

Town Manager's Report
July 8, 2019

Summer is definitely in full swing, and with the great weather and increased tourism, traffic has markedly increased. Our local police force is responding to speeding and other traffic complaints from Town residents.

On July 1st we began the pay and display program at Fort Williams Park and the first week was a success. The park experienced a high volume of visitors last week, with the parking lots heavily subscribed daily. Staff observations are that use of the pay and display meters was adopted quickly. I am pleased to report that the first week of meter gross revenues was \$33,214. As the program continues I will look to provide a greater detailed breakdown of the revenues, such as number of season passes, all day fares, and hourly fares. Next month's financial dashboard will begin tracking these revenues on a monthly basis. This program has also increased local subscription to using the recycling center decals, which residents can pick up at the police department and the recycling center. I would like to express my thanks for the efforts of Kathy Raftice at Community Services, Bob Malley, Public Works Director, Cape Elizabeth Police Department, Debra Lane, Assistant Town Manager, and our park rangers, greeters, and parks crew for all of their efforts in assisting the program's start.

In the same discussion of municipal revenues, I have an updated amount to anticipate for State Revenue Sharing. The budget anticipated Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$475,000, but the most recent approved State budget now has the updated amount coming to the Town as \$582,180.

The Surf Side Avenue case is scheduled to begin on July 22, in Portland, and the Town Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, and myself are named as potential witnesses.

Please be advised that the Tri for a Cure is this coming Sunday, and between 6 am and 11 am traffic may be adversely impacted due to the presence of cyclists in the Tri. Please plan your travel accordingly. We will be locating the electronic message board in the Town center to remind residents of the event.

Speaking of planning ahead, the Beach to Beacon is planned for August 3, with traffic impacts from 6 am to noon. Signage will be installed before the event as a reminder to residents of the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew E Sturgis
Town Manager