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Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
 - 2.1 Proclamation – No Mow May
- 3. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 4. Changes/Approval of Agenda** (as circulated)
- 5. Approval of Minutes** – April 4, 2023 & Special Finance Committee of April 6, 2023
- 6. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil**
- 8. Presentations/Scheduled Times**
 - 8.1 United Way Lunenburg County, Michael Graves, Coordinator 9:15 a.m. 1-11
- 9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards - Nil**
- 11. Staff Reports – Nil**
- 12. Added Items**
- 13. In Camera**
 - 13.1 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
- 14. Adjournment**



United Way
Lunenburg County

Improving lives & building community

Community-based support – powered by 75 + volunteers – in partnership with
over 30 community groups and organizations.

Funds raised in the local community are reinvested in local programs to help local kids, youth, families, women, seniors, and people living in and on the edge of poverty.

The issues we face



7,755

People living with low income
in Lunenburg County

3,065

Low income seniors

1,155

Children/youth 0 to 17 years old

PICTURE THIS:

Picture you're walking through Bridgewater or Lunenburg and behind EVERY door is a person (pop. of Bridgewater), senior or child (pop. of Lunenburg) living in financial difficulty.

8,790

Population of the Town of Bridgewater

2,313

Population of the Town of Lunenburg

The issues we face



People in our community are having problems meeting their basic day-to-day needs.

18.7%

Lunenburg County

Households spending **more than**
30% on shelter

Renters 42%

Homeowners 12.9%

13.7%

Lunenburg Municipality

Households spending **more than**
30% on shelter

Renters 33.2%

Homeowners 11.4%

How we help



Since 2006, United Way Lunenburg County has invested **\$2,434,524** in Lunenburg County community organizations and projects under three different categories.

\$1,491,254

**All That Kids
Can Be**

\$665,634

**Healthy People
Strong Communities**

\$277,635

**Poverty to
Possibility**

How we help



In 2023 alone we **invested \$244,428** in 29 local programs.

Lunenburg County-wide

211 Information and Referral
Adult Learning Network – Volunteer Tutoring
Autism Nova Scotia – Summer Day Camps
Bikes for Kids – Teens and Adults Too
Coats for Kids - Teens and Adults Too
Flourish 55+ Healthy Living Co-op – Falls Prevention
& Food Security Program
Free iPhones and Laptops for Vulnerable People
Free LCLC Swimming and Skating Passes for Financially Stressed Families
Free Recreational Passes for Individuals Living with Low Income
and Mental Health Issues
Harbour House – Technology for Outreach Programing
HB Studios Snoezelen Room Subsidy Program

HB Studios Sports Centre Accessibility Subsidy Program
Hinchinbrook Farm Volunteer Training
Kidney Foundation Dialysis Support – Food and Transportation
LCLC Free Skating Helmets to Borrow Program
LCLC Free Skates to Borrow Program
Our Health Centre – Holistic Health
Plow it Forward – Rake it Forward – Mow it Forward - Stack it Forward
Awareness Campaign
RootED School Food Project
Schools Plus Let’s get Involved
Schools Plus Keeping Connected
Schools Plus Hygiene and Health
Schools Plus Connecting Families Counseling Service

Schools Plus School Fueling Community Connections
Senior Safety Coordinator
Senior Safety Program Emergency Contingency Fund
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Helping Neighbours-in-Need Program
South Shore Open Doors Association
South Shore Sexual Health Centre Summer Openings
Town of Bridgewater PRO Kids
VON Adult Day Program Sensory Room
YMCA Free Grocery Delivery Service
YMCA King Street Youth Centre and Leadership Program
YMCA Youth Activity and Sport Programs

Lunenburg Municipality

Better Together Family Resource Centre Buccaneer Bay/
Heritage House 4H
O’Regan Subaru / Bridgewater Outdoor Pool Free Family Swims
P.R.O. Kids (Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids)
Lunenburg County Wheels – Fare Subsidy

Town of Bridgewater

Better Together Family Resource Centre 4H - BES 4H Afterschool Club
Free Bridgewater Transit Passes
Lunenburg County Wheels – Fare Subsidy
O’Regan Subaru / Bridgewater Outdoor Pool
Free Family Swims
P.R.O. Kids (Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids)

Municipality of Chester

Chester Community Wheels
Musical Friends at St. Stephen’s Anglican Parish
Our Health Centre – Holistic
Health Program

How we help



We also operate **10 programs** that help vulnerable seniors and low income people in our community. A few are:

Mow it Forward this Summer
"Adopt" a senior neighbour and help with their lawn mowing.

Lawn mowing can cause undue stress to the body of a senior. The strain caused by pushing and using heavy equipment and walking long distances can put seniors at serious risk of falls, broken bones, heart attacks and strokes.

Is your senior or disabled neighbour's property looking like a jungle?

A neighbour may need your help and you or all of them could save a life. Volunteer to help with their lawn mowing as an individual, family business, or school. Knock on your neighbour's door and spread care and compassion in your community.

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Free Skates to Borrow
borrow skate clean return
Back in the Game

This program brought to you by

United Way Lunenburg County
Vic's SKATE SHARPENING
WHYNOT BUILD IT!

FREE USED HOCKEY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE
PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED. DROP OFF WHAT YOU DON'T.
MON, AUG 21 X 4:00-9:00PM

@theLCLLC
(Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre)
100 Spring Street, Lunenburg, NS
With any luck you'll get a new skate on the weekend. Why? Why not? You get a new skate on the weekend. With any luck you'll get a new skate on the weekend.

GENTLY USED SOCCER EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE
PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED. DROP OFF WHAT YOU DON'T.

MAINTAINING HOW AT THE HD STUDIOS SPORTS CENTRE!

Enjoy a FREE SKATE on us!

For public skating times please visit www.lclc.ca or call 902-530-4800
A number of skates and helmets are available to borrow free of charge on a first come, first served basis. THIS PASS HAS NO CASH VALUE. ONE TICKET PER FREE SKATE.

Helping to promote quality family time & recreation.

A PROJECT OF
United Way Lunenburg County
Lifestyle Centre
Vic's Skate Sharpening
Whynot Build It Inc

BIKES FOR KIDS

COATS & KIDS
Teens & Adults, too

BOOTS & MITTENS, too!
Because everybody deserves to be warm in winter.

HELPING TO MAKE SPORTS MORE AFFORDABLE FOR YOUTH

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
Mikaela Goyette - Coordinator, Youth Wg
at Lunenburg County 902-530-3075
The Salvation Army 902-543-8628

Donate your used smartphone to connect someone to a better future.

A smartphone can help open a whole new world of possibility for people living in or on the edge of poverty.

OWNING A SMART PHONE CAN HELP.

- Curb loneliness by providing a modern form of communication to connect with friends and family.
- Increase the ease of job searching and create employment opportunities.
- Decrease vulnerability in emergency situations.

United Way of Lunenburg County, together with their community partners, will distribute the smartphones to be qualified low income people in our region. Your phone could help open a life-changing way.

Community Partners: Employment Solutions Society, Resource Works, Harbour House, Special Story Women's Centre, Schools Plus and United Way of Lunenburg County.

DROP OFF:
Collection box is located at the Corner Court of the Bridgewater Mall. Place your used smartphone in the provided center specific bags and drop it into the donation bin. Please make sure to include the phone charger.

Enjoy a FREE SWIM on us!

For public swim times please visit www.lclc.ca or call 902-530-4800
Children 7 and under must have an adult in the water. Children 8-18 years must have an adult on deck. Adults 19-17 years, adult must remain within the LCLC facility. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A TOWEL. THIS PASS HAS NO CASH VALUE. ONE TICKET PER FREE SKATE.

Helping to promote quality family time & recreation.

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United Way Lunenburg County
Lifestyle Centre

How we help



And we help fund the **211 program** in Nova Scotia - a free, confidential information and referral service for thousands of community and social services in Nova Scotia, available in over 140 languages.

A graphic for the 211 program. It features a red background with white text and a white signpost with four directional arrows. The arrows are labeled: "EMPLOYMENT" (top right), "HOUSING" (middle right), "FOOD" (bottom left), and "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" (middle left).

**LIFE CAN BE HARD.
FINDING HELP
CAN BE EASY.**

Dial 2-1-1 to find help
for all of life's challenges.

211
HELP STARTS HERE

The United Way logo, a stylized hand holding a person under a rainbow.

We rose to the COVID Challenge



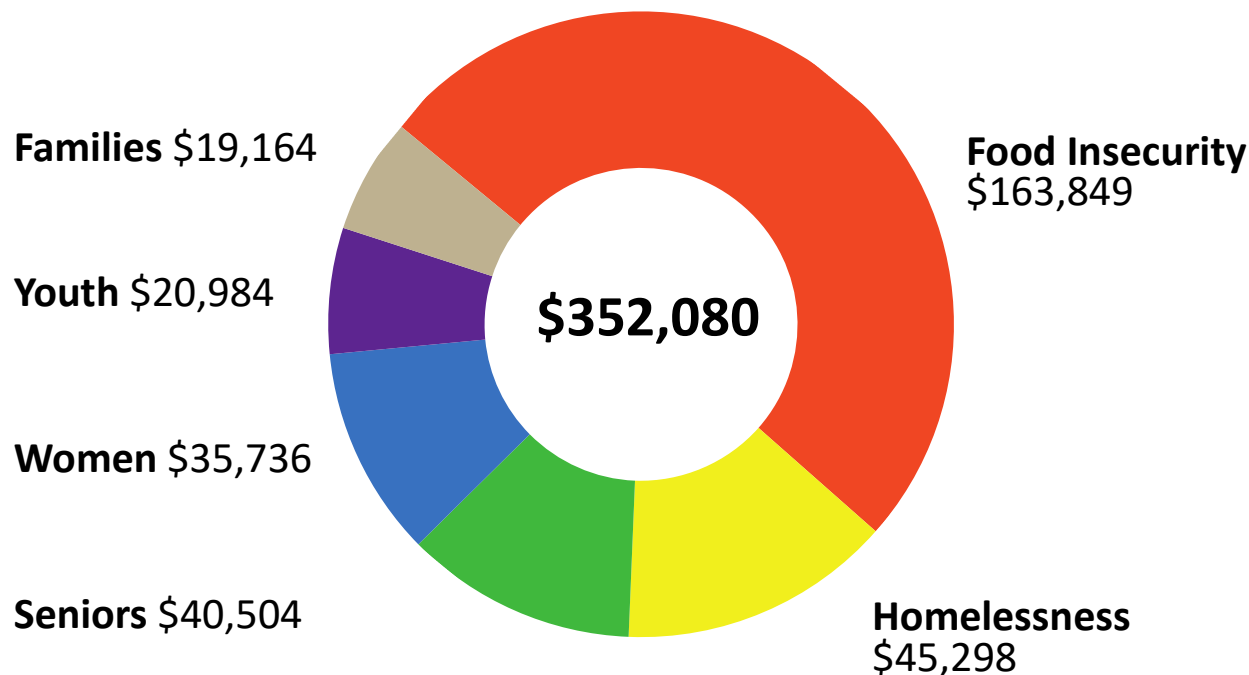
We received money from multiple sources to provide help to those who were being adversely affected by the elimination or reduction of important social programs.

Local donors stepped up to help, including many individuals and small businesses, Atlantic Business Interiors, Emera, Efficiency Nova Scotia, Scotiabank, Canadian Tire, and the Government of Canada (New Horizons and Emergency Community Support Funds).

We rose to the COVID Challenge



We modified our focus to better target issues, investing **\$352,080** in 67 local programs under six categories.



Programs included: YMCA and School Plus cooking programs, VON Frozen Favourites (free meals and subsidy), Souls Harbour, Our Health Centre, Freeman House Emergency Housing Support, Senior Safety Coordinator, VON, Call and Care, Senior Wheels, Nursing Homes, Second Story Women's Centre, Harbour House, YMCA, Schools Plus, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Better Together Family Support Centre, Better Together Family Support Centre, Y-Reach, Schools Plus, Autism NS

So how can you help US help your community?

Donate

If every single worker donated just **15¢/day** to United Way Lunenburg County we would raise over \$1.2 million each year.

Advocate

Be a United Way Lunenburg County
Champion

For more information



If you would like more information about us, how we positively affect the local residents of Lunenburg County and area, and how you can help, please contact us.

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