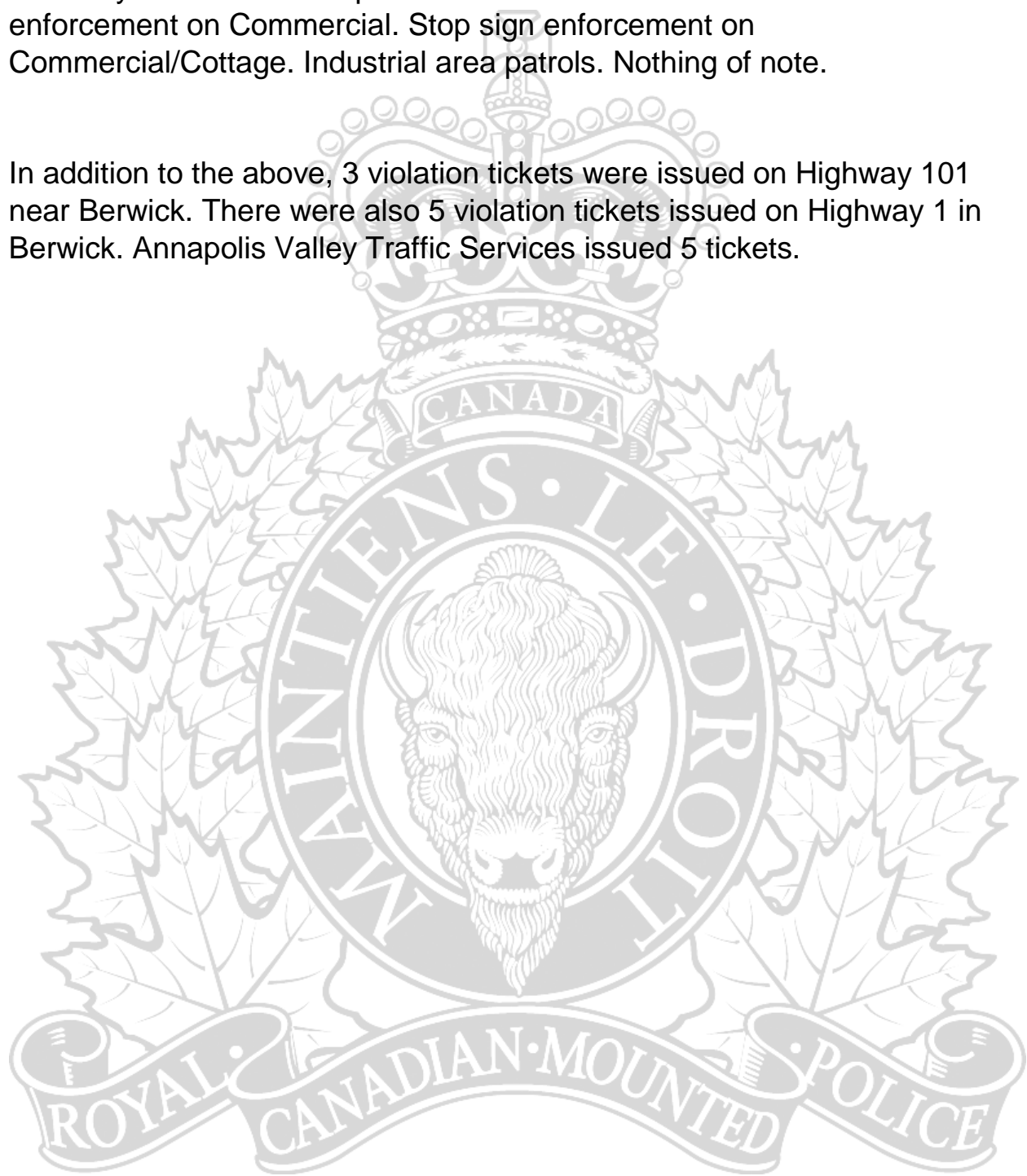
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February 28th: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. RADAR enforcement on Commercial. Stop sign enforcement on Commercial/Cottage. Industrial area patrols. Nothing of note.

In addition to the above, 3 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 5 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 in Berwick. Annapolis Valley Traffic Services issued 5 tickets.



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Significant Investigations:

Voyeurism Charges:

2021-105145 – Kings District RCMP and the Kings District General Investigative Section have charged a New Minas man with Voyeurism.

On January 21st, Wolfville RCMP received a complaint from two female tenants who discovered a modified mirror in their bathroom. Kings District RCMP, Kings District General Investigative Section (GIS) and Southwest Nova Forensic Identification Unit conducted an extensive investigation of a property on Blomidon Terrace and discovered that modifications were made to the mirror and wall behind it to allow for viewing through an adjacent room. Police determined that the offence(s) took place between January 11th and January 24th, 2021.

A 55-year-old male of New Minas, has been charged with Voyeurism. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 7th, 2021.

Anyone who feels they could be a victim, or has concerns about someone else who could be a victim, is encouraged to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-679-5555 in New Minas and 902-765-3317 in Kingston. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

Stunting x2:

2021-192527, 2021-197081 – On consecutive days, two people, a 20-year-old Kentville man, and a 19-year-old New Glasgow man have been charged with Stunting while operating their vehicles in rural Kings County between February 12th and 13th.

On February 12th at approximately 3:15 p.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 221, near Canning spotted a car travelling at a high rate of

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speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 120 km/hr in a 70 km/hr zone, 50 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the male with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.

On February 13th at approximately 3:50 p.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Ridge Road, near Wolfville, spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 130 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone, 50 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the man with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.

The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50.

Speed is one of the major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions on our roads. Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.

Firework misuse:

2021-194149 – On February 12th, at approximately 9:17 p.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a complaint of gunshots in the area North Alton. When police arrived, they determined the noise was the result of fireworks being used as part of a birthday celebration. Police were met by a 50-year-old man from Kentville, with serious injuries to his face caused by a firework. The man was transported by EHS to the hospital.

Kings District RCMP is reminding citizens to take safety precautions and follow directions closely before using fireworks. Improper handling of fireworks when consuming alcohol can be dangerous and cause significant injury and property damage. Anyone planning to set off fireworks should consider notifying their neighbors in advance as they have the potential to

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disturb the peace in residential areas. They can also be a violation of noise by-laws in many jurisdictions.

For more information on fireworks safety, including the handling, preparing or setting off of fireworks, visit:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/fireworks/9905>.

Counterfeit Investigation:

2021-236173 – Update: The suspect in the investigation into counterfeit money used at a convenience store on Main St. in Kingston on February 22nd has been identified. Further updates will be provided as warranted. Thank you to the public for their shares and retweets on social media.

Kings District RCMP is asking for public help to identify a suspect in a counterfeit money investigation.

On the morning of February 22nd, a man visited a convenience store on Main St. in Kingston and used a counterfeit \$50 Canadian bill to make a purchase.

Surveillance video shows the suspect as a tall man, between 35 and 45 years old, with a long reddish brown beard and moustache wearing a black winter toque, a grey Adidas zippered sweater and a black shirt.

The bill has distinctive blue markings, which the suspect folded down as he passed the bill to the staff of the store. The serial number on the bill is LGQ03229158.

Kings District RCMP is reminding local merchants and their employees to examine and verify any currency that is given to them, and to report any suspicious bills to their local RCMP detachment. For more information on detecting counterfeit bills and what to do if you receive one, visit the Bank

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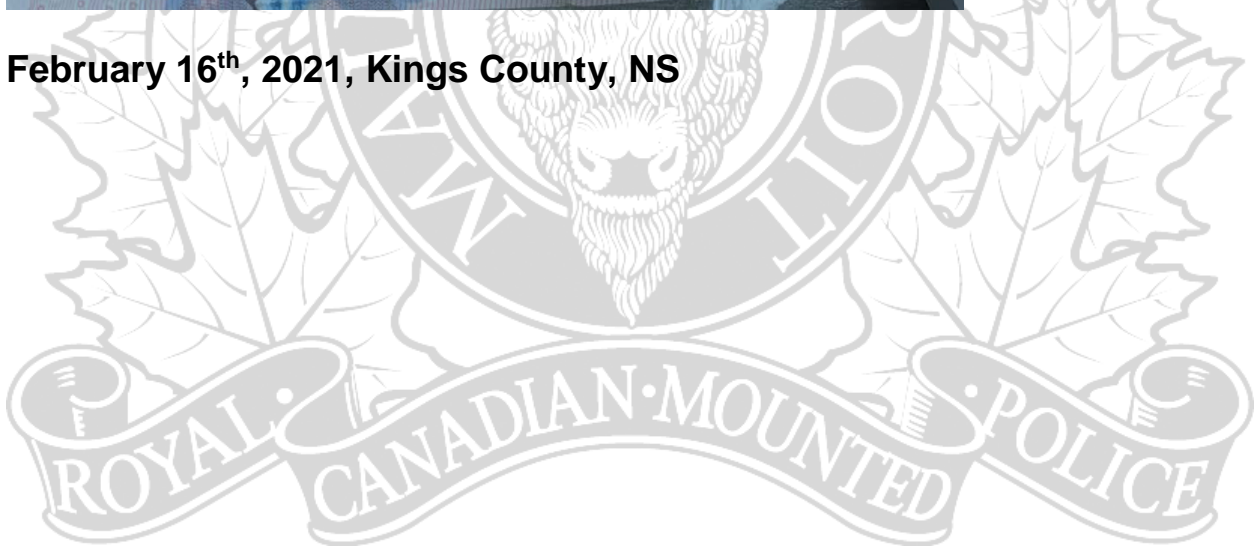
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of Canada's webpage (<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention>) about counterfeit prevention.

Anyone with information, or who recognizes the man in the photo, is asked to contact the Kings District RCMP in Kingston at 902-765-3317. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by downloading the secure P3 Mobile App, or by Secure Web Tips at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca



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Kings County Road Safety

With an ongoing focus and dedication to roadway safety Kings District RCMP had a productive week of enforcement the first week of February. Members from the Kings District RCMP along with Southwest Traffic Services - New Minas charged 113 people within the communities and roadways of Kings County. RCMP utilized several Provincial Acts and regulations while patrolling Kings County.

Southwest Traffic Services – New Minas wrote a total of 37 charges under Nova Scotia’s Motor Vehicle Act in Kings County. The following is the culmination of charges: 13 for using a cellphone or device while operating a motor vehicle on a highway, 14 speeding violations, and 2 failures to wear a seatbelt.

Kings District RCMP members wrote a total of 54 charges under Nova Scotia’s Motor Vehicle Act. The following is the culmination of charges: 17 speeding related offences, 2 fail to stop at a stop sign, 3 failures to wear a seatbelt, 3 driving without insurance, 2 driving while revoked, suspended or cancelled, 2 operating without a valid license, 9 registration and licence plate violations and 7 failures to obey a traffic sign. Kings District RCMP wrote 3 charges under the Vehicle Inspection Regulations, 3 under the Off Highway Vehicle Act, 9 Liquor Control Act charges for illegal possession of liquor and 2 littering charges under Nova Scotia’s Environmental Assessment Regulations.

Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.



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Break and Enter, Theft of Vehicle:

2021-205859 – Two youth were in cells overnight after a vehicle that was stolen in Wilmot was driven off the road on Brooklyn Street in Auburn. Kings District RCMP were called to a single vehicle collision on February 15th just before 11pm. When police arrived on scene they located two male youth in the vehicle. The youth were arrested and taken to the Kingston RCMP office. The police investigation lead to a break and enter at an auto repair shop on Hwy 1 in Wilmot. Suspect(s) were able to obtain a key to the vehicle and drove away from the business. Some time later the vehicle was involved in the collision on Brooklyn St.

A 15-year-old male youth from Greenwood has been charged with break and enter and theft of a motor vehicle. The youth has been released from police custody and will attend Youth Justice Court in Kentville on April 22nd, 2021.

A 17-year-old male from Greenwood has been charged with break and enter, theft of motor vehicle, 3x fail to comply with condition on release order and failure to comply with sentence or disposition. The youth has been released on conditions and will appear in Youth Justice Court in Kentville February 25th, 2021.

Kings District RCMP as asking that anyone with information in relation to this incident to please call the Kingston RCMP at 902-765-3317 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or by Secure Web Tips at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca. Calls to Crime Stoppers are not taped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers qualify for a cash award.



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Break and Enter:

2021-210405 – Kings District RCMP is asking for public help to solve a break and enter to a convenience store on Commercial St. in Berwick.

At 1:45 a.m. on February 17th, Kingston RCMP responded to an alarm from the store. The suspect fled prior to police arrival, but can be seen on video gaining entry to the store by smashing the glass front door. The suspect is then seen jumping over the front counter, rummaging through a drawer, and using a garbage can and garbage bags to carry merchandise out of the store. The suspect stole a quantity of cigarettes.

After leaving the store, the suspect got into the passenger side of a blue Nissan or Mazda vehicle, leaving the area eastbound toward Waterville at a high speed.

The suspect was wearing a light colored hoodie, darker colored jacket with a white stripe down the arms, black underwear, sneakers and lighter colored pants.

Anyone who has information on this incident is asked to contact Kings District RCMP in Kingston, 902-765-3317. Should you wish to remain anonymous, please call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

Driving with Obstruction on Windshield:

2021-211102 - Kings District RCMP have charged a New Minas man after he was observed operating his vehicle with snow and ice on the front windshield. A Kings District RCMP member while on patrol on Commercial Street in New Minas observed a significant obstruction of ice and snow on the driver's front windshield. The motorist was charged under the Motor

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Vehicle Act for driving motor vehicle with obstruction on windshield. The charge is Section 184(4) and carries a fine of \$180.00.

Kings District RCMP want to remind the public it is an offence under Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act, to not properly clear your vehicle of ice and snow. This applies not only after a storm but every time you get into your vehicle to assure yourself and other motorists safety on the roads. As the driver of a vehicle it is your responsibility to clear lights, license, windshields and windows AND the top of your vehicle so that vehicles are as safe as they can be in winter conditions.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number. IF not an emergency call 902-679-5555 for New Minas RCMP or 902-765-3317 for Kingston RCMP.

Weapons and Drug Charges:

2021-244943, 2021-240694 – Kingston RCMP have charged a Wilmot man with weapons and drug offences following a disturbance.

On February 23rd at approximately 10:40 a.m., Kingston RCMP were contacted about a disturbance outside an organization on Main St. in Kingston. It was reported that a man had been yelling from inside a vehicle at two women who were standing outside. The man then fled the scene.

As a result of an investigation, police learned that the suspect had breached his undertaking and was arrestable. Police immediately began searching for the suspect.

On February 24th at approximately 8:03 a.m., an off duty member of Middleton Detachment spotted the suspect walking along Hwy. 1 in Wilmot. The officer reported this to dispatch and on-duty officers from Kingston

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Detachment immediately responded to the scene, where they arrested the accused without incident. The accused was found to be in possession of a pellet handgun, methamphetamine and counterfeit money.

A 37-year-old male, of Wilmot, was remanded to custody and will appear today in New Minas Provincial Court. Dorey is facing the following charges:

- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of Counterfeit Money
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Two counts of Failure to Comply with an Undertaking

The investigation is ongoing.

Impaired Operation:

2021-237789 – A Waterville man has been charged with impaired driving after stopping to help a motorist who had put their vehicle into a ditch.

On February 22nd at 4:30 p.m., Kings District RCMP were conducting a check point on Maple Street near Berwick. An officer observed a vehicle turn around before the checkpoint. The officer pulled the vehicle over a short distance later. The motorist however underestimated the shoulder of the roadway causing the vehicle to slid into the ditch. A passing motorist stopped and offered to tow the vehicle out of the ditch. Police detected a smell of liquor of the breath of the motorist that had stopped. The motorist failed a roadside screening test and was arrested for impaired driving. The vehicle driver was then taken to the Kings District RCMP office in Kingston for further breath samples. The motorists breath samples were 220 and 210 mg%.

The vehicle driver was later released and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on May 5th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The accused, a 51-year-old man from Waterville, is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a

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Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance While Over 80 mg%.

The RCMP has a commitment to safe roadways. If you see a suspicious driver or have concerns about someone's ability to safely operate a vehicle is asked to call the RCMP, anywhere in Nova Scotia, at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If it's an emergency, call 911.

Numerous Thefts Suspect Arrested:

2021-183349, 2021-212582, 2021-222786, 2021-245866 – Kings District RCMP have arrested and charged a person believed to be responsible for numerous thefts at New Minas businesses.

On February 10th and February 17th, police responded to two separate shoplifting incidents at the same business. A welder was stolen in each incident. On February 19th, police responded to a third theft at a second business where a substantial amount of tools were stolen. Video surveillance from the stores showed the same suspect leaving the stores without paying. The suspect was driving a white Chevrolet Impala.

On February 24th, another theft occurred at the second business and a substantial amount of tools were stolen. A store employee obtained photos of the white Chevrolet Impala's licence plate and police began searching for the vehicle. At approximately 2 p.m., police located the suspect vehicle which fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was located a short time later abandoned on Old Cemetery Rd. A male suspect was located a short distance from the vehicle on Hwy 101. He was arrested without incident.

A 57-year-old male, of Dartmouth, is charged with the following:

- Theft Under \$5,000 x 5
- Possession of Stolen Property x 2
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle

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He is in custody for parole violation and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 13th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Serious Motor Vehicle Accident:

2021-257705 - At 5:24 p.m. on February 26th, Kings District RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision between Exits 10 and 11 on Highway 101. When police arrived at the scene, they determined that one vehicle pulled out to pass a transport truck, and struck two oncoming vehicles. The driver of one of the oncoming vehicles was transported to hospital with minor injuries, while the remaining vehicle occupants were treated at the scene and did not require hospitalization.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation. Highway 101 was closed for approximately two hours and has since re-opened.

GPS/Driver Incompatibility:

2021-262957 - On February 27th at approximately 7:30 p.m., Kings District RCMP were called to a snowmobile trail near Aylesford Lake. The lone occupant had been driving a car and followed her vehicle's GPS directions to turn off a road and onto the trail. After driving approximately 5 km down the trail, the car got stuck and the driver called 911.

Police located the driver inside the vehicle with no injuries. A tow company was contacted to remove the vehicle from the trail.

Kings District RCMP understands that it can be difficult to navigate unfamiliar routes and is reminding residents to use caution when following GPS instructions. It is also helpful to have a vehicle emergency kit in the event residents become stranded. For a list of what to include, see



GetPrepared.ca's list at

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201012-en.aspx>.

Break and Enters:

2021-257040 - On February 27th, RCMP attended the Chain Lake Road area of East Dalhousie to investigate a call to multiple break and enters. Two addresses were identified as being broken into. The first residence appeared to have been entered through a door. The second residence a window had been smashed to allow entry to the inside. Police believe a chain saw may have been taken and that the suspects may have attempted to steal a vehicle parked inside the basement garage of the first residence. It appeared suspect(s) had gone through the residences leaving them disturbed as well as damaged in the process of gaining entry. Southwest Nova Forensic Identification Section is assisting with the investigation.

RCMP is offering some tips to keep seasonal homes free of thieves this winter:

- Remove all valuables from your cottage (including firearms);
- Lock / secure all doors and windows;
- Ensure all windows are covered by closing curtains or blinds;
- Ensure all out buildings (e.g., garage or shed) are secured. Remove valuables;
- Don't leave tools and items outside that could be used to break into your cottage. This includes ladders;
- Ensure that your cottage is visited on a regular basis. Consider using a trail camera;
- Ensure your property is well lit, with motion sensors and timers on lights;
- Install an alarm system with a local contact person if you don't live nearby.

We encourage community members to call to report suspicious activity and help to reduce property crime. Taking note of details such as a vehicle

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description, a license plate number, or a description of a driver can be a big help and lead to the recovery of stolen property and charges against those responsible. Kings District RCMP are looking for information about these crimes and ask the public to contact New Minas RCMP at 902-679-5555 or Kingston at 902-765-3317. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Cpl. Tim Doyle
Kingston Detachment
Telephone: 902-765-3317
email: tim.doyle@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



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Berwick & District
Volunteer Fire department
COTW report for March 15th 2021

Since the last report the department has responded to the following alarms;

- Feb 2 Single motor Vehicle crash 3651 Hwy #1 Berwick West
- Feb 3 Alarm Sounding 108 Commercial ST Berwick GV manor
- Feb 6 Mutual Aid to Waterville structure 579 Baseline Rd
- Feb 7 Single motor Vehicle crash 3643 Hwy #1 Berwick West
- Feb 10 2 Vehicle crash Hwy 360 and Parker Condon Rd
- Feb 12 Mutual Aid to Aylesford structure fire 7030 Aylesford Rd
- Feb 17 Structure Fire 399 Bentley Rd Rockland
- Feb 20 Single motor Vehicle crash 3702 Hwy # 1 Berwick west

The total alarms for the department for the month of February 2021 was 8 incidents and a total of 7 hrs 17 minutes logged on scene.

We have 2 new full –time members as they have both passed their probationary period and now are registered to the upcoming Level One firefighter course that will be taking place over the next 12 months on weekends starting March 21st 2021 while following Covid -19 protocols.

The training is back running weekly at the station and we are operating under the Covid -19 protocols for all these sessions until further notice, the membership attending and seem happy to be training again to keep their skills up .

We had some issues with the paint on tanker 22 this month after 5 years in service and the company from Port Williams who built the truck for us advised us to return to their shop for repairs as they had an opening in work schedule, the work was completed last week with no charge to our surprise.

Things are running smooth with the hall rental to the Health Authority at the station I have not heard of any complaints as of yet ,received a telephone call last week from them inquiring about a possible extension to the rental agreement but nothing confirmed from them at this point and not sure if they will need but checking in case they do and the availability of the hall .

The elections of the Officers of the department will be held next month my term is up for re -election at this time and after the election has taken place I will inform CAO Mike Payne of any changes that happen within the officers ranks .

From: Brittany Brydon ALC

Date: Mar 2021

Subject: Monthly ALC Report

1) Trails

- Berwick Trails Committee -Committee meeting Mar 16th
 - Annual Trail Clean Up June 5th (Place Holder)
- Provincial Trails Strategy Coordinating Group – <https://nstrails.com/trails-strategy/>
 - NS Trails Federation & COGS Partnership project on the go
 - Trails for All Conference Postponed
 - Evaluation Project of Shared Trails Strategy Project underway

2) Accessibility Advisory Committee (TOB)

- Interview with AMANS outlined information from municipal and construction industry would be available in a short while
- Accessibility Committee Planning Meeting on logistics Mar 3- Call for Committee, Orientation and Start up information
 - i. Call for committee open until April 15th,*
 - ii. Council will review of applicants by first week of May*
 - iii. Committee formed for 1st meeting to occur in May 2021*

3) Internal (ALC)

- Physical Activity Citizenship survey – results are in. Meeting to review later in April with consultant for executive summary. Reach out to Brittany if you would like to see a copy.
- Keep up with the role of finance tracking for the Recreation and Community Development department – as now Taylor and I are working together to complete the receipt approvals.
- Ongoing contributions to budget discussions
- Equipment Rentals have finished- summary attached
- Winter carnival activities went well even with modifications
- Recreation Fund Information in the works with Director of Finance and Recreation Coordinator (website, donation call, information etc.)
- Recommended to have a review of the '2000 Committees of Council Bylaw' – to see if it can be updated and information transferred into a Policy of the Town. CAO is in the works with this. It was brought to the forefront after reviewing a draft of the AAC Terms of Reference and it referenced a policy of Committees of Council.

4) Fitness Center

- Assisting new supervisor in various roles
- Interviews this month occurred for new employee
- Supporting the work on the Marketing Plan
- Engaged in new changes (rate changes, business plan and software understanding)

5) Grants

- Work for better planning and record keeping occurring with Finance Department is ongoing
- Many final reports for year end.
- 2021 RFD grant was submitted for Centennial Park Drainage Project as was 2021 SDI for the box car project.

6) Website

- Ongoing updates as we go
- Hoping to add Accessibility Advisory Committee to Committees of Council page

7) JOHS Committee

- COR audits are scheduled for mid-March with Construction NS – process for certification is almost complete.
- As found in the review of the Policies through this process Review is recommended. The HR policy 4.003 was amended to include Heritage Day as a NS holiday.

Volunteer Opportunity: Accessibility Advisory Committee



Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Why not consider serving as a volunteer member of the newly formed Accessibility Advisory Committee?

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to the municipal council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The committee plays a pivotal role in helping the Town of Berwick to become an accessible community that complies with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act (2017).

At least one half of the members of the advisory committee must have a disability Or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities.

Disability includes a physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or sensory impairment—including an episodic disability—that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society.

Applications are available online at <https://www.berwick.ca/town-hall/mayor-and-council/committees-of-council.html> or can be picked up at Town Hall. The deadline for applications is April 15 2021. Your completed application may be submitted by:

Address: Accessibility Advisory Committee 236 Commercial St PO Box 130 Berwick NS B0P1E0	E-mail: bbrydon@berwick.ca Subject line: Accessibility Advisory Committee Volunteer	In Person: Town Hall Reception 236 Commercial St Berwick
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For more information about the Accessibility Advisory Committee, refer to the (draft) terms of reference from Brittany Brydon - bbrydon@berwick.ca or 902-538-8068 ext. 4019

Application for Accessibility Advisory Committee

Committee Application Form

Deadline: April 15th 2021

Applicant Name:	
Street Address:	
Postal Code:	
E-mail Address:	
Home Telephone:	
Work/Cell Telephone:	
Occupation:	

Application for appointment to Berwick Accessibility Committee

Describe how your lived experience, community involvement, education, or work might be helpful to this committee.

Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

What contribution do you believe you can make to this committee?

What past contributions have you made on a similar committee or organization?

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What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

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Are you a person with a disability, or do you represent an organization representing people with disabilities?

Yes	No
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Note: At least one half of the members of the advisory committee must have a disability or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities.

Organization/sector you are representing (if applicable): If you are a person with a disability or represent an organization representing people with disabilities, what disability/disabilities do you or your organization represent?

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Note: Members with a variety of disabilities will bring diverse perspectives to this committee. We will strive to accommodate all members to ensure they are able to fully participate.

Are you interested in an interview?

Yes	No
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The final approval of appointments is given by the council. If you would like more information about the approval process, or if you have questions about any of the bodies to which appointments are to be made, please contact Brittany Brydon bbrydon@berwick.ca 902-538-8068 ext. 4019

The personal information on this form will be used to assist the council in selecting appointees for various committees.

Questions about this collection may be referred to the Brittany Brydon bbrydon@berwick.ca

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

HELP THE TOWN OF BERWICK IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
MEET THE PROVINCIAL PLAN OF -ACCESS BY DESIGN
2030: ACHIEVING AN ACCESSIBLE NOVA SCOTIA

EXPLORE STANDARDS AND EFFORTS WITHIN THE
TOWN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- BUILT ENVIRONMENT
 - EDUCATION
 - EMPLOYMENT
- GOODS AND SERVICES
- INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
- TRANSPORTATION

FOR MORE INFO ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS OR
COMMITTEE INFORMATION

CONTACT BRITTANY BRYDON :
902-538-8068 BBRYDON@BERWICK.CA

Deadline to apply
April 15 2021



Winter Equipment Loan Program

2020-2021 Winter						
Equipment Available						
Snowshoes -	20					
Skis-	20					
Yak Tracks-	19					
Nordic Poles -	15					
Snow Toys-	5					
Polar Strollers	3					
Rented						
Snowshoes	Skis	YT	Nordic Poles -	Snow Toys-	Polar Strollers	School Class Rentals
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NOTES						
Carols Place was a great resource to use for Friday drop off and pick up locations						
Jan 14th week - Feb 28th Most rentals Happened						
6 Weeks						

Town of Berwick

Physical Activity Community Survey Among Adults

December, 2020 – January, 2021

Sponsored By:



Conducted By:



Key findings

Factors influencing engagement in physical activity can vary across age groups and gender. It is important that opportunities, scheduling, and communications be designed with these differences in mind.

Top Activities on Wish List

Walking: Top of the wish list (by far) for future activity.
Swimming: A distant second choice for more activity.
Yoga/Pilates: Leads a third tier of activities interested in.

Most Common Challenges

Social barriers: Having someone to be active with.
Infrastructure: Condition and maintenance of bicycle lanes and roadsides for walking
Finding time: Working activity into daily life and around schedules

Physical Activity Opportunities

Social Supports for making connections, and spaces for being active
Non-competitive (recreational) activities (especially among females)
Female-only programs (a top concept among females)

AT Motivators

Two-in-five walk at least weekly. Very few bicycle weekly.
Two-thirds would like to **walk more often**, affected by sidewalks, road conditions, trails, and lighting.
About two-fifths would like to **bicycle more often** with slower traffic, better road conditions, connected paths.

Conclusions

1. With walking as the most popular activity for future participation in general, as well as for Active Transportation, there is a significant opportunity to increase activity in this community by prioritizing support for walking. (Slides 15, 51)
2. Swimming is also mentioned as a wish list item for increased participation, but to a far lesser degree than walking. (Slide 15)
3. Infrastructure for walking and cycling is a clear need based on identified physical activity challenges in general and Active Transportation facilitators. (Slides 31,52,55)
4. Interventions to support social connections are important. They address significant barriers and garner significant interest among programming concepts. (Slides 32,46)
5. Time (availability of residents, scheduling of programs) is an important barrier to consider in planning interventions. (Slides 33)
6. There may be a role for health care providers in supporting participation in physical activity given the proportion who perceive their current health status as a challenge. (Slide 39)

More community members may be engaged by improving accessibility of community-based physical activity opportunities by offering flexible and non-competitive activities that incorporate social interactions.

TOWN OF BERWICK BYLAW

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- General:
31. The Council shall appoint the following standing Committees at the first meeting of the Council in each year:
 1. Finance.
 2. Electric.
 3. Public Property and Town Planning.
 4. Police, Social Assistance, license and insane.
 5. Streets and sewers.
 6. By-laws and privileges.
 7. Fire.
 8. Joint Service.
 9. Civil Defence.
 10. Apple Blossom Festival Committee and Gala Day.
 11. Appeal Court.
 32. The members of the Council who are to serve as required by Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia, relating to various organizations and boards within the town shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as required.
 33. The Council may appoint special committees at any time.
 34. The Mayor is a member ex-officio of every committee.
 35. The first Councillor named on any committee shall be the Chairman thereof, the Clerk shall notify the Councillors of their appointments to any committee and furnish them with a copy of the resolution appointing the committee.
 36. The report of special Committees and of all standing Committees when ordered shall be in writing and signed by the Chairman when unanimous, but when there is a difference of opinion the report shall be signed by all who concur in it. The minority may also report their views in writing to the Council if they see fit and a minority report shall be signed by all concurring in it.
 37. All standing Committees shall report annually at the last regular monthly meeting of the Council on all matters which have come before them during the proceeding year and may make such recommendations to the Council as they may deem expedient to improve the services coming under their jurisdiction.
- Finance:
38. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to examine and certify all accounts rendered the Town which shall be referred to them and report thereon to the Council, to carry out, investigate and report upon any other

matter referred to them by the Council and to supervise the investments, endowments and sinking funds of the Town. All accounts rendered the Town shall be certified by two members of the various committees concerned.

Public Property

39. It shall be the duty of the Public Property Committee to take charge and have a general supervision of the lands, buildings and other property belonging to the Town, to supervise the sale, leasing, repairs, preservation, care and management of the same, to see that the buildings and other property belonging to the Town are properly insured against damage by fire, to supervise the purchase or lease of other property by the Town, to see that the caretakers, janitors and other persons engaged to look after the said buildings and property perform their duties faithfully, and to perform all functions required of the Town Planning Board under the Town Planning Act and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by the Council.
40. It shall be the duty of the License, Police, Social Assistance and Insane Committee, to:
 - (a) Supervise the granting of licenses, the regulating and licensing of trade or trades within the Town.
 - (b) Have a general oversight of all persons who carry out police duties within the Town whether they be policemen appointed by the Town, special and extra constables or otherwise, and to see that they perform their duties faithfully, and the Committee shall report to the Council any irregularity, or neglect of duty on the part of any policeman or constable or any irregularity, neglect or omission in the carrying out and enforcement of the laws in force in, or by-laws of, the Town or any regulation or resolution of the Council, and the Committee shall report to the Council from time to time on the general condition of law and order within the Town.
 - (c) To have a general supervision of the poor and insane of the Town, to report to the council all such matters as they may deem expedient for the council to deal with, to supervise the relief of the poor of the town applying for aid, and insure that the law and these by-laws and the regulation or orders of the Council concerning care, custody and relief of the poor and insane of the Town are properly enforced. The committee shall annually submit to the Council an estimate of all sums required for the support of the poor and insane of the town for the current year.
 - (d) To perform such other duties and services as the Council may direct.

Streets:

41. It shall be the duty of the committee on streets and sewers to exercise a general supervision over the street, roads and sewers of the Town, to direct the superintendent of streets in the performance of his duty, to see that the streets, roads and sewers are kept in proper repair, the streets lighted and

the dust laid, to supervise the construction of new sewers, and to perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Council or imposed on them by the Towns' Incorporation Act or by these by-laws. They shall annually and at such other times as the Council may order make up and submit to the Council estimates of the amounts required to be expended on the streets, roads and sewers of the Town for the current year or for such other length of time as they may be asked to estimate for, and also from time to time make such reports and recommendations to the Council concerning the streets, roads and sewers of the Town as they may deem in the best interests of the Town.

- Laws and Privileges: 42. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Laws and Privileges to have a general supervision over the laws governing or referring to the Town and the by-laws of the Town and from time to time to make such recommendations to the Council as they may deem expedient in reference to necessary amendments to or changes in the laws affecting the Town and the by-laws of the Town and to investigate and report on all such matters as shall be referred to them by the Council.
- Fire: 43. It shall be the duty of the Fire Committee to have a general supervision of the Town Fire Department and fire apparatus and the management, operation and repair thereof and all other matter connected therewith, and of the Chief of the Fire Department and the members thereof, and to see that the property of the Town in the care of or used by the Fire Department is kept in good order, repair and condition and is not destroyed, injured or wasted, that the Fire Chief and members of the Fire Department perform their duties faithfully, to report to the Council any infraction or neglect of duty or any irregularity on the part of the Fire Chief or any member of the Fire Department to supervise the preparation of the estimates of the Fire Department, to report to the Council any other matter they may deem expedient, to see that the rules and by-laws of the Fire Department are properly enforced, to make such recommendations to the Council concerning the Fire Department and the prevention of fire within the Town as they may deem in the public interest and to investigate and report on all such other matters as may be referred to them by the Council.
- Joint Service: 44. The Joint Service Committee shall have power on behalf of the town to meet with representatives of the Municipality of the County of Kings and to discuss with them the objects and the amounts of municipal expenditure which are for the joint benefit of the Municipalities and the Towns in Kings County, and to determine subject to the approval of the Council, the share of such expenditure to be borne by the Town of Berwick.
- Public Meetings & Plebiscites: 45. The approval of the rate payers of the Town required under the provisions of the Municipal Affairs Act and under the provisions of the Towns' Incorporation Act, shall be sought by a plebiscite whenever the subject

matter requiring such approval as the borrowing and expenditure of a sum of money exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

46. Voting at a plebiscite shall be only by ballot and the Town Clerk shall cause a sufficient number of ballot papers to be printed, setting out the question or questions respecting which the voting is to be taken.
47. The voting at plebiscites shall be taken between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the afternoon on the day fixed by the Town Council.
48. The procedure of the taking of the vote at plebiscites and the counting of the ballots after vote has been taken shall be as nearly as possible the same as is the case in elections for a Mayor or Councillors of the Town.
49. After the close of the poll the Presiding Officer shall count the ballots and sum up the votes given "for" and "against" on each question submitted, and shall certify the same to the Town Council.
50. The procedure at the taking of the ballot and the counting of the ballots at the close of the poll where not herein provided for shall be as nearly as circumstances permit according to the procedure provided by the Towns' Incorporation Act in the case of voting for Mayor or Councillors.
51. Whenever the provisions of any Act of the Legislature or the by-laws of the Town require a public meeting of the ratepayers of the town to be held or whenever the Town Council deems it expedient that a public meeting be held the following procedure shall be observed in addition to the provisions of the Towns' Incorporation Act:
 - (a) The meeting shall be held at a time and place appointed by the Council and on such notice as the Council may direct.
 - (b) The Mayor or in his absence the Deputy Mayor shall preside at the meeting. If both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be absent the senior Councillor present shall preside. In the absence of all members of the Council the ratepayers present at the meeting may appoint one of their number to act as Chairman. The Town Clerk or in his absence the Deputy Town Clerk shall act as Secretary of the meeting. In the absence of both the Town Clerk and the Deputy Clerk the Chairman may appoint a Secretary for the meeting.
 - (c) No person unless he is a ratepayer of the Town shall be entitled to speak or to vote at any such meetings, provided that the Chairman may permit or request a person not a ratepayer to be present and speak thereat.
 - (d) All questions brought before the meeting and which may properly be decided thereat shall be decided by a majority of the ratepayers present.

History of this Bylaw:

Enacted - July 9, 1963

Repealed - January 11, 2000 (sections 1-37)

**TOWN OF BERWICK
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

From: Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator
Date: March 15, 2021
Subject: Monthly Recreation Coordinator Report

1) Meetings & Webinars

- Weekly meetings with M. Payne and B. Brydon
- AMANS Media Relations session
- Sports Hall of Fame Committee
- Recreation Nova Scotia – Regional Town Hall
- Valley Recreation Accessibility Committee
- Budget meeting
- Diversity conversations with T. Walsh
- Lacrosse Nova Scotia/Gender Equity meetings
- Recreation meeting with Kentville, Wolfville and Kings County CAOs and Recreation staff

2) After School Program & March Break

- After School Program continues to operate at maximum capacity for participants. Staffing remains consistent, to be re-examined in mid-late April.
- Decision was made to not run traditional March Break “day camp” programming based on staffing challenges and Covid-19 limitations. Programs will operate for March Break on a drop-in basis, and reach a larger population.

3) Lacrosse Program

- Approached by Lacrosse Nova Scotia in early 2021 to assist with a grant application for funding for a female only lacrosse program for Spring 2021. This grant application was successful and we have worked with Lacrosse Nova Scotia and Valley Thunder Lacrosse to get a program off the ground, female only, to learn to play lacrosse from a fully female coaching team
- Over 30 participants are registered in this five week program that runs on Saturdays from 2 PM to 4 PM at Town Hall.

4) Diversity and Inclusion

- Recognition events for African Heritage Month and International Women’s Day
- Worked alongside T. Walsh to draft a document for Council’s review on priorities for events for recognition, as well as distinguishing between proclamation events and recognition events
- Draft document attached for Council’s review

5) Miscellaneous

- Equipment loans **extremely** popular. We will need to evaluate further equipment purchases for the future as loans, especially of skis and snowshoes, are so popular.
- Continue to do the majority of communications for the Town via social media, website and electronic sign
- Sara White (Keddy) will be recognized at the provincial level for her volunteer efforts in the community over the past twenty five years. We continue to seek nominations for recognition for our Town of Berwick volunteer awards to take place later in the spring.

Priorities for April 2021

- Summer planning! This includes camps, pop-up plays, Summer Concert series, Red Chair Challenge (5th annual!), Canada Day and more!
- Diversity and inclusion framework and policies for programming

TOWN OF BERWICK

From: Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator
Date: March 2021
Subject: Call for Volunteer Recognition Nominations

Annually, the Town of Berwick aims to recognize community volunteers at a spring-time ceremony and reception. We recognize that this will, again, not be possible to take place in-person in Spring 2021 but would like to continue to compile names for recognition by Mayor and Council virtually.

To submit a name for recognition, please fill out the below information and return to Town Hall by April 19, 2021 – or email to tboylan@berwick.ca

Name of Volunteer	
Phone number	
Address	
Organization(s) they volunteer with	
Description of volunteer/community contributions	
Additional information	
Nominator's name	
Nominator's contact information	

**TOWN OF BERWICK
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

From: Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator

Date: March 10, 2021

Subject: Holidays and Recognition Events

Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh and I met to review a calendar from the Kings County Diversity Committee. The intention of this meeting was to identify events that the Town of Berwick could recognize in the future, and how that recognition could be done. Included in this document are the suggestions from Deputy Mayor Walsh and myself, as well as the calendar that this information was drawn from.

Submitted for future discussions and considerations.

January:

1 – New Year’s Day. Town of Berwick offices are closed in recognition.

18 – Martin Luther King Day. Recognized via social media and website.

21 – Lincoln Alexander Day. Recognized via social media and website.

28 – Bell Lets Talk Day. Recognized via social media and website.

February:

All month – African Heritage Month. Recognized with an event, proclamation and flag raising. This should include a collaboration with VANSDA.

Second Monday – Nova Scotia Heritage Day. Town of Berwick offices are closed in recognition.

March:

8 – International Women’s Day. Recognized with an event, proclamation and flag raising.

21 – World Down Syndrome Day. Recognized with a proclamation and flag raising.

28 – Purple Day for Epilepsy. Recognized with a proclamation and wearing of purple at March Committee of the Whole.

Date varies – Easter and Passover. The Town of Berwick offices are closed in recognition of Good Friday and Easter Monday. Recognized via social media and website.

April:

All month – Autism Acceptance Month. See April 2.

All month – Diversity Month. Recognized via social media and website.

2 – World Autism Day. Recognized with an event, proclamation and flag raising. “Light it Up Blue for Autism”. Collaborate with the Annapolis Valley Chapter of Autism Nova Scotia.

22 – Earth Day. Recognize our own green initiatives and their impacts via social media and website.

May:

All month – Asian and South Asian Heritage Month. Recognize in some capacity, to be determined.

Date varies – Ramadan. Recognition via social media and website.

June:

7-11 – AVRCE Pride Week. Collaborate with AVRCE, Berwick District School and the Youth Project. Recognized with an event, proclamation and flag raising.

15 – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Collaborate with Kings County Senior Safety Society and recognize via social media and website.

21 – National Aboriginal Day. Recognized with a flag raising (see October)

July:

1 – Canada Day. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition.

August:

First Monday – Natal Day. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition.

15 – National Acadian Day. Recognized with a flag raising.

Date varies – Eid al-Adha. Recognition via social media and website.

September:

First Monday – Labour Day. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition.

8 – World Literacy Day. Recognized with a proclamation. Collaborate with Annapolis Valley Regional Library.

October:

All month – Mi'kmaq History Month. Recognized with an event, proclamation and flag raising. Collaborate with Annapolis Valley First Nation.

First Monday – Thanksgiving. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition.

17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Recognized with a proclamation. Collaborate with the Berwick Food Bank.

November:

11 – Remembrance Day. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition. Poppy selling campaign begins at the Town of Berwick and is a collaboration with the Royal Canadian Legion Ortana Branch 069, recognized on social media and website.

Date varies – Diwali. Recognition via social media and website.

Date varies – Hanukkah. Recognition via social media and website.

December:

3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Collaborate with regional partners on event.

6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. Recognition via social media and website.

10 – International Human Rights Day. Recognition via social media and website.

25 – Christmas. Town of Berwick offices closed in recognition.

26 to January 1 – Kwanzaa. Recognition via social media and website.

Month	Date	Observance	Community	Note	Jurisdiction
January					
	1	New Year's Day			International
	18	Martin Luther King Day (USA)		3rd Monday in January	International
	21	Lincoln Alexander Day			
	27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day			International
February	African Heritage Month				
	19	Louis Riel Day			
	20	World Social Justice Day			
March					
	8	International Women's Day		Colour: Purple	International
					International
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination			
	24	International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims			
	25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade			
	31	International Transgender Day of Visibility	LGBTQ+/Queer		
	**	Easter	Christian	Dates change every year	International
	**	Passover	Jewish	Dates change every year	International
April	Celebrate Diversity Month/Autism Awareness Month				
	2	World Autism Day	Health		
	22	Earth Day	Environment		
	28	World Day for Safety & Health at Work	Safety		
	**	National Volunteer Week		Second week of April	Federal
	**	Easter	Christian	Dates change every year	International
	**	Passover	Jewish	Dates change every year	International

May		Asian & South Asian Heritage Month/ Jewish Heritage Month			
	1	International Workers' Day			
	16	Ramadan	Islam	Lasts 30 days; Dates change every year	
	21	World Day fo Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development			
	29	International Day of UN Peace Keepers			
June		National Aboriginal History Month/Pride Month			
	12	World Day Against Child Labour	Social Justice		
	14	Ramadan	Islam	Began May 16; Dates change every year	
	14-15	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	Immediately follows Ramadan; Dates change	
	15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Social Justice		
	20	World Refugee Day	Social Justice		
	21	National Aboriginal Day	Indigenous		
	24	Pride Day	LGBTQ+	Last Sunday in June	International
	27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day			Federal
July					
	1	Canada Day			Federal
	11	World Population Day	Social Justice		International
	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	Social Justice		
	30	World Day against Trafficking Persons	Social Justice		
	30	International Day of Friendship	Social Justice		International
August					
	6	Natal Day		First Monday in August	Provincial
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Social Justice		
	15	National Acadian Day			Federal
	19	World Humanitarian Day	Social Justice		
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave	Social Justice		

		Trade and its Abolition			
	**	Eid ul-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)			
September					
	8	World Literacy Day			
	15	International Day of Democracy			
	21	International Day of Peace			
	**	Rosh-Hashanah (Jewish New Year)	Jewish	Dates change every year	International
	**	Yom Kippur (Holiest day of Jewish Year)	Jewish	Dates change every year	International
October		National Disability Employment Awareness Month/ Mi'kmaq History Month/ Women's History Month			
	1	International Day of Older Persons			
	2	International Day of Non-Violence			
	8	National Indigenous People's Day	Indigenous		Federal
	10	World Mental Health Day			
	11	National Coming Out Day	LGBTQ+		
	11	International Day of the Girl Child			
	15	International Day of Rural Women			
	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty			
	18	Persons Day			
	24	United Nations Day			
November					
	7	Diwali (Festival of Light)	Hindu, Jain, Sikh	Dates change every year	International
	11	Remembrance Day			Federal
	16	International Day for Tolerance			
	20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	LGBTQ+		International
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women			
December					
	1	World AIDS Day			International
	3	International Day of Persons			

		with Disabilities			
	**	Advent	Christian	Season leading to Christmas; dates change	
	**	Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)	Jewish	Dates change every year	International
	6	National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women		Dec. 6 to honour Montreal Masacre	Federal
	10	International Human Rights Day			
	18	International Migrants Day			
	20	International Human Solidarity Day			
	21	Winter Solstice/Yule	Pagan/Secular		
	24	Christmas Eve			
	25	Christmas Day	Christian		
	26	Kwanzaa	African Cdn.	Continues to Jan 1	International

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REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

From: Karen Peckford, Director of Finance

Date: March 17, 2021

Subject: Monthly Finance Report

1) Fitness Centre:

Stats for the period February 11 – March 11

- 263 active members
- 24 new members & 39 renewals
- 1876 visits
- \$6,972 total sales

Promotions

- Bfit February promotion was well received; members were active every day as part of the challenge.
- March promotion is underway – members use the calendar day as the number of sets to complete from a list of posted exercises.

Social Media

- Member activity is increasing – tagging BFC in posts about personal bests, weight loss, etc; boosting member engagement.
- Instagram – 5512 accounts reached; 319 content interactions; 23 new followers; 626 followers; 15 posts; 27 stories.
- Facebook – 1541 accounts reached; 456 engagements; 12 new likes; 13 new followers; 4 website clicks; 1 new check-in; 515 visits; 14 published posts; 999 total likes.

Staffing

- Received one resignation effective March 31.
- Hired one new attendant and one new casual fill in.
- Upon completion of exams, 3 attendants will be working approximately 20 hrs per week, with casual availability one or two nights per week and every other weekend.

Rates – Effective April 1, 2021

- New rates have been set as outlined in the following table:

Fitness Centre Memberships	Membership Cost	Previous Membership Cost	Percent Increase	Monthly Cost No Tax
Annual Memberships*				
Annual, regular	483.00	425.50	13.51%	35.00
Annual, student	414.00	345.00	20.00%	30.00
Annual, senior	414.00	345.00	20.00%	30.00
Annual, family**	1,104.00	862.50	28.00%	80.00
<i>*12 month membership paid in advance</i>				
<i>**Family memberships are based on 4 people living in the same household</i>				
Monthly Memberships***				
Monthly, regular	46.00	N/A	14.29%	40.00
Monthly, student	40.25	N/A	16.67%	35.00
Monthly, senior	40.25	N/A	16.67%	35.00
Monthly, family**	115.00	N/A	25.00%	100.00
<i>**Family memberships are based on 4 people living in the same household</i>				
<i>***Monthly bank account/credit card withdrawal; subject to a one time \$25 administration fee</i>				
Flex Memberships****				
6 months	310.50	224.25	38.46%	45.00
3 months	155.25	120.75	28.57%	45.00
1 month	51.75	46.00	12.50%	45.00
daily	11.50	10.00	15.00%	10.00
10x Pass	92.00	80.50	14.29%	8.00
<i>****Flex memberships are paid in advance</i>				

- Members will be given a new option of paying by credit card.
- Members will be given a new option of paying monthly installments by pre-authorized payment from their bank account or credit card.

Committee of the Whole Report for March 23, 2021

- Winter is still very active, and we are on the streets sanding/salting shortly after 6am each morning. We check every street, sidewalk and parking lot for ice.
- Repairs are ongoing on any of the machinery and anything that may have to be after the season is over.
- A load of salt has been delivered this week; I had to make sure we did not run out before the season ended.
- I have been working on my budget trying to slim it down, with enough funding left to run the operational needs of the Town.
- We are working on park amenities and getting them ready for placement in the spring.
- I would like Council to have a look at changing the way we do the annual pick up for brush and leaves for the Town in the spring and fall. We are working on a reduced budget and we are practically down one employee that is placing additional challenges on the team. Many other towns and villages have gone with a drop off location/bin system to reduce costs and increase safety for the work crews.

I would suggest that we put a large bin at the Mahar property and let people bring their yard waste to the bin that would be available for a whole month in the spring and another in the fall. Residents can also place small quantities of brush at curb side every two weeks at their convenience and use the green bin for compost; we already pay for this service through Valley Waste.

It is getting to be a challenge for Public Works to work from the street side with the DOT and Labour laws. I have conservatively broken down the costs for the street side service we have traditionally provided, and will give you a cost for the bin system.

1. 4 weeks pickup in spring, 4 weeks pickup in fall or more.
2 men x 6 hrs/day x 20 days x 23.30 = \$5592
2 men x 6 hrs/day x 20 days x 21.54 = \$5170
Per pick up approximate labour cost = \$10,750 x 2 = \$21,500 per year plus trucks/back hoe fuel, wear and tear, etc.
 2. Breakdowns average \$1000.00 spring.
 3. Breakdowns average \$1000.00 fall.
 4. Other costs \$500.00 spring
 5. Other costs \$500.00 fall.
 6. Annual total of both services is \$24,500.00 (excludes fuel and fall leaf collection)
- The price of the bin system is, supply the bin \$135.00, bin rental for the month is \$175.00 and dumping fee is \$150.00 for each dump. I would guess that 10 bin dumps should do it. We will compact it in with the loader as much as we can each day. Cost for each month is \$1,810.00 per month or \$3,620 annually.
 - This time saved can be used to work on trails, parks, streets, and sidewalk, get the painting done.

For your consideration,

Thank You. Director Tim Harding

Monthly Report to Committee of the Whole

Michael Payne, Chief Administrative Officer

2021 Mar 23

Attended the following meetings / events:

Valley REN Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce (weekly)
Berwick Electric Commission Meeting
AREA management team weekly telecons
KMCC Board of Governors meeting
Community Development Committee meeting
AREA Board meeting
Housing Committee Meeting
Trails Committee meeting

- Ongoing operations and capital F2022 budget discussions with senior management.
- Several discussions re Kings Transit F2022 operations and capital budgets with municipal partners
- Met with Tim Harding of Public Works and Dillon Consulting re the first draft of the report into our Waste Water Treatment Plant assessment and evaluation.
- Ongoing discussions with Kings Region CAO's about Intermunicipal Service Agreements and partnerships re Kings Transit, Valley Waste, Valley Community Fibre Network Authority, IT Services, Building Inspections, and Fire Inspections.
- Weekly meetings and ongoing liaison with staff in support of Community Development and Recreation activities, plans and projects. Particular focus on infrastructure and planning for Spicer, Centennial and Rainforth parks.
- Current CUPE Local 2618-03 (Public Works) collective agreement expires March 3, 2021. With support from Harding and Peckford negotiated a new four-year agreement that was ratified and signed by both parties on March 12.
- Liaised with local business partners re contracts for electric vehicle charger installations to formalize plans and costs for late spring/early summer.
- Contracted with Rewind 89.3 radio re Destination Hibernation: a 'shop local' promotional campaign that features sixty 30 second ads plus morning show commentary from March 18-31. Ads promote shopping local in Berwick, the HOME program and the Berwick Fitness Centre.

Priorities for the next month

- Continuing to work on preparatory requirements to divert the new Bezanson Drive storm water system west to the large ditch on the western boundary of Town. Intentions are to develop a shovel ready package for provincial funding F2022. Project would only be considered if a funding application is approved.

- Finalize a Request for Proposals re Planning and Development Officer Services.
- Continue to work closely with the Community Development Team and Finance to ensure that the core mandates of Community Development continue to be advanced.

COTW, Mar. 23, 2021.

Feb. 23, 2021.

5:00pm. Kings Point to Point Transit (KPPT) monthly board meeting via Zoom.

It was decided that future board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15pm.

Financial report approved for Jan. 2021.

2021 budget approved.

Approval for \$100,000 to be allocated from the cash balance and invested in a GIC, to be targeted as a Capital Reserve Fund. The aim is to have funding available for upgrading to electric vehicles with future purchases.

New eight passenger Promaster with the fold out Easy Step was picked up and should be painted and on the road by mid-March.

KPPT is one of six Community Transit organizations selected to participating in the Rural Transportation Association pilot project to test dispatch software.

A hiring committee of four (myself included) was formed to search out a new manager to replace Ms. Brown upon her retirement.

Next meeting, We'd. Mar. 17 @ 5:15pm.via Zoom.

Feb.24, 2021.

5:00pm. Kings Transit Authority (KTA) monthly board meeting via Zoom.

Interim Manager Mr. Ramsay reported on lower than expected ridership and fare revenue, due to COVID-19.

Approval to award a contract to recruit the General Manager to Gerald Walsh and Associates in the amount of \$9500.00 plus HST. The Board appointed Councillor MacKay (chair), and Councillors Goddard and Huntley as a Search Committee to work with Gerald Walsh and Associates. The Interim General Manager will be a resource person to the Committee.

Future meetings will be held in person, socially distanced, at the county of Kings Municipal building.

Next meeting: Mar. 24, 2021 @ 5:00pm.

Town of Berwick

COTW Report

March 23/21

Mike Trinacty

Community Development Committee – Mar 11/21

The Committee met via Webex. The items of note for council are as follows. Staff shared a public consultation policy to be implemented when proposing a major recreation initiative. It was agreed this policy would be beneficial to all Town initiatives. The committee provided feedback. Staff will continue to work on it. Mike shared the details of the upcoming radio promotion in conjunction with Rewind that promotes the Town and shopping locally. Staff provided a number of update reports for discussion. Ty Walsh outlined plans and the creation of a calendar for the promotion of various special months and days over the remaining year.

Hall of Fame Committee – March 25/21

The committee doesn't meet until after COTW. We are focusing on nominations from Special Olympics and the equestrian community. The deadline for nominations was confirmed for May 28/21 with the event to be held Sept 25/21. Salt Wire did a feature on the hall of fame in the March 16 edition.

Berwick Electric Commission - March 17/21

BEC has joined forces with AREA to prepare for the upcoming URB hearings on the top up rates. We are all set to go on the solar garden just waiting final approval from the federal government of funding. The Factorydale generator is still not in. There are ongoing issues with the insurance company. Don has been directed to consider options for buy back of residential solar power that doesn't place a financial burden on BEC. Mahone Bay is dealing with a policy that may have an impact on the route BEC takes. Operating and capital budgets will be finalized at the next meeting.

Land Trust Committee- March 2/21

The committee members, Mayor Clarke, councillors Jamieson, Goddard and Trinacty and Mike Payne met via webex. We had a presentation from Olivia Pattison the Community Health Board Coordinator on the issues the CHBs have identified on housing. They are working with a group called Homeless No More who are taking action on homelessness as well as affordable housing. The committee is meeting March 23 11 AM with Kelly MacGregor and Russ Sanche from Homeless No More in the council chambers.

Trails Committee -March 14/21

The major issue for council is the discussion regarding turning over the Town's letter of authority for the 2.2 kilometers of trail to the Kings County Trail Society who manages the 27 kms from Cambridge to Kingston. The benefits are consistency and financial. Discussions will continue with a final recommendation to council forthcoming.

Rewind 89.3

Destination Hibernation (local business promotion and Town programs)

March 18-31, 60 thirty second ads plus on air mornings with Darren Harvey

Script 1

Why is it important to shop local?

When you spend your money in the Town of Berwick, it helps to grow and strengthen your community. Berwick businesses are a strong supporter of youth programs and activities – when you support a local business, a local business supports you.

Shop small, shop local, shop Berwick!

To learn more about our local businesses visit Berwick.ca.

The Town of Berwick – a little town with a lot to offer

Script 2

Did you know ... over 50% of our local businesses are owned and operated by women?

The Town of Berwick recognizes the contributions women in business make to our community. This month, as we celebrate women with both International Women's Day and Women's History Month, you can honour the many female business owners in our community by shopping local.

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The Town of Berwick – a little Town with a lot to offer.

Script 3

Be Fit in Berwick at the Berwick Fitness Centre. It's equipped with top of the line equipment designed for all levels of fitness and the Berwick Fitness Centre offers affordable membership plans for all budgets. Trainers are available to provide one-on-one personal training sessions. And enjoy a variety of group classes for members and non-members.

Shop small, shop local, shop Berwick!

To learn more about the Berwick Fitness Centre, find us on Facebook or visit Berwick.ca and click on Fitness Centre.

Be fit with the Berwick Fitness Centre – Berwick to the Core

Script 4

The Town of Berwick is a leader in green energy initiatives

Berwick Electric customers can take advantage of the Heat pump Options Made Easy, or HOME, program.

The Town of Berwick has partnered with financial institutions and trusted heat pump industry leaders to provide Berwick Electric Commission customers with affordable heat pump options.

Shop small, shop local, shop Berwick!

To learn more about the HOME heat pump program, visit heatpumpprogram.ca

The Town of Berwick – a little Town with a lot to offer.