

# TOWN OF STEWIACKE

Community Newsletter

WINTER 2021 ISSUE



## FEATURE ARTICLE



## 72 Hours - Are You Prepared?

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for Colchester EMO

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**Emergency Management** personnel strongly encourage citizens to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least the first 72 hours after an emergency or disaster occurs.

This timeframe is critical as it can take emergency response agencies some time to reach you. The best way to be prepared is to remember these 3 key points [continued p3].



1

Know your risks



2

Make a plan



3

Prepare emergency kits

STEWIACKE  
RIVERS OF OPPORTUNITY



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Hello Stewiacke.

As we enter 2021 I am looking forward to the opportunities that will present for our town. It is hard to believe it has been just over three months since the new council was elected.

The budget planning process is proceeding with staff and council as the weight of wants and needs are balanced to ensure fiscal accountability is maintained and sustainable growth proceeds. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff members who demonstrate due diligence and best practice. Commercial development, residential growth, increased recreational programs, and the planning for the phase one trail expansion are some examples of the unprecedented developments our town is experiencing.

As of the release of this newsletter, existing and new committees are being finalized which are essential components in the governance process for our town during this four-year term.

I would be remiss if I did not take the time to thank our fire department, the local business leaders, dedicated staff, public works department, and volunteers who continue to offer amazing services and programs during the ongoing Pandemic.

We need to pause and take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are during these unprecedented times. Be assured our Emergency Response plan is in place if needed. We will work together for Canada's long-term recovery.

In closing, I am confident the town and residences will continue to be resilient, demonstrates our resolve to support local and assist those in need.

Please be safe and kind to one another.

George Lloy  
Mayor  
Town of Stewiacke



## MAYOR

George Lloy

## COUNCILLORS

Roseanne Chapman (Deputy Mayor)

Mary Commo  
Susan Creelman  
Suzanne Lutz  
Chad Ramsey  
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

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# 72 Hours - Are You Prepared?

## 1. **Know Your Risks.**

As residents in your community, you are familiar with the events that are possible. Whether your region is susceptible to flooding, extended power outages, hurricanes, transportation accidents or another event, it is always best to know what the risks in your community are.

## 2. **Make a Plan.**

Every household should have some type of emergency plan. These plans can be created in as little as 20 minutes and it is the best way to ensure that the people in the household can contact each other if they are not together when an emergency strikes. Emergency plans often contain household safety plans, plans for your pets, special health needs plans, and emergency contacts.

## 3. **Prepare Emergency Kits.**

These kits should have the basic needs to sustain yourself and your family for that crucial first 72 hours. A basic kit should include at least 2 liters per day of water per person, foods that do not spoil, a copy of your emergency plan, contact information, a battery or windup radio and flashlight, extra keys for the vehicles and house, cash (smaller bills) and change, first aid kit, cell phone chargers, a manual can opener if you use canned goods. This kit should be stored in one location that is easily assessable and everyone knows where to find it. Note: food and water need to be replaced annually.

Once you have your family's emergency kit ready, consider preparing an emergency kit for your vehicles and your pets.



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If you want more information on how to be prepared, please see the below link.

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsracs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx>

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## **BUSINESS & TOURISM COMMITTEE**

The B&T Committee has continued to meet monthly in a virtual mode via ZOOM while we all still deal with COVID 19. Thank you to our members and guests who attend regularly and continue to work at moving Stewiacke forward for all things business and tourism.

Recent projects include working with partners at Chamber of Commerce, Town of Truro, Municipality of County of Colchester, and Millbrook First Nation on a tourism project



promoting Central Nova Scotia. Through the leadership of the Chamber, we are part of a \$75,000 grant promoting our central region. Check out - [www.explorecentralns.ca](http://www.explorecentralns.ca) it is filled with great ideas to explore!! The site is just getting started so check back often for future developments.



I have a copy of a slide/PowerPoint presentation created by Roger Brooks International recapping the tourism year of 2020 and what we might look forward to in 2021.

Please let me know if you would like a copy. It is an interesting read.

Thank you to all for continuing to shop/support local - Stewiacke can be proud of how we are managing our way through this pandemic.



Take care, stay safe shop local,

Councillor Susan Creelman  
Chair Business & Tourism Committee

# BUSINESS & TOURISM COMMITTEE

## Promoting Stewiacke

Through the Business & Tourism Committee, we have the opportunity of advertising our little unique town in the spring issue of Saltscapes magazine, which is their April/May issue.

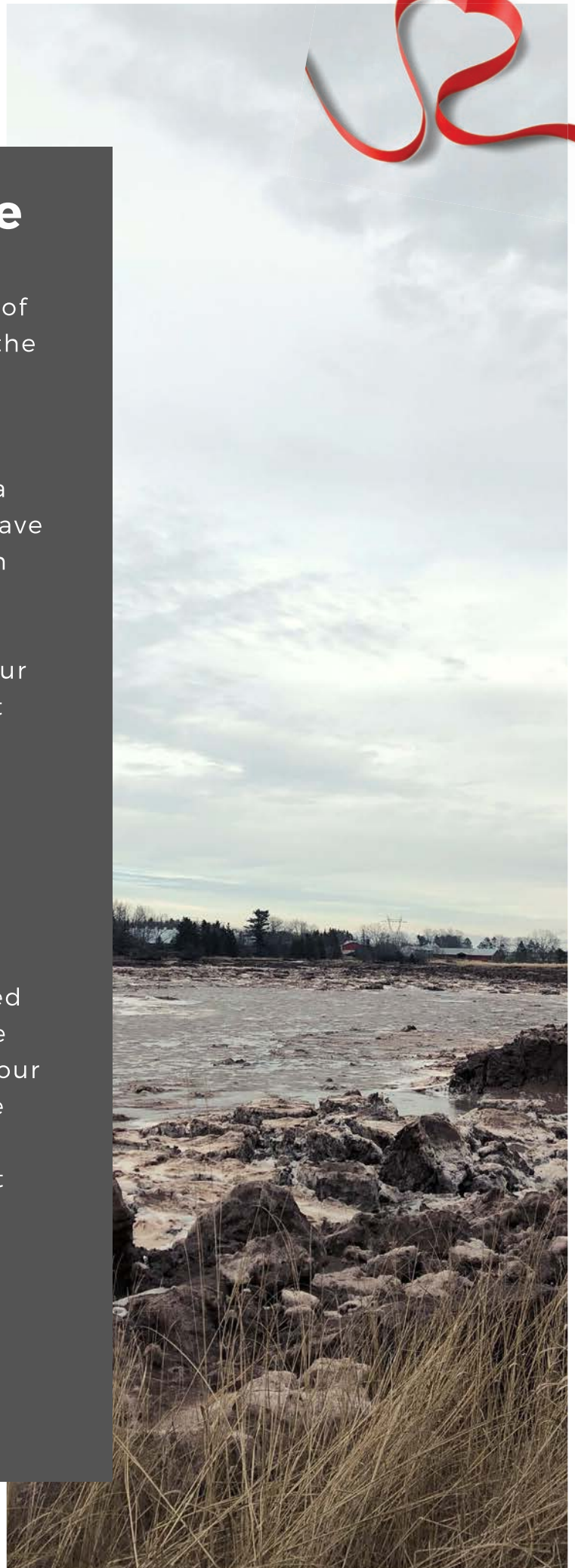
With the help of Susan Creelman, Lisa Feist, and the Saltscapes editor, we have crafted a 300-word exposé along with pictures for a one-page ad.

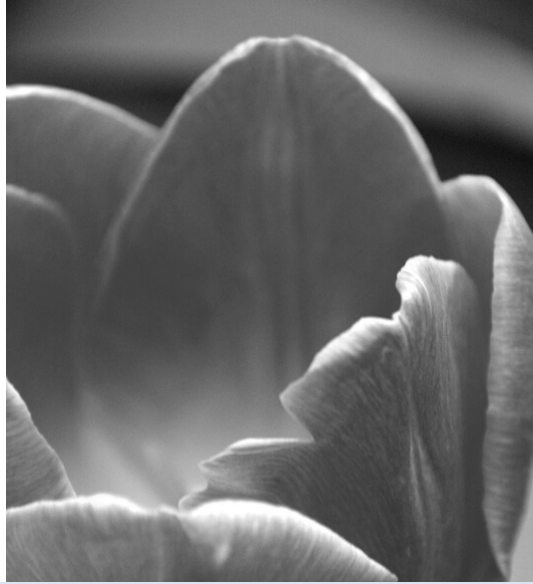
We will publish the final product in our next newsletter or perhaps you might see it posted around town.

Saltscapes has a distribution of approximately 35,000 homes and businesses across Canada with the majority being in Atlantic Canada.

Nova Scotia's population has increased slightly and perhaps this is due to the Pandemic being managed so well in our province. People are feeling very safe here. What a great time to advertise and entice people to "Come for a visit and stay for a Lifetime".

Councillor Mary Commo  
Business & Tourism Committee





**TOWN OF STEWIACKE – MARCH BREAK 2021**  
**MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	COST	AGE	FOCUS
<b>MONDAY</b>	STEWIACKE COMMUNITY CENTRE	8:30AM-3:30PM	\$15.00	5-10 YEARS	Games & Sports
<b>TUESDAY</b>	STEWIACKE COMMUNITY CENTRE	8:30AM-3:30PM	\$15.00	5-10 YEARS	Games & Sports
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	STEWIACKE COMMUNITY CENTRE	8:30AM-3:30PM	\$15.00	5-10 YEARS	Out Door Fun- Sledding, snowman building
<b>THURSDAY</b>	STEWIACKE COMMUNITY CENTRE	8:30AM-3:30PM	\$15.00	5-10 YEARS	Free play & Games
<b>FRIDAY</b>	STEWIACKE COMMUNITY CENTRE	8:30AM-3:30PM	\$15.00	5-10 YEARS	Crafts & Games

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# Bulletin Board



Your cemetery would like to let you know we still have lots (casket & cremation) lots as well as niches (hold 2 urns) in the columbarium.

We have identified 137 veterans buried here; some have private family stones & those provided by Veterans Affairs. We have taken on the tasks of cleaning, leveling & cementing and they pay us to do the work.

If anybody wishes the same for their private family stones, we can do the work for a donation (over \$20.00) and you get an income tax receipt.

Come visit and see the changes and we are making a garden under the pine trees. Remember the cemetery survives on your donations to keep it a beautiful place to come visit.

Diane Smith 902-639-1351. [sylviadianesmith@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviadianesmith@hotmail.com)



## WINTER CONDITIONS

**please be considerate**

- **keep sidewalks cleared**
- **parking on roads after a snow event can obstruct snow removal or your car could be towed**
- **when snow completely from driveways and entries - do not pile snowbanks on streets and sidewalks**



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Stewiacke Baptist Church  
is now called  
**Lifepoint Church.**

# RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## Question and Answer Cst. Christiana Clements (Colchester RCMP – School Resource Officer)

How long have you worked for the RCMP? **11 years**  
Where were you born? **Saint John, New Brunswick**  
If you could travel anywhere where would you go? **Italy and along the Mediterranean coast.**  
First job? **Processing Aide at the Saint John Regional Hospital**  
Best advise you have been given? **Anything worth having, is worth fighting for.**  
What is your most memorable posting? **Sheet Harbour, NS**  
Who is your hero? **My parents**  
If you had one superpower what would it be? **To be in numerous different places at once.**  
Kids? Furbabies? **Three kids, 2 dogs and 2 cats!**  
Why did you become a member/employee of the RCMP? **I wanted secure job with lots of opportunities to try different things and because I wanted to make a positive impact on people.**  
If you could have dinner with anyone who would it be? **Kamala Harris**  
What does red serge mean to you? **Pride and Canadian History**  
Last concert you went to? **Eric Church and Carrie Underwood**  
Favorite Movie? **Little Women**  
What person from history would you like to have a three hour conversation with? **Both Michelle and Barak Obama**



Photo: Cst. Christiana Clements



Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada



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# STEWIACKE'S GROWTH - by the numbers

## Snapshot

### 01. Deed Transfer Tax

38 transfers as of Jan 2021

### 02. New Water Services

30 water connections as of Jan 2021

### 03. Building Permits

30 permits valued at \$3,636,467; fees \$2,523

### 04. Population

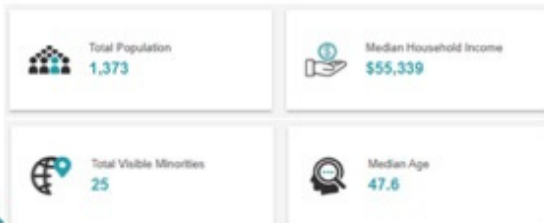
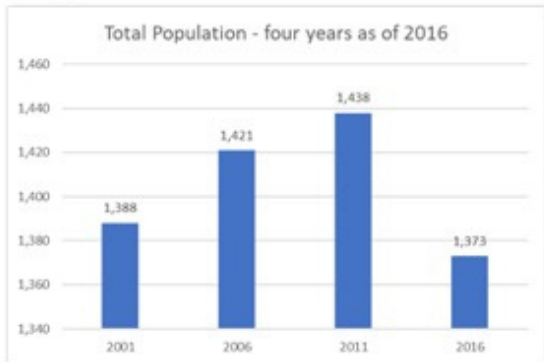
1,373 persons

### 05. Real Estate

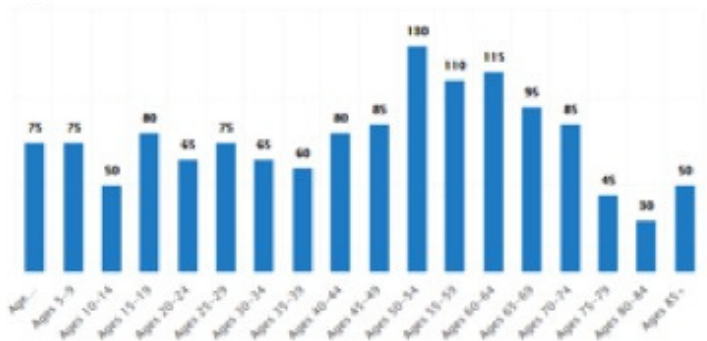
Average house price \$210,306



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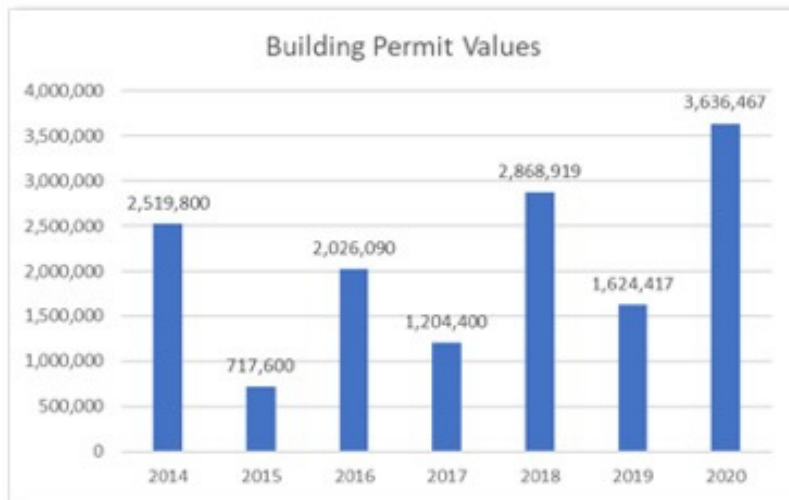


### Ages



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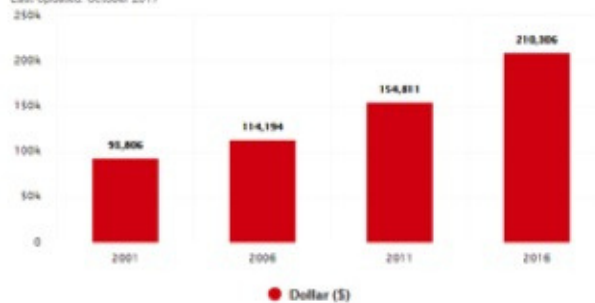
## Building Permits



## Real Estate

### Housing Prices

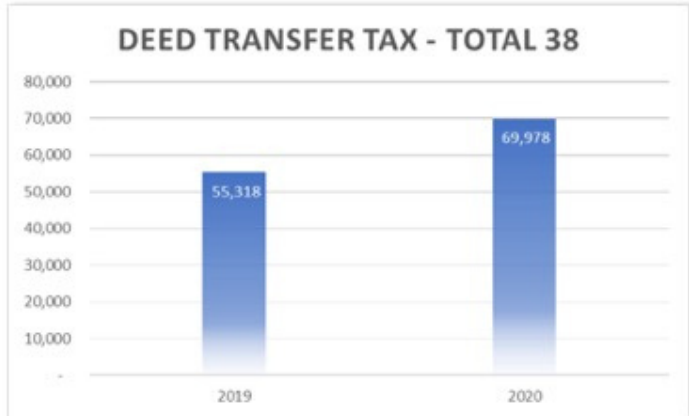
Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.  
Last Updated: October 2017



 Number of Renters <b>225</b>	 Number of Home Owners <b>405</b>	 Most Popular Dwelling Size <b>3 Bedrooms</b>	 Least Popular Dwelling Size <b>1 Bedroom or Less</b>
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## Deed Transfer Tax



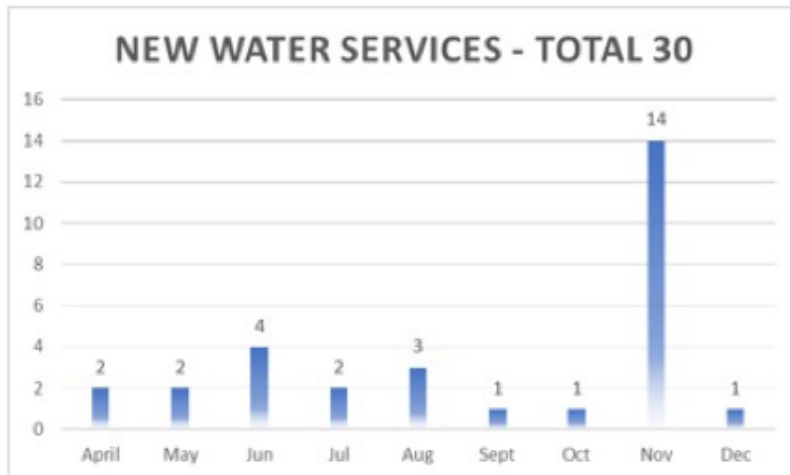
**Average(s)**

2019 - \$1,383  
2020 - \$1,842

**Unit(s) transferred**

2019 - 40  
2020 - 38

## New Water Services



# CONTACT INFORMATION

Administration 902-639-2231

Parks & Recreation 902-639-2111

After Hours Emergency 902-897-7823

Water Treatment Plant 902-639-2899

Public Works Administration 902-639-2125

Library 902-639-2481

Stewiacke Fire Department 902-639-2301

RCMP 902-639-2366

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**LIFEPOINT CHURCH PRESENTS:**



# **EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT**

## **SELFIE STYLE!**

Have fun finding photo locations with your family and friends as the original Easter story unfolds!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pizza Gift Card**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place: Easter Eggs**

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Visit the [Love Stewiacke and Surrounding Area](#) Facebook Page for clues: March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Hunt: March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Watch the live draw for winners on Facebook: Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**Everyone welcome!**

