

# Town of Main Brook

Main Brook Matters Newsletter

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## What's New

Summer has come and gone and just like that we have welcomed a new season! We trust everyone had a great summer and enjoyed all that it offered but now we would like to take this time to extend our best wishes to the students and teachers (and parents!) on the upcoming school year. With the children and youth of our community back to school, we remind you to be mindful of your speed when passing through the school zone.

The Town of Main Brook is pleased to announce the approval of a JCP project through the Provincial Government and Advanced Education and Skills in the amount of \$99,338.00. This project will help us complete many needed external and internal upgrades including the replacement of the roof and installing weeping tile and french drain around the foundation of the building to improve drainage. In addition to this, electrical work will be performed within the building in accordance with TakeChargeNL to become more energy efficient and this will include the installation of 50 led rab packs, 2 led outside lights and the installation of 1 heat pump. These are just some of the upgrades to expect along with many other things on the list!



### Halloween

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

### Bonfire Night

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

### Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Observed Date: Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

## JUST A LITTLE Reminder

The Provinces Highway Traffic Acts permits the use of **studded tires** between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Daylight Savings Time** – Clocks go back one hour on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 The Town of Main Brook received a \$25,000.00 grant from the IGA for the Main Brook Volunteer Fire Department in order to purchase four (4) **Ska-pack Supplied Air Respirators**. With this grant, we were able to provide our local fire department with the equipment they needed and will allow its members to successfully enter and handle smoke filled areas. This also meets the needs of our community of being able to provide quality service and equipment during an emergency.



The Town of Main Brook sits as an active member of the Joint Council for the Northern Peninsula East and has recently partnered with the Town of Englee, Town of Roddickton Bide-Arm, and the Town of Conche to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to perform ***GIS-Integrated Asset Management Planning***. The purpose of this project is to develop and implement an Asset Management Plan for our municipalities. This will involve strategies and systems related to asset management including capturing all major assets and long-term infrastructure plans and the state of infrastructure reports through GIS, desktop, and web GIS applications, web mapping, and hard copy maps of infrastructure. This will also include an inventory of our water network, the remaining life of our water network, and the replacement costs. This will have a beneficial impact on our community as it is an investment towards our long-term municipal planning therefore creating and developing a stronger sustainable community for future generations.

**The total cost for this project for the Main Brook Portion will cost \$19,000.00 with 80% being funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities leaving the town responsible for \$3800.00. If approved, the Town will use Gas Tax funds to cover the \$3800.00 essentially leaving the town responsible for \$380.00 for the completion of GIS integrated Asset Management Planning.**

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!" - Helen Keller*

### Approved Gas Tax Funding for Reservoir/Water Storage Shed Upgrades: \$25,053.12

#### Work completed:

- New steel door and door box
- 400 sq. ft of metal siding
- 200sq. ft of concrete
- New paint on walls and in entrance of building
- New 100A service change
- Resistant heater with thermostat
- Weather tight lights
- Weather tight plug-in's
- Outside plug-in's
- Outside light fixture
- New control wiring for water level controls

# Applications **UNDER REVIEW**

**Special Assistance Fund** - The Town of Main Brook recently applied for a Special Assistance Fund for a new water flow monitoring and control system for our chlorination system.

**CEEP** – Two applications have been submitted to the Community Enhancement Employment Program for a Recreation Coordinator and a Museum and Heritage Research Coordinator.

**New Horizons for Seniors Program** – Two applications have been submitted to this program. We have a **Senior Communications Training** submitted which will allow us to engage with our seniors and offer bi-monthly workshops 4 times a year on the basics of iPad, email, and social media and how to access and use on-line government services. The other application under review is **Accessibility for Seniors Upgrade** which involves making the necessary changes to our municipal building and fitness center to suit the needs of our community members but more specifically our seniors and aging community members. This will include widening doors and constructing a ramp to the fitness center as well as installing comfort height toilets and hand rails, adding automatic dryers, faucets, and soap dispensers at appropriate heights for wheelchair users.



## *Restoration of Old Cemetery*



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in the restoration of the old cemetery especially Diana Boyd for putting this in motion and making it a priority and to our Mayor Barb Genge for seeing it through. To Tuckamore Lodge for the hiring of two laborers, Tim and Dennis, to work along side our Public Works Foreman, Pete, with the replacement of the fence and clean up; your kind deeds will not go unnoticed. Also, a big thank you to those who are stepping forward and helping with the identification of the resting places. This is an important piece of history in our town and we are glad it is now maintained and will continue to be in the future. We plan to stain the fence soon!



**Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – There will be a Call for Nominations/by-election for councillors. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on council please step forward. There is strength in numbers!

Our page on Facebook called the **“Town of Main Brook”** is our main source of online/social media communication. Please “like” and “share!”

Any concerns that need to be addressed must be put in writing including a **date** and **signature** in order to be presented to council.

The Town of Main Brook holds their regular meeting of council the second Wednesday of every month.

*Wishing you a wonderful Fall Season! Thank you for your business!*