



Tom Taggart

Message from Tom Taggart
We support you.

After what must have been a very long and emotional past week, I hope that all the families of the victims as well as those directly affected on the 18 and 19 of last year get some rest and peace. Surely as the enquire begins there will be painful days ahead. Please know that your community is here to support you in any way we possibly can. Please reach out if we can help.

Tom Taggart
Councillor, District 10



And they are off!



Dennis Mbelenzi, of Halifax was able to keep the lead position all the way to Victoria Park where he crossed the finish line in 2 hours 33 minutes and 44 seconds.



Marie Benoit

Message from Marie Benoit

With the mixed emotions we have all felt coming into the week of April 18/19th we have proven over the last year that if we stand together and be there for each other we can make our way through this senseless tragedy one day at a time.

The acts of kindness some of the families I have spoken to from others has been truly unbelievable from hugs, to homemade gifts, to meals left and so much more was very much appreciated.

The 23 people that were lost were loved by so many and as we have gone through this together as a community, a province and even Canada as a whole, I believe they have come to be loved by so many more through the stories we have heard of how each of them have touched so many lives by their willingness to always go above and beyond whether it be with family, their work life, friends or neighbours.

Remember to lean on each other and to be kind to one another to cherish those that were taken away.

I would also like to say if you would like to reach out for support or talk I am here for you and there is also a confidential toll-free number in need of emotional support from April 2020 you can also call 1-866-855-6540.

"Alone we are strong, together we are Stronger"

Marie Benoit,
Councillor, District 9



OBFB Members Krista Gould, Daniel Hines and Derek Richard were looking after the water station at the Fire Hall.



Andrew Wagstaff takes a brief pause to enjoy a drink of water before heading out again.



Jillian Arany ran the full-marathon with the names of all 23 lives lost written on paper hearts and pinned to her back. She was able to keep the lead position all the way to Victoria Park.

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Update on Portapique Community Hall

Submitted by Andrew MacDonald

1) MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning (MCCL) partnership

This is one of our most exciting updates yet. The MacPhee Centre in Dartmouth is expanding their programming to our hall in Portapique. They have a vision to stock the hall full of new musical instruments, art supplies, furniture and more - and the most exciting part is that they're going to host four one-week programs this summer for youth. They hope to become a space for youth along the fundy shore to come and learn and feel safe. There will be a lot of great opportunities to come from this partnership for many years. See the link below to learn more about the great things MCCL does in Dartmouth. <https://macpheecentre.ca/the-mccl-facility/>

2) Municipality of Colchester Funding

Thank your councillor! We have received \$70,000 from Colchester County. This has given us the ability to start the playground right away and kick off the designs on the hall renovations. Such a generous donation that will go a long way for our project. Thank you!!!

3) Get Stuff Done Days

We have scheduled three "Get Stuff Done" days below. The Cobequid Supper Club is planning to feed everyone at the end of the day as a reward for all your hard work. Mark your calendars! Events are: Sunday April 25, 2021 1-4pm; Sunday May 16, 2021 1-4pm and Sunday June 13, 2021 1-4pm

4) Playground Started!

We have officially started to build the playground with the help of Cobequid Consulting in Economy. Below is a sketch with our current plan (note: the pump track is on hold for now). Cobequid Consulting is going to help to make sure we have lots of great outdoor projects for everyone to work on!

NOTE: We are currently looking for 10 tan-

dem loads of fill if anyone knows where to get some, and who might be able to help haul it.

5) Lawrencetown Educational Centre (LEC) Donation

The students at LEC surprised us last week with a call to say they're very interested in what we're doing here in Portapique, and that they're going to donate a CANOE! As well as 4 life jackets, 2 paddles and \$500! We are going to host them for a class trip towards the end of the month and can't wait to show them around.

6) Maker's Circle

Have a portable project you're working on? Need some inspiration to dust off that sweater/whittling/novel you started three years ago?! Come on out for the company, the accountability or both! There will be free needle felting supplies on hand, too, if you'd like to try something new. A maker's circle was held at the Portapique Hall on Monday evening, April 12, 7-9 pm. (COVID guidelines were in effect).

7) NS Remembers Memorial Marathon

The full marathon runners for the April 18th run started at 7am at the Portapique Community Hall and finished at Victoria Park in Truro.

8) CBC Interview

Alana Hirtle from the Rotary Club of Truro gave an interview to Tom Murphy of the CBC evening news explaining our Community Build Up + as a positive and forward-looking project happening in our area. It will be part of the programming on CBC on April 18th locally and nationally. Thanks, Alana!

If you wish to participate, donate, or get involved in the major developments at the Portapique Community Hall contact them at: portapiquehall@gmail.com



An RCMP Cruiser lead the runners as they started off on the full-marathon from Portapique.



Runner Jillian Arany with her Nova Scotia Strong sweat shirt.



The runners really appreciated those who cheered them on along the route.



Sarah and Emily Vandenburg cheered on the runners as they ran through Glenholme.



Single roses were presented to the RCMP in memory of each of the souls lost.



The Great Village Fire Hall had a portable toilet and refreshment station available for runners.



An RCMP Officer pauses for a moment of reflection after placing flowers at the base of the flagpole in honour of the 23 victims.

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Thank-you to the many participants and volunteers.