Southwest
New Brunswick
Service Commission

Division Report

Division:	*Planning*	Committee Meeting Date:	*Jan-Dec 2024*
Reporting Period:	*Jan-Dec 2024*	Prepared By:	*Alex Henderson, RPP*

Activities:

LOCAL PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION 2024 REPORT

Community Planning update

- Completed background research and community engagement on both the Saint Andrews and St. Stephen Municipal Plans – initial planning by-law drafting underway/complete – the by-laws are intended to update planning policy and reflect new community boundaries;
- Completed a new, comprehensive Rural Community of Fundy Shores Rural Plan that is intended to facilitate Council's desired economic and housing development as well as protect coastal areas and the environment;
- Completed a draft update to the Village of Grand Manan Rural Plan that is intended to incorporate climate change considerations around coastal development as well as improve the current 2022 rural plan per Council's directions.

SNBSC Planning Division development totals in 2024

- Four hundred and ninety-three (493) building and development permits issued/reviewed;
- Total value of permitted construction in 2024: $ 44,807,160.00
- Ninety-three (93) subdivision applications approved;
- Four (4) amendments to plans/zoning by-laws facilitated;
- One hundred and ten (110) other types of planning/development approvals issued;
- One hundred and thirty-one (131) net new homes or apartments permitted in 2024.

Enforcement update

- Forty-six (46) new enforcement files opened in 2024 - one hundred and fifty-nine (159) total properties have been brought into compliance since 2023.

REGIONAL PLANNING 2024 REPORT

- Prime agricultural soils and farming fields have been mapped for the region;
- Completed 2nd round housing accelerator funding (HAF) applications with CMHC for every municipality that responded to SNBSC's Senior Planner & Housing Specialist offer – these HAF grant applications are based on planning initiatives to increase housing supply.

PRAC COMMITTEE 2024 TOTALS

- PRAC met ten (10) times apart from training sessions and handled applications for eighteen (18) private access subdivisions, seven (7) planning files, and gave its views to Councils on seven (7) by-laws or public road subdivisions.
- PRAC lost a member from Eastern Charlotte in September when Skip Wolf resigned to focus on his other volunteer commitments. Brenda Alison, resident of Eastern Charlotte, has applied for a 4-year term on PRAC with this bio for the Board to consider:

My name is Brenda Lynn Allison, and I live at 4 Clark Ave, St. George NB. E5C-3C3. and work at Granite Town Farms and also Part Time Funeral Support Director at the St. George Funeral Home. I purchase a camp at McDougall in 2000. and move to St. George in 2010 from Saint John NB. Once I moved to St. George, I started volunteer with the Town of St. George and became involved in the St. George Curling Club which I am the president. I also sit on different boards in Eastern Charlotte which are: St. George and Area Food Bank, Dial A Ride.

In the years of doing volunteer with the town I decided that I wanted to give back to the town, so I ran in the by-election in 2018 and sit on council for almost 4 years. The reason that I would like to be on PRAC is that I feel with the experience and knowledge and understanding of local government and still wanted to give more to the community I feel I would be a good fit for the PRAC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best 2025

Best Regards

Brenda Allison

Motion Recommendations:

That the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC) Board of Directors appoint Brenda Lynn Allison to serve on PRAC for a 4-year term.