

STATE OF THE TOWN 2023

Always Moving Forward



Grand Bay-Westfield
NEIGHBOURS BY NATURE



Agenda

- Introductions
- Strategic Plan
- Strategic Priorities
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Q&A





Deputy Mayor
Erin Toole

Councillor
Jim Balcomb

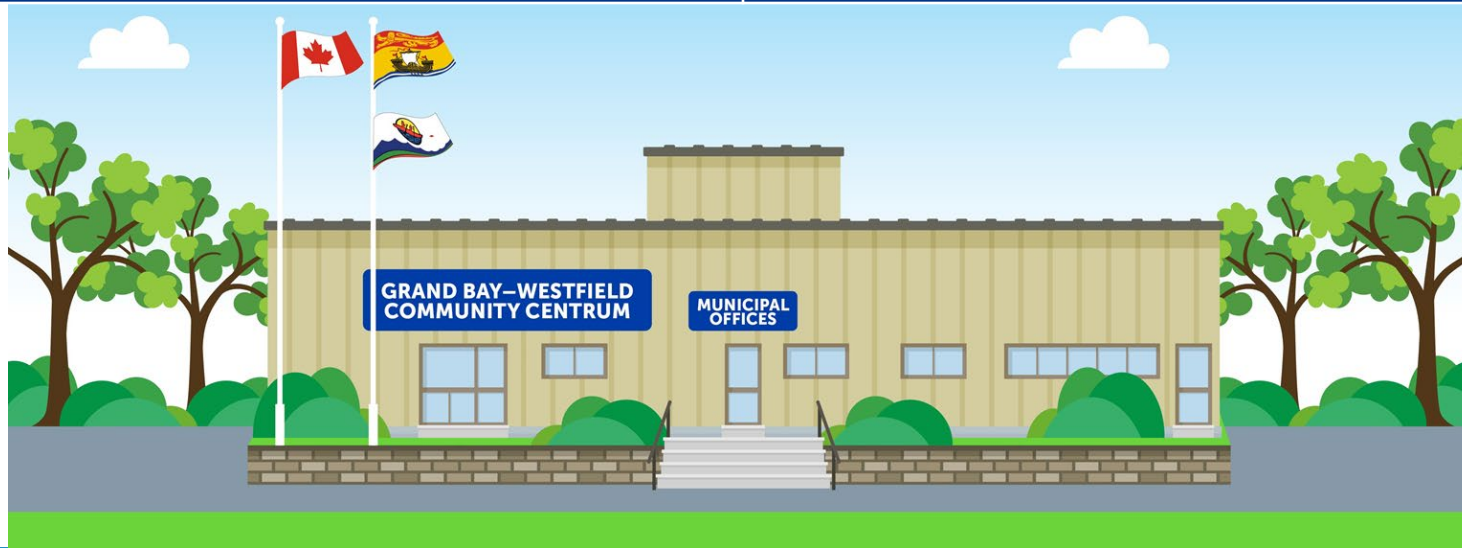
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Councillor
Keri Burpee

Councillor
Bev Day

Councillor
Stephanie McIntosh Lawrence

Chief Administrative Officer	John Enns-Wind
Fire Chief/Deputy CAO	Troy Gautreau
Chief Financial Officer	James Barrington
Communications Manager	Broc Belding
Planning & Development Officer	David Taylor
Recreation Director	Gary Clark
Recreation Programs Coordinator	Rick Adams
Works Commissioner	Bruce Gault



Vision

A welcoming place for all to live, grow and thrive

Mission

Facilitating growth, wellness, and prosperity through effective and forward-thinking leadership

Values

Understanding
Trust
Justice
Inclusion
Teamwork
RESILIENCY
Honesty
Courage
Transparency
Openness

Strategic Plan: 10 -Year Outcomes

Smart Growth

New assessment growth goal of \$200M

Increased transit access

Community Vitality

Increase population by 1K

Opportunities for fulfillment

Increased participation

Strategic Plan: 10 -Year Outcomes

Organizational Capacity

Reserves up to \$2M

Infrastructure and Climate Adaptation

Remediate brownfield land

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Curbside collection of solid waste and recycling

Smart Growth

New Assessment Growth = \$200M

Implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan

Active engagement with Envision Saint John

Housing needs assessment

Working on a senior's independent living facility business plan

Study how to enhance transit access for residents (2024)

Smart Growth

Pursuing three (3) projects with the Province

Community Hub at the Workers Rehabilitation Centre

A new school

Lonewater Farm



Community Vitality



Population Growth = 1K New Residents

A very active Committee with new events/activities, and a new approach of doing things

New Community Grant Policy

Illumination of Veterans Peace Park to recognize special occasions

Age-Friendly initiatives

Organizational Capacity

Reserves = \$2 Million

Key positions have been hired for the first time:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Communications Manager
- Recreation Program Coordinator



Organizational Capacity

Reserves = \$2 Million

Snow and ice control being completed in -house

Additional park maintenance being completed in -house

Increase reserves

Continue to increase training for all positions

Greater transparency

Infrastructure and Climate Adaptation

Brownfield remediation

Enhance the Community Centrum/Fire Department

Fleet replacement with electric/hybrid

Curbside recycling

Environmental mitigation of shoreline



Challenges:

The equalization and funding grant has been cut almost \$400K over the past two (2) budget cycles

Future funding from the Province is uncertain

The Town's financial position is fragile due to low reserves

The assessment base is 98% residential

Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) funding is uncertain, and putting stress on municipal budgets

Challenges

Fleet management

Aging buildings

Salmon Rock water and wastewater infrastructure

Ward 2 infrastructure

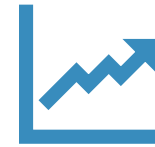
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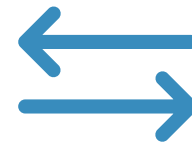
**Labour
shortage**



**Housing
shortage**

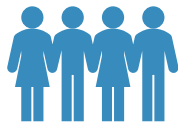


**Economic
growth**



Migration

2023 Focus



**Community
Hub**



**Lonewater
Farm**



School



**Snow & Ice
Control**

We're Here to Help! Stay Informed!

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