Transportation

"The people who inhabit Fogo Island are and have always been ‘shakers and movers’. At no time was this more evident than during the late 1950’s and 1960’s when local salt fish merchants refused to change with the times and withdrew from our fishing landscape. Local people with local leadership then stepped forward and formed the Fogo Island Co-op, built their own larger boats and went further offshore to fish. Fogo Island took charge of its own destiny. At the same time we said ‘No Thank You’ to resettlement. We stayed on Fogo Island and we made it on our own! During the 1970’s, Fogo Island consolidated its education system, 20 years before the province did. Today Fogo Islanders, through our Co-op, send millions of dollars worth of processed seafood products to all parts of the world, bringing 'new' dollars to Fogo Island and to Newfoundland and Labrador". (Town’s Transportation proposal)

Today, the Fogo Island Ferry Service is the only provincial service with a dual-mandate: to provide residential and commercial services, while also meeting the increasing demands of the burgeoning tourism industry on Fogo Island.

The Town of Fogo Island and Transportation Committee have recently submitted a proposal on “Supporting Rural Development and Community Capacity Building and Transportation Requirements for Fogo Island”. This proposal has been sent to the Department of Transportation and Works, Department of Tourism, Department of Finance and the Premier’s office in the hopes that government will recognize the important economy on Fogo Island and ensure our transportation needs are met.

Council continues to advocate for Fogo Island and meet regularly with government officials.

PUBLIC ADVISORY
The Town of Fogo Island in conjunction with Central Health would like to remind all residents to please post their house numbers on their home or property.

This is to ensure that emergency personnel (ambulance, fire trucks, RCMP) can easily locate your home in the event of an emergency.

If possible, have your house number visible both daytime and nighttime so that your home can be easily located.

TOWN TAXES
Property and water & sewer taxes are due May 31th.

Seniors will receive a 15% discount off their 2016 property tax only, based on the following:
*property tax is paid in full by May 31st*
*must be 65 before taxation year (2016)*
*account is not in arrears*

Online Banking:
For payments made through your bank account, please ensure your email address is updated otherwise, you may not receive your tax receipt.
Any questions, please contact Tracy at 266-1320 or by email at, accounts@townoffogoisland.ca
Town Logo & Branding

In 2015, the Town of Fogo Island received approx. $275,000 for the Fogo Island Tourism Enhancements and Upgrades project. This funding was utilized to expand washroom facilities throughout the Island, improve cell phone coverage in Man O’War Cove, provide furniture and equipment for the Visitor Information Centre and many other tourism initiatives (brochures, museum maintenance, etc.). And the project is still on-going: in the coming months, the Town hopes to have the parking lot at the Visitor Information Centre paved, as well purchase and install signage both on and off the Island.

One other aspect of this tourism funding was the development of a logo and branding for the Town of Fogo Island. The logo and brand will aim to promote Fogo Island’s unique culture and heritage.

WaterWerks Communications, a St. John’s based company, was awarded the contract, and the Town has been working closely with this group. In early April, Council met with WaterWerks to review a number of ideas. Council was pleased with the designs, but did make some recommendations. WaterWerks will modify their designs to incorporate Council’s suggestions and present another set of designs before the end of the month.

Fogo Island Trail System

With an increase in tourism on Fogo Island and the continuing trend of experiential tourism, the Town of Fogo Island is ready to expend its efforts to help develop a strong tourism industry. In the past decade, the growth of cultural tourism has meant towns and cities have to capitalize on their cultural asset. One asset we have on Fogo Island is our landscape, a natural sea scape in an unpolluted environment, with quiet and secluded atmosphere. Our trails and footpaths are a haven for visitors.

The Fogo Island trail system consists of seven walking/hiking trails. The trails have been in operation for many years now and have been walked by thousands of visitors. Based on a trail assessment conducted in 2015, it was determined that extensive work is required to bring the trails to a safe consistent and appealing standard. Recommendations were made to complete the work in a two phase system, focusing on high priority trails for Phase I and low priority trails for Phase II. The Town consulted with government officials and was advised to focus on upgrading four trails for Phase I: Lion’s Den, Brimstone Head, Joe Batt’s Point and Turpin’s Trail. The town recently submitted a major proposal to undertake some of the upgrading and improvements recommended in the assessment.

The Town is anxious to improve its trails and to ensure they are both safe and appealing to visitors and locals. Having a safe, unified trail system will be a great addition to the Town of Fogo Island’s eco-tourism sector. Ensuring the natural landscape is kept as pristine as possible, while allowing visitors to safely utilize the trails, is very important to us. For more information, please contact Sandy Crawford at 266-1320.

Island-Wide Radio Program
The Economic Development Partnership is embarking on a collaborative initiative that is intended to draw on a number of resources that can help us engage the residents of Fogo Island and others in discussions about our future.

“Creativity & cooperation to continue to grow our economy, create jobs and sustain our communities through the fishery, being responsible stewards of our island culture and natural environment and becoming a global travel destination of distinction.”

The EDP has scheduled an island-wide radio program to take place from June 1st – 5th. Tune in and listen to discussions on:
- Specifi c topics relating to the economy
- Economic fair
- Public forum on eco-tourism
- Public forum/roundtable on the fishery

For more information, contact
Erika Pardy, Economic Development Officer at 769-1418
Facebook
Fogo Island Economic Development Partnership
Twitter
@erikapardy
Seldom Water Update

As the residents of Seldom are all too aware, there have been a number of on-going water issues in the community, due to the operation of the shrimp plant in the area. During the summer months, many residents have little to no water and the community has to go on a boil order due to the low levels of chlorine.

Council has been working with the Co-op for some time trying to resolve this issue, and in September 2015, both parties agreed to an engineering review. The recommendation of the engineering firm was to limit the amount of water going to the Co-op. This would require the installation of a valve and a housing unit, which would cost approx. $300,000. Both the Town and the Co-op deemed this cost to be prohibitive, so both parties continued to look for alternate measures.

At a meeting this past winter, the Co-op presented several measures that they are willing to implement that will limit the amount of fresh water they use. This includes changes within the plant itself, which the Co-op will fund, as well as the installation of a saltwater pump, of which the Town would pay half. The cost of this pump and fittings is $65,000.

Residents in Fogo are also on a boil order when the crab plant is in operation. In an effort to resolve that issue, the Co-op asked to purchase a saltwater pump for that facility as well, on the same 50/50 cost sharing arrangement, to which the Town agreed. Both pumps have now been ordered, as well as the necessary equipment for the changes inside the Seldom plant.

The Town has applied to the Department of Municipal Affairs for emergency funding for the installation of these two pumps, for a total of $65,000. The Department is currently reviewing the application, and the Town is hopeful that government will help contribute towards this cost.

Clean Up Week

Spring is finally here and the beautiful days of summer are fast approaching. Town of Fogo Island is preparing for ‘Spring Clean-up’ weeks. This is a perfect opportunity for residents to clean up around their properties and make them more presentable for the upcoming tourism season.

The Town will be offering **FREE RESIDENTIAL DROP OFF** between **May 5th – June 15th**. Residents can drop their ‘Spring Clean-up’ items to the transfer station during regular working hours for FREE.

Following is the schedule for PICK UP for each community:
- **May 24-27**: Tilting, Joe Batt’s Arm
- **May 30 – June 3**: Barr’d Islands, Shoal Bay, Fogo Island Central, Fogo
- **June 6-10**: Island Harbour, Deep Bay, Seldom-Little Seldom, Stag Harbour

**NOTE:** ‘Spring Clean-up’ items must be on the curb side by the Sunday prior to clean up. The Town will be travelling through each community one time only.

**Regulations for Clean Up weeks are as follows:**
- Residents are NOT permitted to use black garbage bags, all items MUST be placed in clear bags.
- NO Demolition material will be collected.
- Recyclable items will NOT be collected. Recyclable items such as cardboard, plastic containers/buckets must be placed in blue bags and placed out on your regular garbage day.
- All materials MUST be separated into piles of wood, metal, electronics and furniture. Any garbage NOT sorted will be left for the responsibility of the homeowner to discard.

**ROAMING ANIMALS**
The Town has received numerous complaints concerning roaming animals in residential communities.

When reporting such an incident, the animal owners name must be provided in order for the Town to take action. All reports made are kept strictly confidential.

To express a concern, please call 266-1320.

**"Animal Control Regulations"**
The Municipal Council of Fogo Island, under; Section 413 & 414 Municipalities Act 1999

An owner of an animal shall keep it safely tethered or penned at all times to prevent it from running at large or roaming.

Any person who violates these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a minimum fine of $50 for the first offence and a minimum fine of $75 for a second and each subsequent offence.

**TOWN EMERGENCY NUMBER**
Tel: 266-7295

**Town Water Turn On/Off**
Anyone requesting to have their town water turned on/off is asked to please give a one week notice. To make a request, please call 266-1320

**Transfer Station Hours**
- **Wednesday**
  1:00pm – 4:30 pm
- **Friday**
  8:00am – 4:30pm
- **Saturday**
  8:00am – 12:00pm

**Cell: 709-700-6188**

**Green Depot Hours**
- **Thursday, Friday, Saturday**
  10:00 am – 11:30am
  12:30pm – 3:30pm

Tel: 627-3210
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