

# Integrated Community Sustainability Plan



## Update/Progress Report

Report dated August 2012

## INTRODUCTION

This report is issued to meet the requirements of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) providing an update on progress made to date on the Sustainability Principles and specifically Long Term Sustainability Planning Goals and Objectives.

These Goals and Objectives were developed in the initial ICSP report and at the regular council meeting of February 24, 2010 the report was accepted as presented.

## CONSULTATION

To develop responses to the seven Long Term Sustainability Planning Goals & Objectives, interviews were undertaken to determine the progress made to date.

Those interviewed included Department Directors and staff, who have been directly involved in the daily operations of the Municipality. By being the face and administrators of the Municipality's policies and procedures, these people have a detailed knowledge of how the Municipality is accomplishing its identified goals.

## FOUNDATION DOCUMENT

This is the wording used in the Council approved ICSP document and forms the basis of the spreadsheet used to document our progress.

### 3.2 LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE PLANNING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, at their November 2009 Council meeting, approved the following goals and objectives for inclusion in their ICSP and their new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) currently under review.

Many of the goals and objectives are interrelated and should be considered collectively. These goals, combined with the Foundation Principles and the Municipality's new Vision Statement, provide guidance and direction for the future development of Yarmouth Municipality in its journey towards becoming more sustainable. The over-arching goal is to sustain viable and vibrant communities supported by a strong local economy, a versatile cultural and heritage scene, strong social networks and a healthy environment. Clean air, pure water and uncontaminated soil are crucial to the well-being of our economy and the health and quality of life of our citizens.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

To provide a high quality living environment for all residents, both now and in the future, by ensuring that both new and existing development in the Municipality strives to balance the environmental, economic, social and cultural dimensions of the community.

#### Objectives

1. To provide a framework and process to guide land use development and accommodate change in land use in the municipality through this MPS.
2. To control land use and development in a manner that will minimize conflicts between land uses and ensure that new development is appropriately integrated with the existing natural and built environment.
3. To consider the long term implications of land use planning decisions and weigh environmental, social and economic factors equally in making such decisions.
4. To implement public capital aspects of the Municipal Planning Strategy through the annual capital budget and the long range capital investment plan where possible.

5. To foster citizen participation in the development of land use planning policy.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GOAL

To protect biological diversity and maintain essential ecological processes and natural life support systems in order to maintain and improve environmental air, water and soil quality.

### Objectives

1. To control land use and development in a manner that will preserve, enhance and protect the natural environment of the Municipality, especially wetlands and watercourses and environmentally sensitive areas.
2. To protect, maintain and improve water quality.
3. To protect surface and groundwater resources by discouraging development that would detrimentally affect the quality and quantity of the water.
4. To maintain, improve and expand municipal central sewer services in an environmentally sound and financially sustainable manner.
5. To reduce the volume of solid waste produced and ensure that it is managed in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner.
6. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption throughout Municipal operations and encourage renewable energy sources throughout the Municipality.
7. To investigate the effects of climate change on Yarmouth Municipality, especially with respect to a vulnerability assessment in relation to extreme weather events and coastal zone development.
8. To discourage development in environmentally sensitive areas, particularly areas subject to periodic flooding and erosion.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL

To encourage the economic growth and diversification of all sectors of the local and regional economy in order to maximize good quality, long term employment opportunities and provide the varied services and amenities required by residents and businesses in a sustainable community.

### Objectives

1. To encourage the development and expansion of commercial enterprises in order to best serve the needs of the residents of the Municipality.
2. To encourage the development of a sustainable tourism industry.
3. To encourage the sustainable management and diversification of resource based industries.

4. To support economic development initiatives that foster economic self-reliance.
5. To support educational services that train and support a skilled work force and to encourage the retention of this skilled work force.

## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL

To promote a variety of housing forms suitable for all ages and incomes that offer residents a choice of accommodation possibilities so that they may remain in their preferred communities throughout their lives.

### Objectives

1. To encourage the sustainable development of land for a variety of residential purposes.
2. To promote compatible, compact, higher density development in rural growth centres where central services are available.
3. To encourage and support new housing options especially seniors' housing.
4. To provide the infrastructure necessary to support and encourage new residential development.

## SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL

To ensure that residents have local access to a range of health care, educational, social, cultural and recreational services and opportunities to improve quality of life and social well-being.

### Objectives

1. To cooperate with other municipalities and agencies as well as other levels of government to provide the services and amenities necessary for residents to ensure their physical and mental health, welfare, education and safety.
2. To encourage the preservation of the architectural and cultural heritage of the Municipality and minimize the impact of new development on this heritage.
3. To encourage the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of land having inherent natural, biological and recreational value.
4. To encourage and support a variety of volunteer organizations and community based support systems.
5. To encourage and support the delivery of local health care services for all ages.
6. To encourage and support youth retention initiatives that offer additional opportunities and provide for empowerment.

7. To encourage the development of community facilities and programs that are more accessible for persons and families with limited financial resources and persons with physical and cognitive disabilities.

## TRANSPORTATION

To encourage on both a local and regional level the provision of safe, rapid and efficient transportation systems for the movement of people and goods.

### Objectives

1. To encourage the maintenance and improvement of all modes of transportation at the local and regional level.
2. To encourage and support the development of active transportation systems within and between communities in the municipality and region.

## AGRICULTURE

To protect productive agricultural land and soils so that residents have secure access to locally grown food.

### Objectives

1. To encourage the use of land with agricultural capability for agricultural purposes.
2. To encourage and support the establishment of a local farmer's market.
3. To encourage and support the consumption of locally grown food.

# INFORMATION MATRIX

## Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Update/Progress Report

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>1. Provide a framework and process to guide land use development and accommodate change in land use in the municipality through this MPS.</p>	<p>1/ Partner in the District Planning Commission (DPC) with the Municipality of Argyle.</p> <p>2/ Have in place a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), made up of 4 council members and 3 community members</p> <p>3/ Have in place an approved ICSP</p> <p>4/ Prepare the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) report as part of the Gas Tax Agreement</p>	<p>1/ Cost share funding of the DPC with the Municipality of Argyle. This funding commitment is for ½ the yearly operating budget</p> <p>2/ Monthly meeting held to review our MPS and Land Use By-Law (LUB) documents, as well as review of re-zoning applications.</p> <p>3/ First update of the ICSP on the progress to date is contained in this report</p> <p>4/ In the process of establishing a working committee to develop the response to the MCCAP for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (SNSMR)</p>	<p>1/ Yearly review by the Municipal Partners.</p> <p>2/ Continuance of this committee.</p> <p>3/ Review of the ICSP goals as required by SNSMR</p> <p>4/ Once the committee is established, work will begin on meeting the requirements acceptable to SNSMR.</p>

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>2. To control land use and development in a manner that will minimize conflicts between land uses and ensure that new development is appropriately integrated with the existing natural and built environment.</p>	<p>1/ Land use issues are dealt with by the PAC. Any changes made to the MPS or LUB will further enhance this process.</p>	<p>1/ An example would be: current proposed changes to the MPS and LUB will support “Development Agreements” which will allow more latitude for the Development Office to look at a variety of concerns and make decisions that will work better on one proposal over similar proposals but with different circumstances. (Provides some decision-making latitude.)</p>	<p>1/ Awaiting approval of the revised MPS and LUB which will include public input and consultation.</p>
<p>3. To consider the long term implications of land use planning decisions and with environmental, social and economic factors equally in making such decisions.</p>	<p>Work with the PAC and Council to weigh out considerations of these in respect to planning decisions and any changes.</p>		<p>Ongoing process</p>

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
4. To implement public capital aspects of the MPS through the annual capital budget and the long range capital investment plan where possible.	<p>1/ 5-year Capital Investment Plan reviewed annually.</p> <p>2/ Annual review and update of capital priorities by Municipality of Yarmouth Council.</p>	<p>1/ Submitted to SNSMR on a yearly basis</p> <p>2/ Municipal Council approved process</p>	<p>1/ Continuing with requirement of SNSMR by submitting 5-year plan annually.</p> <p>2/ Continuance of policy.</p>
5. To foster citizen participation in the development of land use planning policy.	1/ PAC public input in the LUB and the MPS and rezoning application	1/ Monthly meeting held to review our MPS and LUB documents.	1/ Continuance of the PAC meeting structure. Committee members will change on an infrequent bases but the process will continue.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GOAL

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>1. To control land use and development in a manner that will preserve, enhance and protect the natural environment of the Municipality, especially wetlands and watercourses and environmentally sensitive areas.</p>	<p>1/ LUB changes to create the Broad Brook Water Shed Zone set-backs in selected zones.</p> <p>2/ New access points to nature trail(s) at recreational facilities.</p> <p>3/ New setback distance implemented with regards to fur farms.</p>	<p>1/ Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB currently under review by the PAC.</p> <p>2/ Working on improving this plan, working with private companies and public organizations.</p> <p>3/ Riparian buffers</p>	<p>1/ Finish review of LUB and approval of same by Council</p> <p>2/ Ongoing</p>
<p>2. To protect, maintain and improve water quality.</p>	<p>New LUB is proposed to include riparian buffers in selected zones, which may increase set-backs from watercourses re: fox, mink, etc.</p>	<p>Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC</p>	<p>Finish review of LUB and approval of same by Council</p>

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GOAL CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
3. To protect surface and groundwater resources by discouraging development that would detrimentally affect the quality and quantity of the water.	New LUB is proposed to include riparian buffers in selected zones.	Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC	Finish review of LUB and approval of same by Council
4. To maintain, improve and expand municipal central sewer services in an environmentally sound and financially sustainable manner.	1/ Routine maintenance to avoid untimely and costly emergency repairs.  2/ Capital upgrades to electronic Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) monitoring systems.	1/ Increased surveillance of the system(s)  2/ Under engineer review	1/ South Ohio waste water management zone.  2/ Implement recommendation of engineer
5. To reduce the amount of residual waste that ultimately goes to landfill and ensure that it is managed in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner.	1/ Partner in Waste Check  2/ Partner in the Solid Waste Park (Hard Scratch Road)	1/ Very close to meeting the waste reduction goal of 300 kg/person/year as mandated by the Province  2/ Funding commitment for the construction of a new: a- Construction and	1/ Working towards achieving the 300 kg/person/year of residual waste goal  2/ Ongoing funding commitment

		demolition materials Cell b- Contaminated Soil Cell	
--	--	--	--

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
6. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption throughout Municipal operations and encourage renewable energy sources throughout the Municipality.	<p>1/ Energy Efficient Lighting throughout the Municipality.</p> <p>2/ Convert existing Port Maitland sewer building waste air blower system to an on-demand system.</p> <p>3/ Investigate operational vehicles for energy efficiency</p>	<p>1/ Ongoing review with the Province over costing and specifications of the product. This is provincially mandated</p> <p>2/ Gone to the Municipal engineering department for design and comments.</p>	<p>1/ Rationalize number of street light illuminator heads within the Municipality in order to reduce electrical consumption.</p> <p>* Both projects will reduce electrical power consumption and costs</p>
7. To investigate the effects of climate change on Yarmouth Municipality especially with respect to a vulnerability assessment in relation to extreme weather events and coastal zone development.	<p>1/ Participation in the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan</p> <p>2/ Participation with the pilot study group from Dalhousie University</p>		

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>8. To discourage development in environmentally sensitive areas, particularly areas subject to periodic flooding and erosion.</p>	<p>1/ Amend the LUB for the Municipality to protect a known sensitive area in the Municipality (Broad Brook Water Shed Zone) and establishing Riparian Buffers.</p> <p>2/ Completion of MCCAP</p>	<p>1/ Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC</p> <p>2/ In the process of establishing a working committee to develop the response to the MCAP for SNSMR.</p>	<p>1/ Finish review of LUB and approval of same by Council.</p> <p>2/ Once the committee is established, work will begin on meeting the requirements acceptable to SNSMR.</p>

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>1. To encourage the development and expansion of commercial enterprises in order to best serve the needs of the residents of the Municipality.</p>	<p>1/ Acquire a business development park in our Municipality</p> <p>2/ Wind power and wind energy generation</p>	<p>1/ As of April 1, 2012, the process was completed to re-acquire Hebron Industrial Park from the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission (YAIC)</p> <p>2/ Initial lines of communications opened with a private wind turbine supplier and developer to explore the possibility of the Municipality, through Request for Proposals, to partner in a wind turbine project under the COMFIT program. Lobbying NS Provincial Government to</p>	<p>1/ Advertise to lease or to sell the former CSC Building with approximately 11,800 square feet of open floor office area. The ability to sell serviced or unserviced plots of land to develop new business opportunities. Explore all possible uses to expand business development within this commercial park. (Land based aquaculture as an example)</p> <p>2/ Ongoing</p>

	<p>3/ Efforts to restore International Ferry Service between Yarmouth and Maine.</p>	<p>enhance transmission lines in and out of Southern NS. Resolutions to Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for re-establishment of International Ferry service between Yarmouth and New England.</p> <p>3/ Providing input onto the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership (NSIFP) committee established by the YAIC. YAIC created the NSIFP and has been working on re-establishing international ferry service and commissioned and funded the Gardner Pinfold feasibility study of the international ferry service.</p> <p>The Federal Government - NSIFP has worked with our local MP to assess available options at the existing Ferry Terminal to accommodate interim ferry service. Funding of interim upgrades and repairs formed part of</p>	<p>3/ Ongoing support of the work of this committee.</p>
--	--	--	--

	<p>4/ Maintain air connections to the Yarmouth International Airport.</p> <p>5/ Member of the YAIC</p>	<p>the discussions</p> <p>Resolutions to UNSM and FCM for the re-establishment of International Ferry Service between Yarmouth and New England</p> <p>4/ Funding commitment to the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation. Funding provided by a cost sharing arrangement with other local Municipal units</p> <p>5/ As a partner with the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth, cost shared funding of \$70,000 for repairs to the Yarmouth Public Wharf for fenders has been authorized. As well, there is a funding arrangement for the operation of the YAIC.</p>	<p>4/ Continued support of the Commission to attract new air connections or to develop lands of the commission for aircraft related business opportunities. Looking at synergies between airport and other transportation modes in the region.</p> <p>5/ Ongoing partnership</p>
--	--	--	--



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>2. To encourage the development of a sustainable tourism industry.</p>	<p>1/ Staff Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)</p> <p>2/ Development of the Yarmouth Lighthouse and Grounds</p>	<p>1/ Recently hired a new General Manager and a Tourism Development Officer for YASTA. YASTA is a regional partnership with Municipality of Clare, Municipality of Argyle and Town of Yarmouth</p> <p>2/ In the past, council has provided funding commitments for structural repairs and improvements to the lighthouse. As well, structural improvements were made to accommodate a combined small eatery and museum on the site, in an attempt to make the project financially self-sustaining. A new parking area to accommodate numerous vehicles, complete with a bus turn-around area was opened last year. This spring saw this site being chosen as "Greatest</p>	<p>1/ Ongoing commitment to the project, both financially and by providing the physical infrastructure needed.</p> <p>.</p> <p>2/ Ongoing support for this site will be a top priority of council.</p>

	<p>3/ Yarmouth Mariners Center Development Plan</p> <p>4/ Regional Tourism Industry Association (RTIA) membership</p> <p>5/ South West Nova Scotia Biosphere Reserve Association (SNBRA)</p>	<p>Public Space in Canada” and receiving an award and dedication plaque in July 2012.</p> <p>3/ Work with the community and tourism operators to develop a plan to enhance our tourist attraction potential, so as to accommodate larger and more varied events to benefit the region.</p> <p>4/ YASTA has applied for RTIA status. This Provincial designation will allow access, on a leveraged basis, to provincial funds to develop the tourism potential of the area.</p> <p>5/ Councillor participation as a board member with financial support provided by council</p>	<p>3/ World Junior Hockey Tournament will be coming to Yarmouth in November.</p> <p>4/ Ongoing process as Council will continue to actively lobby the Provincial Government for RTIA status</p> <p>5/ Additional promotion and education related to the biosphere.</p>
--	--	--	--

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>3. To encourage the sustainable management and diversification of resource based industries.</p>	<p>1/ Examine aquaculture possibilities</p> <p>2/ Gulf of Maine potential</p>	<p>1/ Opened lines of communication with companies. As well, seek public input on land-based aquaculture development, through PAC</p> <p>2/ Discussions with Shell Oil about using Yarmouth as a base of operation for possible future oil exploration, utilizing existing marine and airfield assets.</p>	<p>1/ Outcome based on available facts and consultation</p> <p>2/ Ongoing process.</p>

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>4. To support economic development initiatives that foster economic self-reliance.</p>	<p>1/ Placed a Regional Economic Development Officer through a Regional Development Authority (RDA) pilot project.</p> <p>2/ Yarmouth International Airport Management.</p> <p>3/ Yarmouth Mariners Center Expansion</p> <p>4/ Support the local Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>1/ Partnered with the Municipal units of Shelburne County, Yarmouth County and the District of Clare</p> <p>2/ Hired new manager.</p> <p>3/ 8000 square foot addition presently under construction. This addition will allow for large events, such as the World Junior International Hockey Tournament to be held in Yarmouth this fall.</p> <p>4/ The Warden of the Municipality attends meetings of the Chamber to be aware of any issues that the Chamber may have with economic development within the Municipality.</p>	<p>1/ Two year funding commitment for this project.</p> <p>2/ Continuing to engage the private sector to utilize the facility.</p> <p>3/ To attract diverse events and lower event costs by utilizing existing assets.</p> <p>4/ Ongoing support of the Chamber's goals.</p>

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>5. To support educational services that train and support a skilled work force and to encourage the retention of this skilled work force.</p>	<p>1/ Consultations with Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) Yarmouth Burrige Campus</p>	<p>1/ To date, 2 meetings to discuss local issues regarding educational opportunities at this campus have been held with Mary Thompson, Principal.</p>	<p>Further meetings with NSCC proposed.</p>

## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
1. To encourage the sustainable development of land for a variety of residential purposes.	1/ LUB revisions to allow group dwelling (bare land condominiums, etc.) and to reduce lot road frontage requirements.	1/ Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC	1/ Changes to the LUB will allow for so-called flag lots which will allow infill lots and higher density in the zoned areas.  The option to explore group dwellings will enable existing lots that don't meet present day requirements to possibly be developed by other approved methods.
2. To promote compatible, compact, higher density development in rural growth centres where central services are available.	1/ Supply Municipal sewer services to Port Maitland through use of the treatment plant and to South Ohio through the use of local cluster field beds.  2/ LUB revisions	1/ Maintain the service and provide funding for repairs  2/ Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC	1/ Ongoing project.  2/ Changes to the LUB will allow for so-called flag lots which will allow infill lots and higher density in the serviced areas.

## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
3. To encourage and support new housing options especially seniors' housing.	Change LUB	Private development will be encouraged through the use of Development Agreements which provide developmental flexibility.	Ongoing process.
4. To provide the infrastructure necessary to support and encourage new residential development.	<p>1/ Sidewalks</p> <p>2/ Working with private developers on achieving denser development within the Municipality.</p> <p>3/ Repairs to existing sidewalk</p>	<p>1/ 800 meters of new sidewalk are to be constructed this year.</p> <p>There are 6 km of existing sidewalk within the municipality</p> <p>2/ Making the required changes to the LUB and MPS to enable this goal.</p> <p>3/ Engineering report and recommendation to come at a later date. Continued funding for repairs and maintenance.</p>	<p>1/ Development of new sidewalk infrastructure is an ongoing process. The needs of the community and financial considerations are assessed on a yearly basis.</p> <p>2/ Ongoing process.</p> <p>3/ On-going operation</p>

## SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>1. To cooperate with other municipalities and agencies as well as other levels of government to provide the services and amenities necessary for residents to ensure their physical and mental health, welfare, education and safety.</p>	<p>1/ Joint recreation committee with the Town and Municipality as partners (Yarmouth Recreation)</p> <p>2/ Affiliated with other various recreation committees including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yarmouth/Shelburne Counties</li> <li>b) South Shore/ Valley</li> <li>c) Member of Recreation Nova Scotia</li> </ul>	<p>1/ Ongoing</p> <p>2/ Ongoing</p>	<p>1/ No change in the program format as it is working well at this time.</p> <p>2/ No change in the program format as it is working well at this time.</p>

**SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>2. To encourage the preservation of the architectural and cultural heritage of the Municipality and minimize the impact of new development on this heritage.</p>	<p>1/ Municipal ownership of the Yarmouth Lighthouse at Cape Forchu.</p> <p>2/ Partnering with non-profit society(s) to ensure identified architectural and cultural heritage sites receive the needed support</p> <p>3/ Member of the Joint Heritage committee</p> <p>4/ Acquisition of historically important properties in the Municipality</p>	<p>1/ Completion of a major repair of the structure(s) and a completely new access route and parking area developed.</p> <p>2/ Working with the “Friends of the Light” to enable the Cape Forchu Lighthouse to continue the operation of the museum.</p> <p>3/ Ongoing</p> <p>4/ Acquired the Port Maitland Fog Horn from the Federal Government and it has been placed on the Municipal property inventory list</p>	<p>1/ To maintain and upgrade facilities, as warranted.</p> <p>2/ Ongoing review and support</p> <p>3/ Periodic review</p> <p>4/ No further plans at this time</p>

**SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>3. To encourage the preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of land having inherent natural, biological and recreational value.</p>	<p>1/ Funding assistance to the Rails to Trails Association.</p> <p>2/ Acquire land with water access, both fresh and salt, for the residents of the Municipality</p>	<p>1/ In-kind services provided by the Public Works staff of the Municipality with a dollar value of \$3,000-\$5,000 Through the actions of the Municipality of Yarmouth Signs Committee, a signage agreement to provide emergency location signage is in the works</p> <p>Funding grant of \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year</p> <p>2/ Acquired surplus land with water access from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSDTIR) on the Mood Road.</p>	<p>1/ An ongoing project with a yearly response. Mile markers along trail.</p> <p>2/ Further acquisition of land as it becomes available, either from surplus land sources or from property tax sales.</p>

## SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>4. To encourage and support a variety of volunteer organizations and community based support systems.</p>	<p>1/ Through the offices of Yarmouth Recreation, organize and conduct call-out services for volunteer groups.</p> <p>2/ Municipal support for grant/funding application</p> <p>3/ Facilities and administration staff for selective community functions.</p> <p>4/ Senior Safety Co-ordinator</p>	<p>2/ Greater than \$100,000 earmarked for funding of community groups or organizations within the Municipality.</p> <p>3/ Support for le Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie, Relay for Life, Seniors games, etc.</p> <p>4/ Formed a Partnership with local RCMP Office to hire a co-ordinator on a part time basis.</p>	<p>1/ To expand as funding becomes available</p> <p>2/ Budget review every year</p> <p>3/ Ongoing support for the facilities and staff</p> <p>4/ Evaluating the need of a full time person to fill this position</p>

## SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>5. To encourage and support the delivery of local health care services for all ages.</p>	<p>1/ Support of the two medical clinics located in the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle</p> <p>2/ Partner in the Doctor Recruitment program for the South West Health Authority</p> <p>3/ Member of the Board for Tidal View and Harbour Side Lodge.</p>	<p>1/ Approximately \$80,000 cost shared deficit for the yearly operation of these clinics.</p> <p>2/ \$240,000 cost shared with the 3 municipal units of Yarmouth County</p> <p>3/ Community involvement by having Councillor(s) sit on Tidal View and Harbour Side Lodge Board of Directors.</p>	<p>1/ Ongoing commitment with a yearly review.</p> <p>2/ Ongoing commitment with a yearly review.</p> <p>3/ Ongoing commitment.</p>
<p>6. To encourage and support youth retention initiatives that offer additional opportunities and provide for empowerment.</p>	<p>1/ Funding support to Municipal residents to further their formal education.</p>	<p>1/ Provide 2 -3 bursaries per year, through a selection process, to residents who request financial aid.</p>	<p>1/ Yearly review and commitment.</p>

**SOCIAL/CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOAL CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>7. To encourage the development of community facilities and programs that is more accessible for persons and families with limited financial resources and persons with physical and cognitive disabilities.</p>	<p>1/ Provide financial sponsorship for needy families</p> <p>2/ Support of the YMCA operations in the Town of Yarmouth.</p> <p>3/ Support of the Town of Yarmouth Skate Park.</p> <p>4/ Operational Support of the Yarmouth Mariners Centre.</p> <p>5/ Elementary School Swimming Program.</p> <p>6/ Support of Yarmouth Mariners Center capital projects.</p>	<p>1/ Support provided for hockey, soccer, day camp, summer camp, when deemed worthy.</p> <p>2/ \$26,000.00 funding commitment to support the operations of the YMCA.</p> <p>3/ Provided a one-time \$15,000 funding contribution for the capital cost of construction.</p> <p>4/ Contribution of 50% of the annual operational deficits incurred.</p> <p>5/ Funding contribution to the elementary school swimming program.</p> <p>6/ 50% commitment on capital repairs and expansion options for this facility.</p>	<p>1/ Continuance of program.</p> <p>2/ Year by year assessment of support level.</p> <p>3/ One time commitment.</p> <p>4/ Yearly assessment.</p> <p>5/ Yearly review of program requirements.</p> <p>6/ Yearly review of priorities.</p>

## TRANSPORTATION

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
1. To encourage the maintenance and improvement of all modes of transportation at the local and regional level.	<p>1/ Member of the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership</p> <p>2/ Member of the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation</p> <p>3/ Exploring Community Transportation Options by being part of preliminary discussions with H.O.P.E. (Yarmouth based) and Transport the Clare</p>	<p>1/ \$30,000 fiscal year commitment plus provide funds to winterize the ferry terminal owned by Transport Canada.</p> <p>2/ Provide \$276,000 in funding for this fiscal year</p> <p>3/ Municipal attendance at the Symposium in Halifax, in September of 2012, on sustainable transportation options.</p>	<p>1/ Yearly review to assess the needs of this committee</p> <p>2/ Funding commitment based on a yearly review of the Corporation's financial requirements</p> <p>3/ On-going process.</p>

**TRANSPORTATION CONT'D**

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
<p>2. To encourage and support the development of active transportation systems within and between communities in the municipality and region.</p>	<p>1/ Rails to Trails</p> <p>2/ Member of the Active Transport Partnership</p>	<p>1/ Funding and in-kind labour contributions made available.</p> <p>2/ Partner in the regional group and adoption of the Yarmouth plan</p>	<p>1/ Work with the organization to provide funding to mark the trail with approved signage that will ensure the safety of the public when using the trail. The trail marking will enable first responders to locate the person in need of assistance in a timely manner.</p> <p>2/ Ongoing commitment to this program (see reference page). Will pursue opportunities when possible. Example would be working with NSDTIR to establish bike lanes.</p>

## AGRICULTURE

Goals	Actions	Progress to Date	Future Plans
1. To encourage the use of land with agricultural capability for agricultural purposes.	Climate data collection project	Partnered with Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC) and other Municipal Units in Southern Nova Scotia, monitor temperatures and climate events over a minimum 3 year period. Funding provide in a shared manner.	Continue with the program for the next 2 years and possibly more, to determine the best crops for our area.
2. To encourage and support the establishment of a local farmers' market.	Funding support of the Yarmouth Farmers' Community Market	\$6,500 over 3 years FY 12-13 \$2167.00 FY 13-14 \$2167.00 FY 14-15 \$2167.00	Ongoing interest in the project.
3. To encourage and support the consumption of locally grown food.	1/ Proposed changes to the LUB will allow for a more efficient use of land for food production while limiting "intensive agricultural practices"	1/ Draft version of the wording to be placed in the LUB is under review by the PAC	1/ Finish review of LUB and approval of same by Council

## APPENDIX 1

### LIST OF INTERVIEWEES

Ken Moses, CAO Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

Greg Shay, Director of Finance, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

Frank Grant, Recreation Director, Yarmouth Recreation

Derek Sutherland, Director of Public Works, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

Brad Fulton, Senior Planner, District Planning Commission

Councillors, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

## APPENDIX 2

### REFERENCES

[www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca](http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca)

[www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca/index.php/municipal-community-links/220-yarmouth-active-transportation-master-plan](http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca/index.php/municipal-community-links/220-yarmouth-active-transportation-master-plan)