Town of Old Perlican

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Newsletter

_Major Infrastructure Upgrades and Strategic Future Plans:

The Town of Old Perlican is moving forward with capital works projects, municipal studies, and protective measures designed to safeguard our coastline, upgrade core water systems, and prepare the community for generations to come. These projects are cost shared between the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments.

1. Armor Stone Installations

Rising sea levels and increasingly intense Atlantic storms have made shoreline protection a priority for us. Two major coastal projects have just been completed to help combat erosion and protect critical municipal assets:

- Adams Beach Armor Stone Project: Heavy equipment has just completed installing a barrier of engineered armor stone in this area. This barrier is intended to absorb wave energy, preventing further shoreline erosion and protecting the integrity of the surrounding roadway and properties.
- Bisson Cove Armor Stone Project: Like the works at Adams Beach, the Bisson Cove shoreline has also been reinforced with armor stone. This upgrade will stabilize the bank, ensuring that seasonal storm surges do not wash away any more of the existing shoreline and roadway.

2. Main Beach & Admirals Brook (Big Brook).

- Main Beach & Admirals Brook Upgrade: Work is moving forward to restore and enhance the Main Beach and the adjacent Admirals Brook area. This project is focusing on improving water flow and erosion control along Admirals Brook while upgrading the Main Beach area to make it a safer, more accessible, and visually appealing space for residents and visitors alike.

3. Upgrading Utility and Wastewater Systems

- Lift Station Retrofit: Over the last three years the town's sewage lift stations have been undergoing a comprehensive technological and physical retrofit. Upgraded pumps, electrical panels, and monitoring systems will improve operational efficiency, lower energy costs, and significantly reduce the risk of system failures or backups. The fifth and final lift station has been approved and will be upgraded this coming fall.
- Septic System Treatment Study & Outfall Upgrade: The town has launched a detailed study to evaluate our community septic treatment system which will be paired with a physical upgrade of the municipal outfall. This initiative will ensure all wastewater discharge will meet or exceed modern provincial and federal environmental standards.

4. Bell Pond Water Study

- To protect and optimize our municipal water supply, the town is conducting a comprehensive hydrological and quality study of Bell Pond. This study will analyze long-term water capacity, watershed health, and filtration requirements to ensure our primary water source remains secure and pristine for decades to come.

5. John Hoskins Centre Feasibility Study

- Since transitioning from a school to a town facility, the John Hoskins Community Centre has served as the heart of our recreation, social events, and municipal outreach. To ensure the building continues to serve the public effectively, the town has commissioned a formal feasibility study. The study will assess the structural integrity of the facility, identify necessary modernizations, and explore potential expansions or new uses to maximize its value to the community and the region.

6. Keeping Residents Safe: Emergency & Wildfire Preparedness. As weather patterns change, the town is actively modernizing its protective frameworks to meet modern safety challenges:

- Council has completed a thorough overhaul of the town's Emergency Preparedness Management Plan. This updated roadmap refines response protocols, communications strategies, and evacuation routes for a wide range of potential emergencies, ensuring local responders and staff can act swiftly and cohesively when it matters most.
- Recognizing the increasing risk of wildland fires, the town is proactively seeking external funding under the provincial Wildfire Prevention Mitigation Program. If secured, this funding will allow the town to implement targeted wildfire mitigation strategies, including establishing fuel breaks, clearing dry brush in high-risk zones, and running community education programs to protect homes and forested boundaries. "These projects represent a balanced investment in our immediate safety, our environment, and our long-term community growth. Whether it is fortifying our beaches against the Atlantic, ensuring our drinking water is secure, or planning the future of our community

spaces, every dollar spent is an investment in keeping Old Perlican a safe, vibrant, and resilient place to call home."

Council/ Staff & Office Staff:
Town Clark/ Manager: Sonya Durdle - Walsh
Administrative Assistant: Emily Button
Casual Call- in: Position available
Public Service Workers Foreman: Steven French
Heavy Equipment/ General Maintenance: Greg Froude
General Worker/ Casual Call-in: Jeff Pottle
Custodian: Cathy Hatch
Summer Recreational Program (seasonal) Program Director: Chelsea Froude
Assistant: Jeannie Nolan - Squires
Students: Jaden Eddy, Stephanie LeShane, Jackson March, Tyson Noonan, Alex Norris, Tyson Squires & Lucas Whalen

Current Council Mayor: Clifford Morgan
Deputy Mayor: Roger Tizzard
Councillors: Ted Hopkins, Bren Power, Stella Regular, Lindsay Rodgers & Tammy Squires

How to reach us: The town office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 709-587-2266 Fax: 709-587-2261
Email ; townofoldperlican@persona.ca
TC/M- (Sonya): 709-687-2532 (w) Or 709-587-3255 (h)
Maintenance emergencies : 709-597-9237
John Hoskins Community Center: 709-587-3500
Fire Department emergencies: 709-587-2229
Fire Hall: 709-587-2144
Ambulance 911

WATER CONCERNS
As we move through the summer months, we would like to remind all residents to be mindful of possible water shortages due to seasonal conditions. We monitor our town's water reservoirs daily and will advise you of concerns as they come to us. We do however encourage all people to:
- Check for, repair and/or report water leaks,
- Avoiding unnecessary indoor and outdoor water usage,
- Turn off taps when not in use.

Updates will be communicated to you through our towns: facebook page, website and Telematik. Let's all be proactive, a little less reactive, and help secure this very valuable asset.

WEBSITE (townofoldperlican.ca)
Our new website is now up and running. This is a work in continual progress! If you:
* Have pictures or other information that would be appropriate for this site? please reach out to us for further direction.
** wish to have an upcoming event posted on the "calendar of events' you can inform us of the event, and we will post it there for you.
*** have any comments, questions, or concerns please reach out to us so we can address them as efficiently and effectively as possible. Please take the opportunity to visit and explore what it has to offer.

TELMATIK
Residents, businesses, organizations, and property owners of Old Perlican are reminded that the town is using the Telmatik automated notification system to deliver important local updates, emergency alerts, and notifications. We are very pleased with the response so far! If you haven't registered your contact information yet, we highly encourage you to sign up today. How to Sign Up:
- Online: Visit our website at townofoldperlican.ca
- By Phone: Call the Town Hall at 709-587-2266

What to Provide:
1. Your name and physical address.
2. Your preferred phone number.
3. Your preferred alert method (Voice Call or Text Message). Please note: This notification service is strictly for the residents, businesses, organizations, and property owners of Old Perlican.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe, informed, and connected!!

Fire Bans & The Forest Fire Index
We have received a few questions from residents regarding how the Provincial Forest Fire Index affects open fires, fire pits, and burning within our community. To help clear up any confusion, we've put together a quick guide on how the index works and where you can check daily updates. How the Index Affects Our Town The provincial government monitors forest and weather conditions daily to set the fire hazard level.

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- Low to Moderate: Outdoor fires and personal fire pits are generally permitted under safe conditions, but we always ask residents to burn responsibly.
- High, Very High, or Extreme: If the index rises to High or above, a local fire ban is typically expected to be put in place to protect our properties and surrounding wooded areas.
- Province-Wide Bans: Please note that the Provincial Government may also declare a blanket fire ban for the entire province at any time if conditions are severe. During a provincial ban, all local open-air burning must stop immediately. Check Daily Conditions Online Before lighting any outdoor fire, please consult the official hazard map to see today's rating for our region: View the NL Daily Wildfire Risk Map If you need any clarification on local burning regulations, fire pits, or current bans, please reach out directly to the Town Office - 709-587-2266.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In our ongoing efforts to support our fire department, we recently purchased a new 2026 Ford F250 to supplement their fleet of vehicles. This vehicle will accommodate the wildland firefighting skid unit which was recently made available to our department by the Provincial Government. This will help with improving rapid response times, accessing harder-to-reach areas, and enhancing our overall emergency operations. We are very proud of our Volunteer Fire Department. They are a very dedicated group of volunteers, and we applaud them for their continued service to the town of Old Perlican and the surrounding communities.

OLD PERLICAN DAYS

This year Old Perlican Days are scheduled for July 26th - Aug. 1st This is a week in our town when various groups/organisations/businesses/individuals are encouraged to offer an activity/event to residents and visitors. Activities will be updated through Facebook as they become available. So far, the following activities are being planned:

Sunday, July 26th
Breakfast – Sponsored by UC Men's Fellowship Time: 9:00am Cost: $10.00 Location: St. Andrews by the Sea

Monday, July 27th
Bingo - Sponsored by OPRAC ($500 jackpot to go) Time: 8:00pm Cost: $20.00 Location: John Hoskins Community Centre.

Tuesday, July 28th
Seniors Social - Sponsored by Old Perlican Library
Jiggs Dinner - Sponsored by Baccalieu Lion's Club Time: 4:00 - 7:00pm Cost: $16:00 Location: Baccalieu Lion's Club.

Wednesday, July 29th
"Mug-Up" - Sponsored by Heritage Committee Time 2:00pm - 4:00pm Cost: $5.00 Location: Beckett Heritage Property

Card Game (120)- Sponsored by OPRAC Time: 8:00 pm Cost: $5.00 Location: John Hoskins Community Centre.

Thursday, July 30th
Cold Plate- (eat in) - Sponsored by UC Women Time: 5:30pm Cost: $15:00 Location: St. Andrews by the Sea.

Friday, July 31st
Kids Carnival - Sponsored by Summer Rec. Program Time: 6:00 pm Location: John Hoskins Community Centre.

Saturday, August 1st
"Vendor Sale, Craft Fair, Flea Market - Sponsored by Special Events Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm Admission: $2:00 Location John Hoskins Community Centre

Adult Dance - Sponsored by OPRAC Time: 9:00pm Cost: $15.00 Location: John Hoskins Community Centre Music by Amanda &Tony

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*Book - Seek and Find will be held throughout the week. Please check the Baccalieu Lion's Club Facebook page for hints and clues. Monday to Friday

**Golden Egg Hunt - Find the daily Golden Egg and win a prize. Please check the Towns Facebook for daily clues - Monday - Friday

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!!

The Town of Old Perlican offers our warmest congratulations to all our local students on completing another successful academic year! Whether you are finishing up primary, elementary, junior high, or high school, or completing your studies at a post-secondary institution, your dedication and hard work have truly paid off. Reaching these milestones is a proud moment not just for you and your families, but for our entire community. As you take your next steps, we wish you the absolute best of luck. May you find success and fulfillment as you pursue your academic and personal goals—wherever they may lead you! "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Enjoy a safe, happy, and well-deserved summer break.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to thank the members of our Special Events Committee for once again organizing this year's Canada Day Celebration. The committee members themselves would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who not only helped but also participated in any way. Especially the Summer Recreation Program students and workers, Town workers, members of the Baccalieu Lion's Club, and other volunteers - Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Please be advised that this will be the final growing season for the planter boxes at the current Heritage Garden location. At the end of the season the boxes will be relocated to the John Hoskins Community Centre Property and will be ready for next summer's planting.

PERMITS

Once again, we must remind all property owners that the Town of Old Perlican Development Regulations 2022, requires all development to have a permit issued by the Town. Please contact the office for the necessary applications, before you begin any development on your property: including land clearing, filling in land, erecting fences, patios, sheds and other buildings etc. The regulations contain various conditions and provisions that must be adhered to, including setbacks from neighbouring property, plus other requirements that must be met before any development can begin. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact the Town Office for further clarification. If residents do not have an approved permit for any development, then a stop work order and/or a removal order will be issued until it meets Council approval. If work commences with out a permit, then fines will be issued before a permit is granted, up to $500.00.

CRABFEST

Our 6th annual CrabFest will be held on September 27th. Tickets for this event will be going on sale shortly. Don't be disappointed - this is a great night of; food, fun and friendship- limited number of tickets available. Updates will be posted on the Town's Facebook page. You can, however, reserve your ticket(s) by calling the Town office at 709-587-2266. We encourage you to visit our town website townofoldperlican.ca and view our "events calendar "for more upcoming events.

DOG PARK

We are excited to announce that work has officially begun on our new community dog park! This highly anticipated addition will give our furry friends a safe, dedicated space to run, play, and socialize off leash. This dog park will be developed right next to the existing playground. This central location will make it easy for families to enjoy both amenities. Please be assured that secure, sturdy fencing will separate the two areas to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.