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May 2023 Newsletter: Rural Municipality of Bedeque and Area:

This newsletter is being distributed to all residents living within the boundaries of Central Bedeque and the Village of Bedeque. We would like to inform all residents within our municipal boundaries on the following topics that directly pertain to you and your families.

Mosquito Control Program:

Considerable discussion with respect to our Mosquito Control Program has occurred over these past six (6) months. We have sought input from local residents by conducting an Information Session in January 2023. At that meeting we invited guest speaker Shawn Schofield from PEI Department of Environment to provide professional advice on what methods work and what methods don't work in combating mosquitoes. The consensus by the majority attending was that the present Marshland Mosquito Control methods are not working. It was also strongly felt that our funds previously invested towards this program could be better distributed towards covering many of our increased administrative costs such as Insurance, Fire Dues, Auditor Fees, Electrical and Office Rental space. Also, additional funds could be applied towards educating local residents on various methods used to combat mosquitoes on their own private properties.

At our March 22nd, 2023 Council Meeting it was recommended and moved by a full majority that the Bedeque Marshland Mosquito Control Program be abolished for this summer and re-evaluated in the Fall of 2023. Council discussed various alternatives including individual spraying, to fog spraying, to direct distribution of Information Packages on how to stop mosquitoes from breeding and combat their reproduction. Council members researched these methods and introduced a potential Flyer labelled "**Stop mosquitoes from Breeding**" which we have attached to this Newsletter. This Flyer outlines some very basic and effective methods which can be implemented on a individual residential basis. We would ask that you review the Flyer and implement these methods which may pertain to you and benefit you individually.

Establishment of Municipal Office at CDC:

Please be advised that we are presently in the process of establishing our new Municipal Office, as mandated by the Province of PEI, within the office space occupied by Central Development Corporation (CDC). Our Meeting Room Number is Room # 33, with our mailing address being **Unit 211 – 106 Linkletter Avenue, Central Bedeque PEI COB 1G0**. The office hours will be the same office hours as CDC and open to the public for meeting purposes only. If you wish to contact us directly to address any concerns or issues we would ask that you first email the Municipality by contacting us at the following email address:

rmbedeque2022@gmail.com

In addition you can follow us on Facebook and our Web Page accounts as follows:

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067162262849&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

Web Page Link: **<https://bedequeandarea.ca/>**

Future Media Packages to Residents – Feedback Required:

The Rural Municipality of Bedeque and Area is presently working on compiling our municipal contact information database, outlining all residential data including your physical Residential Address, Emails and Cell Phone numbers. This compiled information would be very beneficial and imperative when it comes to informing residents on future emergency responses while administering our proposed Emergency Measures Policy Program.

In addition, this information would allow for us to communicate more efficiently with all our Municipal residents on municipal news or upcoming community events. We would like to stress that this information would be retained in strictest confidence and not shared with outside parties. If you wish not to receive municipal news or community events, please advise accordingly, so we will retain your contact information for emergency purposes only. Please reply, with this information, using our new email address **rmbedeque2022@gmail.com** at your earliest convenience.

Thank You for your interest and cooperation, from all Council Members:

Mayor: Matthew Bowness

Deputy Mayor: Karen Ashley-Neill

Councillors: Nichola Arsenault, Mitchell Arsenault, Derrick Blacquiere,
Robert Green, and Barry Stewart

CAO: Kevin P. McKenna