



Annual Conference May 20th to May 22nd, 2015
Best Western Plus Bridgewater, Cookville, NS

Wednesday, May 20th, 2015

- 8:30 am: **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am: **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am: **New Town of Bridgewater Plan, Eric Shaw**
The Director of Planning for the Town of Bridgewater will highlight their new Planning Documents and how the LIDAR analysis was involved in shaping things like building on steep slopes, watercourse setbacks, etc. Eric will also speak about the new Downtown Revitalization strategy/Downtown & Waterfront Master Plan.
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am: Nutrition Break
- 10:45 am – 12:00 noon **LaHave LIDAR, Kevin McGuigan, AGRG**
Review the recent LIDAR data flown for the LaHave River and the GIS storm surge analysis developed to better assist planners in preparing for emergencies and prevent development from occurring in known flood areas.
- 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm: Lunch Break (Provided)
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: **Living Shorelines Techniques in NS, Rosmarie Lohnes**
The owner of the restorative landscaping business Helping Nature Heal, based in Bridgewater, will introduce Living Shorelines principles and approaches which she has been using successfully on Nova Scotia's South Shore.
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Nutrition Break
- 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm: **Coastal Planning & Legislation, Robin Tress**
The Coastal Coordinator at the Ecology Action Centre will discuss what is needed to support Living Shorelines and healthy coasts in terms of coastal planning and legislation. She will provide examples and stories of best practices from abroad and compare them with the current picture in Nova Scotia.
- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm: 40th Anniversary Dinner, Osprey Ridge Golf Course

Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Round Tables: 40 minute sessions:

9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Nutrition Break 10:20 am-10:40 am)

Session 1: Topic: Special Places Protection Act and its relevance to Development Control
Presenter: TBA

Session 2: Topic: FOIPOP
Presenter: April Whynot-Lohnes

Session 3: Topic: UARB Hearings – Preparation & Process
Presenter: TBA

Session 4: Topic: Parkland Dedication
Presenter: Kemp MacDonald

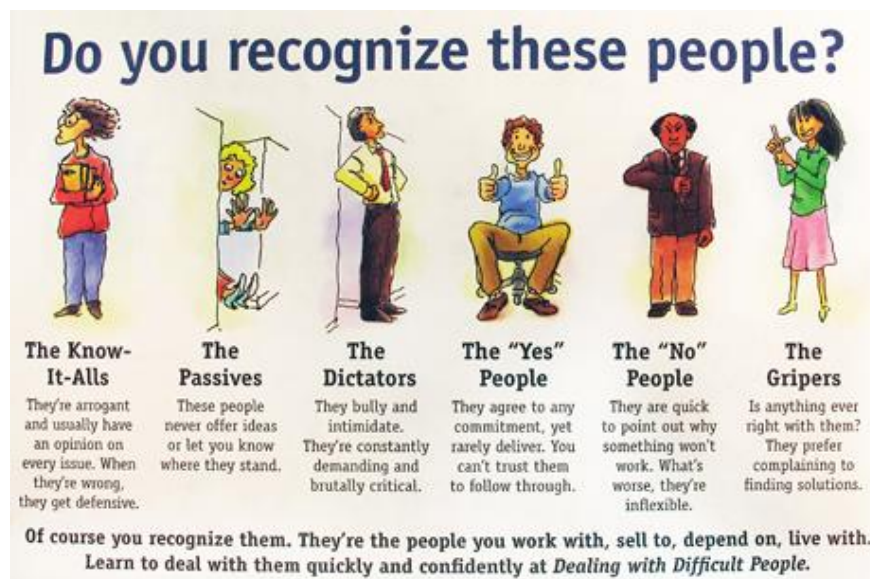
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm: Lunch and AGM

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Effective Communication – Emma Spencer

Communication is a huge part of the municipal environment – Emma Spencer, Educational Consultant, Well-being at Work, will deliver a customized workshop that will cover:

- Interpersonal Communication: Ensuring the message sent; is the message received.
- Influencing Others
- Handling Difficult Conversations: Conflict Management



Friday, May 22nd, 2015

9:00 am – 10:30 am:

Proposed Changes to the On-site Sewage Program, Leah Boutilier, NSE

NS Environment plans to make changes to the subdivision section of the on-site sewage regulations including NSE's role in reviewing subdivision applications and lot size requirements. The notification process is planned to take effect in the spring of 2016. NSE would like the opportunity to discuss the new process with Development Officers to get input and to begin planning for implementation.

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Nutrition Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Behind the Subdivision, Peter Berrigan, NSLS

Well-known local Land Surveyor, Peter Berrigan of Berrigan Surveys, will give a talk about what occurs before the subdivision gets to the development officer. He will continue on with his insights on the new onsite sewage regulations and he will take a look at things like surveying, stopping sight distance, test pit, deed preparation and differences on submission between rural & urban (MODL & TOB).

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Agenda subject to change

***Important Note:**

Hospitality Suite open from 7:00 pm – Midnight (Wednesday & Thursday evening)