Municipal Plan and Development Regulations

The Town’s Municipal Plan and Development Regulations were registered with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on November 13th, 2015. A copy of the plan and development regulations is available online at www.townoffogoisland.ca and a copy is also available at the Town office.

As stated in the Town’s plan, a municipal plan “provides growth and development” within a Town. It also provides guidelines that help prevent disputes concerning land use as well as supporting the efficient use of land for economic development efforts, municipal services and land resources.

The adoption of the plan and regulations means changes to the Town’s policy on development; as a result, residents can expect up to a 45 day wait for the processing of new permit applications, particularly if permits have to be reviewed by other government agencies. Residents are advised to view the development regulations prior to applying for a permit and are welcome to call or visit the Town Office and talk to our staff for any clarification.

It is also important to note that all permit applications require a map identifying the following information:

- property lines and/or site boundaries
- all existing and proposed buildings on the site and surrounding area
- water bodies or watercourses and other natural features on or near the site
- Length of boundary lines and distances of buildings from boundary lines must be given.
- If possible, show the site on a copy of a land survey or a Crown Lands topographic map.
- A drawing of the proposed structure may also be required.

Snowclearing Operations
Important information on the Town of Fogo Island’s snow clearing regulations.

Economic Development Partnership
Erika Pardy describes her new role as an Economic Development Officer with the newly formed Economic Development Partnership.
Snow Clearing Operations

Winter is now upon us, and the Town of Fogo Island would like to review its snow clearing regulations with residents. Snow clearing operations help make our roads safe, and therefore, it is critical that residents take time to read and follow these guidelines.

- Between December 1st and March 31st, parking on the side of ALL town roads is prohibited between the hours of 12am-8am. Persons who violate this policy will be referred to the RCMP.
- No person is permitted to deposit or give permission to deposit, snow and/or ice from driveways onto any road within the Town.
- Personal items (garbage boxes, etc) must be removed or moved back a safe distance to prevent damages. The Town will NOT be liable for any damages or repairs.
- During a snow storm, or after large snowfall amounts, town roads are generally cleared to one lane only and then widen during regular working hours.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

To aid in snow clearing operations, the Town asks that any resident residing near a fire hydrant to “adopt a hydrant” and help keep the hydrant clear from snow. During large snow storms, town maintenance staff are kept busy keeping roads clear and it is often days or weeks before they are able to clear hydrants. Adopting a hydrant helps keep the town safe in the event fire services need to avail of a hydrant. We would like to thank those residents who have adopted a hydrant!

Garbage Collection

Central Newfoundland Waste Management are responsible for the collection and disposal of residential household garbage and recyclable materials on Fogo Island.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE
TUESDAY: Stag Harbour, Seldom, Little Seldom, Island Harbour, Deep Bay, Fogo Island Central
WEDNESDAY: Fogo
THURSDAY: Tilting, Joe Batt’s Arm, Barr’d Islands, Shoal Bay

TRANSFER SITE hours of operation are:
WEDNESDAY: 1:00pm - 4:30pm
FRIDAY: 8:00am - 4:30pm
SATURDAY: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Issues/Concerns/Comments?
Contact CNWM at:
Office: 1-709-653-2900
Cell: 1-709-700-6188 Or visit their website:
http://www.cnwmc.com/Fogo.aspx

Why recycle? Keeping your cell phone out of the landfill helps your local ecosystem and the environment. Recycling your wireless device also decreases the need for raw materials that would otherwise be needed for manufacturing new products. A small effort on your part makes a big difference!

Drop off your old cell phone at the Town Office and we will ensure that it gets recycled.

For more information, visit: http://www.recyclemycell.ca/

Water Turn on/off

To have the water turned on/off your property during regular working hours there is a charge of $25 however; property owners will receive one free water turn on and off per year. After hours, holidays & weekends a $75 charge applies. Homeowners or their representative must be present during water turn on/off to their property or the curb stop will not be turned on/off. A $25 charge will then be implemented for each visit to the property thereafter.

Residents are asked to please give 48 hours notice to have your water turned on or off. Anyone requiring water turn on/off, please call the Town at 266-1320.

Town of Fogo Island
After Hours Emergency Number
266-7295
Fogo Island Economic Development Partnership

By Erika Pardy, Economic Development Officer

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday with friends and family and that it was everything you hoped it would be.

It has been an exciting couple of months here at the Fogo Island Economic Development Office and 2016 will continue to bring more exciting news and opportunities for the people of Fogo Island.

The Office of Economic Development became active on November 16th 2015. It is with the vision of The Town of Fogo Island, Shorefast Foundation and the Fogo Island Cooperative Society Ltd. that the office was put into place. This partnership highlights the important needs and requirements of the people of Fogo Island and what is necessary for the continued success of ‘Island life’. Just as the Fogo Island Cooperative Society Ltd. was formed nearly 50 years ago during the Fogo Process, The Economic Development Partnership was also developed for the preservation of a way of life. The new process increases the community’s involvement in business and economic growth by way of capitalizing on “our distinctive Fogo Island brand of local innovation, hospitality, entrepreneurship, high quality and value-added products and services.”

“The people of Fogo Island will continue to grow our economy with creativity and cooperation. We will celebrate jobs and sustain our community through our fishery; being responsible stewards of our culture and natural environment; and becoming a global travel destination of distinction.”

Where do we go from here? What is the plan?

- To show the world the strength of our commitment by coming together as ONE town. The Town of Fogo Island. Unite
- To embrace and celebrate each community’s contribution to the uniqueness of Fogo Island while putting the betterment of the Island first. Diversify
- To utilize our valuable resource – Our Volunteers - To create important committees, so every voice is heard. Include
- To create a place that is easily accessible and connected to the world through greater technology advancements while maintaining our rugged and natural beauty. Progress
- To increase and enhance job and business opportunities by offering support and assistance where needed. Grow
- To increase participation in the Fishery and improve the chances of success by adapting to changing resources and regulations. Adapt
- To market Fogo Island to the world, including its tourism, artisans and local producers. Promote
- To advocate and promote the well-being and prosperity of all Fogo Islanders through fair and honest business practices as well as maintaining an important presence in the ever changing environment. Advocate
- To introduce a Standard Business Practice code for local businesses as a guide for superior world class customer service. Compete
- To attract investors and stakeholders as a part of our Economic growth. Invest
- To use our history and way of life, not to anchor us in the past, but to propel us into the future. Develop
- To build sustainable and affordable housing that compliments the style and heritage of Fogo Island while offering much needed accommodations for local residents of the Island. To bring people Home.

Remember this is about you. Our people, our Island

You can reach me at any time with questions, concerns, comments, ideas, at fogoislandedo@gmail.com or call: Cell: 709-769-1418 Office: 709-266-1235 Or visit me upstairs at the Town Office (call first) or I am happy to come see you! Please like Fogo Island Economic Development Partnership on Facebook and follow me on Twitter @ erikapardy.

TOURISM UPDATE
Fogo Island Trail Assessment

During 2014, Green Leaf Resources conducted a Trail Assessment on existing trails throughout Fogo Island. It was determined that our trails require some improvements, upgrades and continuity. Upgrades will include signage, construction of bridges and boardwalks. We will be striving to bring our town trails to a safe standard and work towards creating a provincially recognized Fogo Island Trail system. Within the next two months, the Town will submit a proposal to Federal and Provincial Government to seek funding for trail upgrades to commence in 2016.

The Town would like to thank all residents who have invested interest in our beautiful trails by informing us of trail issues and help with maintenance throughout the season.
Property Assessment

As many of you may be aware, there was a significant increase in 2016 property assessments in Newfoundland and Labrador. Most communities in this area saw a big increase, with some areas increasing by as much as 75%. The average property increase on Fogo Island was 18.9%, which means that a home originally valued at $50,000 is now valued at $59,450.

How is property assessed?

Property is assessed at actual value in accordance with the legislation.

For most property, this means the market value as of the base date, January 2014. When estimating the market value, the assessor analyzes property sales in the area. They consider characteristics such as size, age, quality, condition, and location that vendors and purchasers consider when establishing a sale price. The real estate market determines the value and the assessor reports it.

“Property Assessment” is the process of establishing a dollar value for property tax purposes. Property tax is the major source of local government revenue. Generated from within the community, property tax helps to finance such local government services as garbage collection, water and sewer, recreation and fire protection.

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY
http://www.maa.ca/property/index.html

2016 Budget

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TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

Tax payers may pay their taxes by Debit, Cheque, Cash or Electronic Bill Payments through your bank account online.

Electronic banking option:
To setup your electronic banking you need to:
- Sign in to your online banking
- Select bill payments
- Add the town as a payee: Fogo Island (Town) Utility/Tax
- Add your account number (located on your tax invoice, example BLACM001)
- Please forward your email address to Tracy Torraville at; accounts@townoffogoisland.ca and your tax receipt will be emailed to you.

The following banks are registered to submit payments to the Town via electronic banking; Scotiabank, CIBC, Royal Bank and TD Bank

NOTE: The Town does not accept VISA or Master Card payments.
Town of Fogo Island
2015-2016 Projects

During this past year, the Town of Fogo Island has made numerous improvements to our Town’s infrastructure and Tourism sectors. A number of these projects were achieved through partnerships with Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Department of Business, Culture, Tourism, and Rural Development or ACOA, whereby the Town often contributes 10% of the total cost. However, in an effort to provide essential services to its residents, the Town covered 100% of the cost of two projects (byroad paving, water services and Little Harbour/Barr’d Islands extension.

Under our 2015 Municipal Capital Works, the following projects were undertaken:

- Barr’d Islands water services, Phase I and Phase II (completed)
- Sandy Cove Sewer Project (completed, in part)
- Island Harbour potable drinking water system (on-going)
- Stag Harbour potable drinking water system (on-going)

Under the 2015 Gas Tax projects, the Town carried out the following projects:

- Town mapping system (on-going)
- Street paving: Brown’s Point Road, Brown’s Road, Penton’s Road, Tobin’s Lane and Penney’s Lane (completed)
- Freeman’s Pond Intake Upgrade (completed)

As well, the Town also invested its own funds to complete the Little Harbour phase of the Barr’d Islands water services project (to be completed in Spring 2016).

Over this past spring and summer, the Town was successful in receiving partial funding from ACOA and BCTRD for the following projects:

- Fogo Island Visitor Information Centre, Stag Harbour
- Heritage Panels located on the Fogo Island ferry
- Town logo and branding proposal (on-going)
- Web assessment for the Town website (on-going)
- Signage around the Island, as well as off-island (on-going)
- Rest stops: Fogo Island Central and Tilting
- Upgrades to the Bleak House, Brett House and Dwyer Premises and Day Park (Fogo Island Central)

Under the 2016 Municipal Capital Works Council has made an application to Government for funding to carry out projects notes below:

- Water Services – Hewitt’s Point, Barr’d Islands
- Municipal Complex (Town Office, Community Centre & Fire Hall)
- Portable Drinking Water – Fogo Island Central
- Engineering Study on Outfalls and Lift Stations

In an effort to better maintain our roads, the Town also paved the following roads through its own funds:

- Anthony’s Lane, Brett’s Road, Bullie’s Cove Pond Road, Church Road, Cul’s Road, Fire Hall Road, Freake’s Road, Godwin’s Lane, Jacob’s Lane, Jacob’s Road, Meaney’s Road, Penton’s Lane, Post Office Lane, School Road (part), Valley Road and Wild Cove Road.

Mapping system

The Town of Fogo Island is currently in the process of recording all of our water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, etc. into our Town Suite program database. This will allow staff to better serve residents, as all of this information is readily available, without having to search through various files and maps.

Visitor Information Centre

The Fogo Island Visitor Information Centre and Multipurpose building officially opened in 2015. It is located in Stag Harbour, just 2 minutes from Man O’War Cove and was a great source of information to over 3500 visitors this past summer.

Job Creation Program & Community Enhancement Employment Programs

An abundance of work completed by the Town has been made possible through JCP and Community Enhancement Programs. These programs are government funded and aim to assist our Town in the operation of our site locations during tourist season and prepare for upcoming seasons with projects through the winter months. Our projects focus on maintenance of museums, hiking trails, tagging artifacts and assisting staff in preparing for the upcoming tourist season.

For more information, or to inquire on upcoming programs, contact Sandy Crawford at 266-1320 ext 226.

Age Friendly

In 2015, the town conducted a survey to identify the needs and gaps with seniors and other age specific groups on Fogo Island. A report was completed as a result of the survey and a small grant has been secured to help focus on issues identified in the upcoming months. A committee was formed to provide insight and suggestions and will meet periodically over the new few months to discuss the project. For more information, or if you would like to be a part of this important venture, please call Sandy Crawford at 266-1320 ext 226.

Please join us as we strive to make Fogo Island “Age Friendly”
What’s happening at Iceberg Arena

SKATING SESSIONS
Sunday 3:00 – 4:00pm
Monday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00pm
Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30pm
Thursday 6:30 – 7:30pm
Saturday Minor hockey – schedule often varies with weekend tournaments.

Please drop by and cheer on the kids!

Public Skating: $3 per skate
$2 on “Toonie Tuesday”

As of Jan. 1st, 2016, it is mandatory for everyone to wear a helmet while on the ice!

PUBLIC ADVISORY

The Town of Fogo Island, in conjunction with Central Health, are encouraging all residents to 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.

Ideally, the number(s) should be placed in a highly visible location so that it can be seen from the road. Having the number visible nighttime would also help emergency workers. House numbers come in a variety of types and sizes, such as having a reflective coating or with LED lighting. If possible, have your house number visible both daytime and nighttime so that your home can be easily located in the event of an emergency.

The Town is doing their part in this initiative by ensuring that all Town roads are clearly marked. If your road is missing its street sign, please call the Town Office at 266.1320 so that it can be replaced.

Wishing all our residents a safe winter season,
Town of Fogo Island staff

Cpl. Shaun M. Coady
Detachment Commander
Office: 709-266-2251

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just for Fun Hockey – “Pink at the Rink” fundraiser for cancer research: To be announced
Annual Iceberg Cup Men’s Hockey Tournament: Feb. 15th-20th

Call 266-1111 to book a session or 266-1112 to hear our daily schedule

Fitness Room/Indoor Walking: Open Daily ($3)
Common Room: Available for meetings, birthday parties, socials and more
For rental rates and bookings, please call Iceberg Arena at 266-1111.

SNOW SHOE RENTALS
Locally made
$5 per afternoon / $10 nightly
Call 266-1111 to reserve a pair

Fogo Island Detachment – Media Release

The RCMP on Fogo Island would like to take an opportunity to remind everyone about All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Snowmobile (Motorized Snow Vehicle) safety. Every year in Newfoundland and Labrador there are a significant number of serious injuries and deaths resulting from the use of ATV’s and Snowmobiles, there has already been one such death in 2016. Many of these injuries and deaths are preventable with the use of helmets, proper safety equipment, and operating in a safe and responsible manner. A little known fact is that under the Provincial ATV/MSV Act it is illegal to operate an ATV or MSV under the influence of alcohol. Please ensure that you practice proper ice safety and verify ice thickness before crossing any bodies of water. These recreational vehicles are also not designed to be operated on a roadway, it is very unsafe to do so, and is prohibited under the Provincial Act. Please have a safe and enjoyable winter season.

Cpl. Shaun M. Coady
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