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Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

December 6, 2022- 9:00 a.m.

MODL Council Chambers - 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville

Via Video/Audio Conferencing

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Nomination and Election by Ballot - Chair and Vice Chair**
[MODL Policy 002 Committees] 1-3
- 3. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
 - 3.1 50 year Firefighter Service Award - Bruce Veinotte
 - 3.2 International Day of People with Disabilities
 - 3.3 Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 4. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 5. Approval of Agenda** (as circulated)
- 6. Approval of Minutes** - November 1, 2022 (as circulated)
- 7. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 8. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil**
- 9. Presentations/Scheduled Times**
 - 9.1 Janet Peace, Chair, Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy 9:15 a.m. 4-15
- 10. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 11. Recommendations from Committees & Boards - Nil**

12. Staff Reports - Nil

13. In Camera

13.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

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13.3 Public Safety under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA

14. Adjournment

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg POLICY

Title: Committees	
Policy No. 002	
Effective Date: March 27, 2012, February 10, 2016	Amended Date: Jan. 22, 2013; Sept. 23, 2014; Jan. 26, 2016; Oct. 11, 2016; Nov. 8, 2016; July 14, 2020; Feb. 23, 2021

1. Committees of Council

- 1.1 Council may, under Section 24 of the *Municipal Government Act*, establish standing, special and advisory committees. Each committee shall perform the duties conferred on it by the Act, any other Act of the Legislature, the by-laws or policies of the Municipality, or their Terms of Reference approved by Council.
(amended Jan. 26/16)

2. Nominating Committee

- 2.1 The first Committee to be appointed shall be the Nominating Committee, which shall consist of the Mayor and three members of Council appointed by the Mayor.
- 2.2 Each Committee member shall serve for a one-year term and all Council members shall serve at least one term on the Nominating Committee. (amended Oct.11/16)
- 2.3 The Nominating Committee shall make all Council appointments to MODL Committees and Standing Committees.
- 2.4 The Nominating Committee shall also recommend appointments to all other Committees, Commissions and Boards to which the Council may appoint members, except the public members-at-large of the Fire Service Committee for which this Committee shall recommend appointments directly to Council. (amended Sept. 23, 2014)
- 2.5 The Nominating Committee shall receive letters of nomination for awards of Acts of Bravery and Substantial Achievement and shall recommend those deemed worthy of the award to Council as outlined in MODL Policy 042 "Acts of Bravery and Substantial Achievement Awards. (amended Jan. 26/16)
- 2.6 The Nominating Committee shall review nominations and make recommendations to Council for all Community Achievement Awards. (amended Jan. 26/16)

3. Policy and Strategy Committee

- 3.1 The purpose of the Policy and Strategy Committee is to hold debate and discussion on by-law and policy review, strategy, land issues and any other matters not dealt with by the Finance Committee. [amended Feb. 23/21]
- 3.2 The Committee shall meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. The Chair, in consultation with staff, may add or cancel meetings as required based on the volume and complexity of agenda items.
- 3.3 Membership of the Committee shall consist of the whole of Council.
- 3.4 The Deputy Mayor shall chair the Committee.
- 3.5 The Vice-Chair shall be selected annually at the November meeting of the Committee in accordance with the election procedures outlined in MODL Policy 001. The sitting Vice-Chair may re-offer for the same position.
- 3.6 All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with MODL Policy 001 unless otherwise stated in this section.

(amended Oct. 11/16)

4. Planning Advisory Committee [Repealed July 14, 2020]

5. Ex Officio

Except where the Mayor is specifically appointed to a Committee, the Mayor shall be a member “ex officio” of all committees, but as an “ex officio” member, the Mayor shall not vote, except in the absence of one or more members of the Committee.

6. Conflict of Interest

Where personal or professional involvement or association could result in an actual or perceived conflict of interest for a member of a Committee, the member shall declare the conflict and abstain from debate on the related topic, or where appropriate, remove themselves from a meeting and shall not vote on any motion applying to the declared conflict.


7. Terms of Reference

- 7.1 The Municipal Clerk will maintain the Terms of Reference for all MODL committees.

7.2 Members of a committee may propose amendments to their Terms of Reference by majority vote. Council shall consider proposed amendments but retains final authority to amend or retain the existing Terms of Reference. (amended Jan. 26/16)

8. Repeal

Any previous version of MODL Policy 002 is hereby repealed and replaced with new MODL Policy 002.

Annotation for Official Policy Book	
Date of Adoption:	<u>March 27, 2012</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend (7 days minimum)	<u>September 9, 2014</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments:	<u>September 23, 2014</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend (7 days minimum)	<u>January 19, 2016</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments	<u>January 26, 2016</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend	<u>September 30, 2016</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments	<u>October 11, 2016</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend	<u>November 1, 2016</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments	<u>November 8, 2016</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend	<u>June 23, 2020</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments	<u>July 14, 2020</u>
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Amend	<u>February 16, 2021</u>
Date of Passage of Amendments	<u>February 23, 2021</u>
<p>I certify that Policy 002 “Committees” was adopted and amended by Council as indicated above.</p>	
 <hr/> Municipal Clerk	February 23, 2021 <hr/> Date

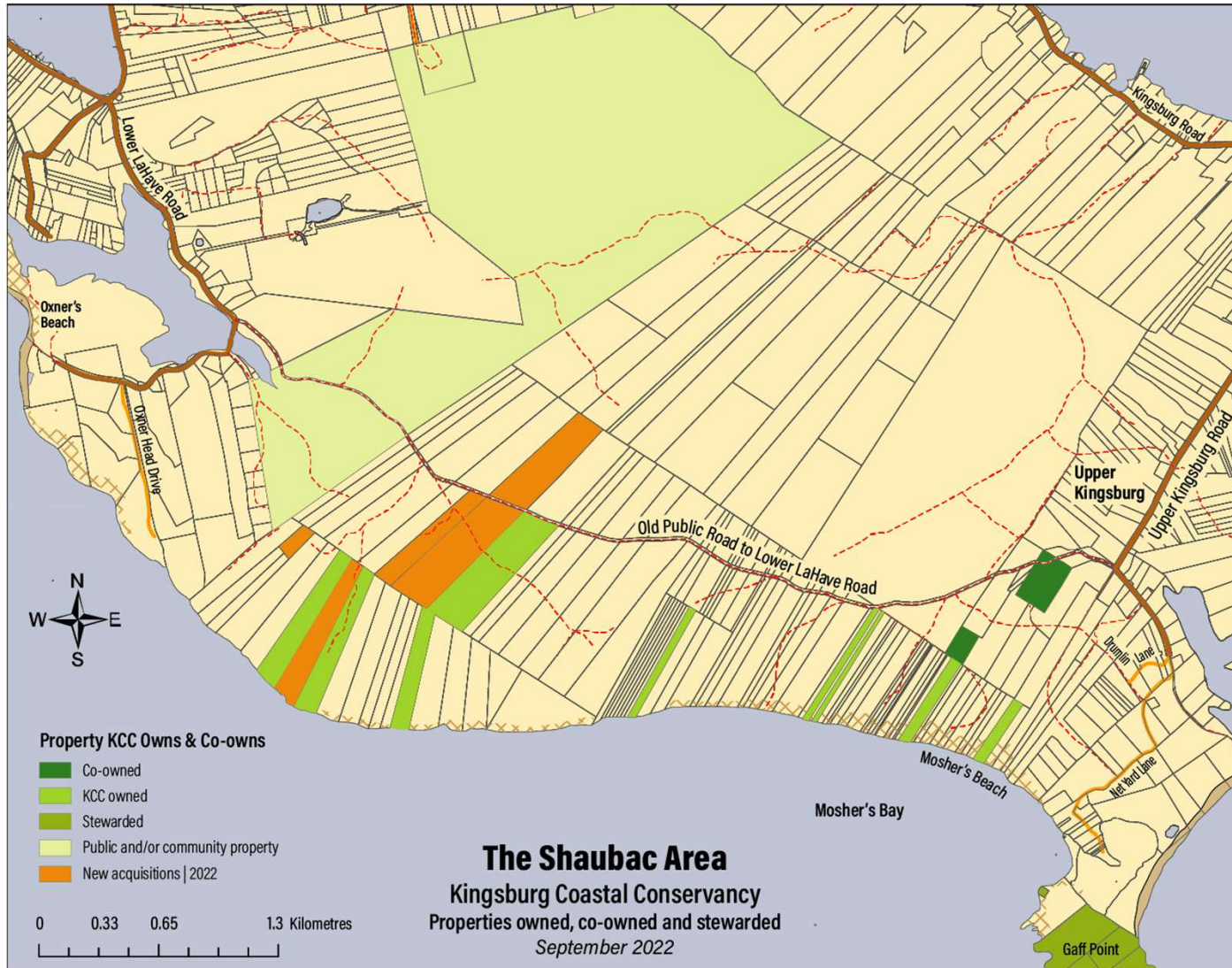
PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR OPTIMIZING WETLAND CARBON ABSORPTION POTENTIAL ON THE NOVA SCOTIA SOUTH SHORE SHAUBAC LANDS

For submission to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

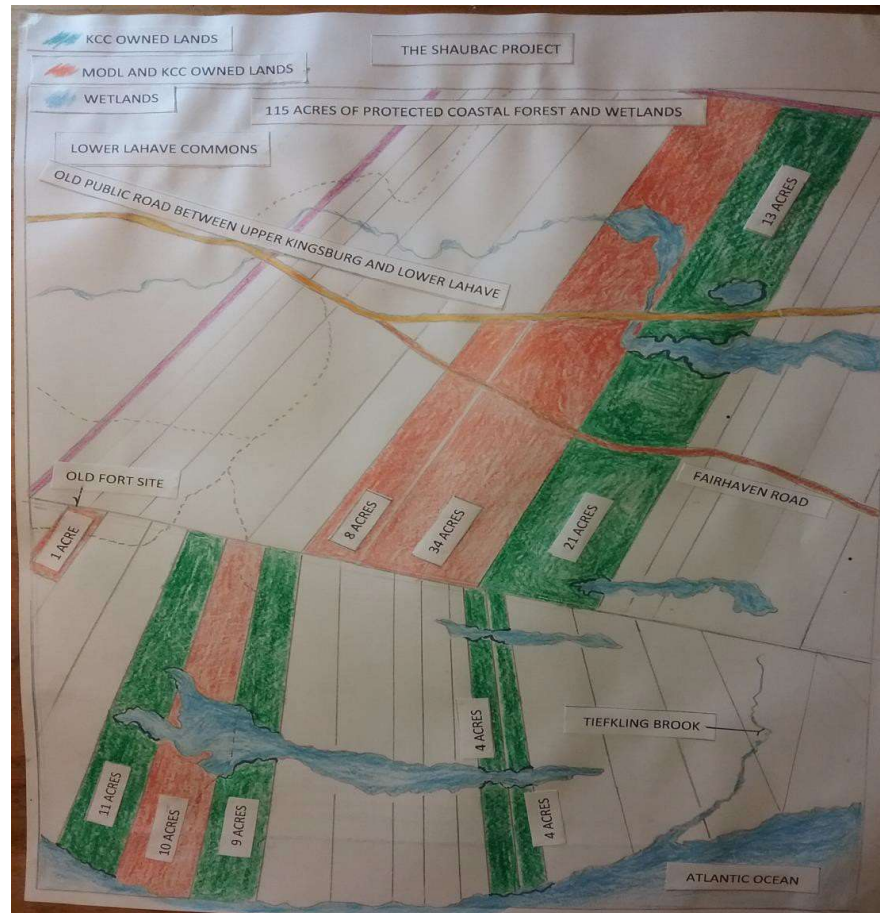
A fund developed & administered on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) by the Dept. of Environment and Climate Change Reduction and financed through the Green Fund to help Nova Scotia reach its GHG reduction targets of 53% below 2005 levels by 2030, and net-zero by 2050

PROJECT HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Overall project guidance:** Joint MODL-KCC steering committee
KCC: Janet Peace (Chair), Marilyn Congdon (Shaubac Project Lead); Sarah Crnec (Contracted, full-time Environmental Consultant)
- **Day-to-day project management:** KCC with project-contracted resource Sarah Crnec)
- **Additional potential contracted expert resources:** Ducks Unlimited, Allison Tremain (Research Environmental Consultant), plus other appropriate leading land conservation and environmental organizations with mapping and GHG research skills and equipment to be identified



MODL-KCC CURRENT PROPERTIES ON SHAUBAC SHOWING WETLANDS



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will aim to:

- **Accurately identify wetlands on the 585-acre undeveloped South Shore Shaubac lands using the most reliable, effective and up-to-date methods;**
- **Research and document the Wetlands' current capacity to absorb greenhouse gases;**
- **Research possible measures to increase and optimize GHG absorption capacity for MODL consideration;**
- **Conduct a MODL-KCC community awareness and consultation campaign on the findings, with the goal of developing strong community support and active involvement for the ongoing implementation of the selected measures.**

ONGOING ACTION: the establishment of a Coalition of Community Resources to work with MODL and KCC to ensure the ongoing protection of ecologically significant lands on the Shaubac and elsewhere in the community.

MAIN PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Quantify the value of Wetlands on the Shaubac and share discoveries/solutions across NS.

WHY WETLANDS?

A growing number of studies and climate change action plans are reporting on the huge value and potential of Wetlands in mitigating the effects of climate change, for example:

- 2020 Study by Ecological Economics: *Measurement and Economic Valuation of Carbon Sequestration in NS Wetlands* reported a social value in terms of Carbon absorption across the Province at **\$9.66 Billion** and emphasizes that the protection of existing wetlands is warranted on economic grounds.
- The Province of New Brunswick 2022-2027 Climate Change Action Plan is identifying carbon sinks and commits the Province to i) enhancing their ability to store carbon; ii) developing and implementing an assessment tool to quantify carbon stock of NB wetlands; and iii) prioritizing high function wetlands by 2026.

BUT... The NB plan also stresses that:

- Existing legislative tools are not designed specifically for managing wetlands, resulting in an inconsistent and ineffective approach to wetland conservation.
- Historical settlement patterns have concentrated along the coastline and interior waterways creating pressure to infill or otherwise degrade wetlands. This is accentuated in today's market as waterfront properties tend to carry higher real estate values.
- The economic and other benefits of wetlands are often not directly measurable or recognized until they are lost. These factors have led to wetland conservation goals being in direct conflict with short-term individual economic goals. Only in cases of extreme wetland loss (such as our coastal marshes) or related environmental events (such as flooding related to storm surges), does the functional value of wetlands become apparent to the general public.

Without strategic leadership, guided by well-founded data and conclusions, responsible Wetland protection will remain inconsistent and ineffective

MODL MISSION & VALUES

- **The Project Strategic Leadership:** Building environmental & community resilience into the future
- **Responsible Financial Leadership:** Joining with others to leverage Municipal resources on this urgent and critical issue
- **Active Commitment to promoting Community Wellbeing:** Promoting Action to support MODL's Mission and values

PROJECT BENEFITS FOR MODL

The Project allows MODL to exercise strategic leadership, aligns with MODL's 2040 Vision for a Sustainable Future & could significantly help the Municipality to meet its MODL2030 emissions and land protection Targets

MODL Vision Statement:

“As leaders in sustainability, we passionately protect our natural environment.”

MODL Targets:

- **Protect/Conserve 20% of Identified Municipal Land/Water mass by 2030;**
 - **Reduce GHG Reduction to 30%**

PROJECT SCOPE & COST

2-year Project: Dec. 1- 2022-Dec. 31, 2024

- **Projected 2-year Project Cost Range: \$380K-\$480K**
- **Maximum of 70% from Fund: \$266K-\$336K**
- **15% KCC: \$57K-\$72K total or \$28.5K-\$36K/year**
- **15% MODL: : \$57K-\$72K total or \$28.5K-\$36K/year**
- **KCC has already contracted a project coordinator for 3 months to help prepare the project**

CONCLUSIONS

There is urgency behind the new sustainable community funding program, and the Federal initiatives that will follow close on its heels

- **Climate change is imposing increasingly aggressive conditions on humans and natural habitats alike**
- **Unprecedented flooding, forest fires, deadly heat waves, hurricanes causing destruction of homes, habitats and coastal erosions never seen before**
- **Governments are powerless to navigate these challenges alone, as are our local communities.**

The Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund is a critical, timely initiative aimed at bringing us all together to innovate and use our common resources to find ways forward.

This project allows both MODL and KCC to come together and contribute to the solution.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead