



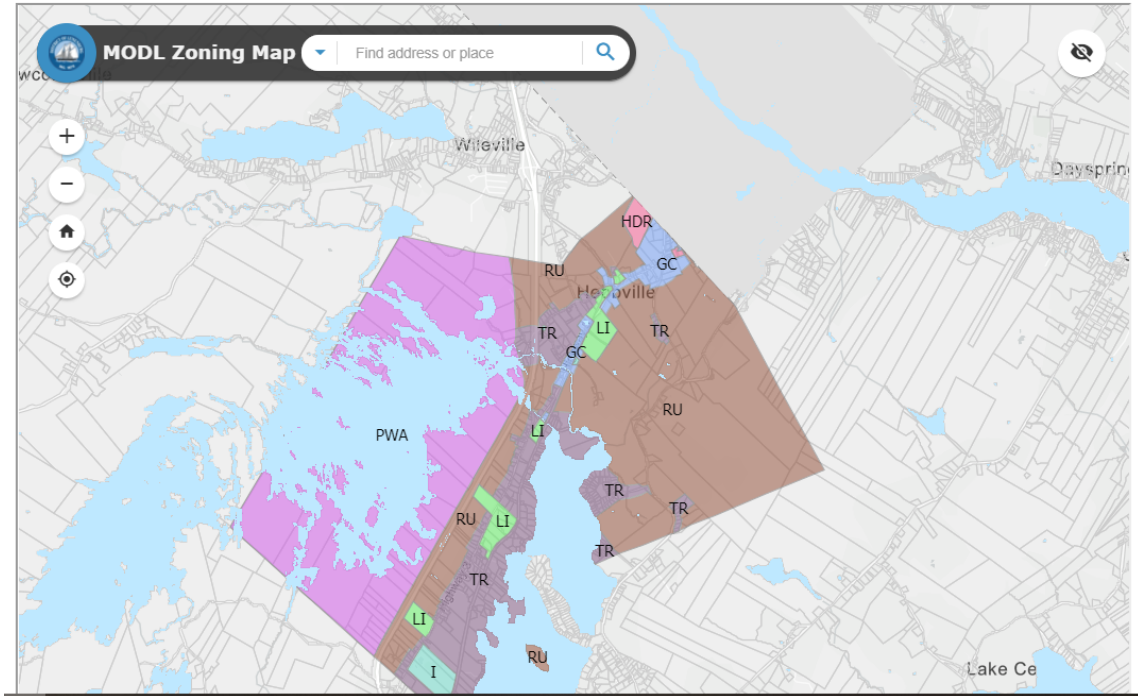
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New Zoning Map Helps Residents

Do you know what kind of uses are allowed on your property, or your neighbours' property? You can now use our interactive property zoning map to better understand current zoning regulations.

While the majority of MODL is currently unzoned, MODL does have eight planning areas: Hemford Forest, Princes Inlet, Oakland, Blockhouse, Riverport & District, Hebbville, Osprey Village, and Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Area.

Using the new interactive map, you can search by address or by unique property identifiers such as Parcel Identification Number (PID) or Assessment Account Number (AAN). Once you've selected the property, a pop-up window will show the zoning name and label, as well as a direct link to the section of the Land Use Bylaw that is applicable to the zone. Visit modl.ca/zoningmap to access the online map.

Did you know? Zoning is coming to all areas of the municipality as part of our MODL2040 project. **New zoning regulations will affect every property in the municipality.** Learn more at engage.modl.ca/MODL2040 and sign up for email updates on the project.



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**Mayor's Corner**

It's hard to believe, but the LaHave Straight Pipe Replacement Program is starting up again for the final construction season. So far we have replaced 292 straight pipes, and we expect to replace 67 more straight pipes this year. The program will achieve our goal of making the lower LaHave River straight pipe free by 2023.

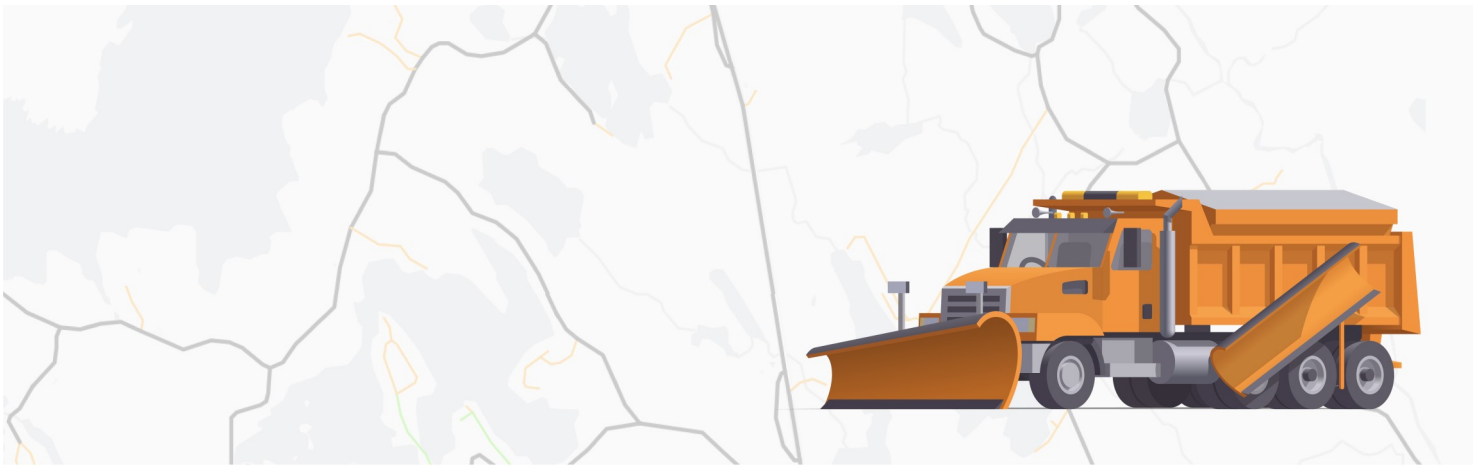
Do you know a volunteer in your community that deserves to be recognized? Nominate them today! Anyone can submit a nomination for the volunteer(s) of their choice. Download the nomination form at modl.ca. The deadline for nominations is March 24, 2022.

I am excited to share that the Municipality has launched two new interactive maps on our website at modl.ca/volunteer, a Zoning Map, and a Road Maintenance and Repair Map. We are always seeking to make information more accessible to the public, and believe this step is an important one, especially as we move towards municipal-wide planning as part of our MODL2040 project.

The Municipality recently engaged Nova Scotia company Chrysalis Human Rights Agency to assist us in our anti-racism and implicit bias work, and in identifying barriers to full economic and social inclusion. The first piece of work they've completed is an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Policy Audit. This involves a detailed examination of our policies and strategic plans. In understanding the barriers to equitable access to municipal programs and services, we can create policies to achieve our equity, diversity, and inclusion objectives.

Because municipal governments can enact by-laws and policies and control spending in a variety of areas, we have a significant impact on the quality of life of citizens. As we work to create equitable communities, we need to think about whether policies, by-laws, and practices have differential outcomes for equity-seeking groups in the community.

Through our equity work we expect to find ways MODL can take actions that help create equitable access to programs and services and identify critical areas for action. I look forward to sharing more information as we continue this important work.



Road Maintenance and Repair Map Now Available

Do you have concerns or questions about road plowing, repair, or maintenance? The majority of public roads in the Municipality are owned and maintained by the Province of Nova Scotia.

To alleviate confusion, we've created a user-friendly tool to help residents understand where they can report road issues. Using the new interactive map, users can search by address or by zooming in on the map. Once they have selected a road, a pop-up window will show contact information for the agency responsible for plowing, repairing, or maintaining the road.

To access the online map, visit modl.ca/roadmap

Council Begins Budget Deliberations

Each year, Council begins the budget preparation process in March. A draft budget is prepared and presented to the Finance Committee. After Committee review, staff make changes to the budget at the direction of the Committee. The budget is then sent to Council for deliberation. For more information about capital and operating budget discussion dates, visit modl.ca/meetings to view the Council calendar and agendas.

Making Life More Affordable

Council is making changes to a number of issues designed to alleviate community financial burdens. Council recently approved a fourth round of funding support for not-for-profit organizations that operate community facilities impacted by COVID-19 cancellations. MODL has donated a total of \$322,406 to our community organizations that operate community facilities.

Council also reviewed the Fees Policy, which is intended to be updated every three years with fee increases that reflect the 3-year cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI). While the Nova Scotia 3-year CPI is 6.0%, Council decided to not to raise the current fees. These are user fees for things such as development permits, ballfield rentals, NSF cheque fees, and tax certificates.

In addition, the Property Tax Rebate Program is one of the ways that Council supports low-income homeowners by granting a property tax rebate based on household income. Council is reviewing the amounts and expects to make the program more accessible to low-income homeowners.

Learn more at modl.ca/property-tax-exemptions.

Mervyn Joudrey Receives Challenge Coin

At the December 14, 2021 Council meeting, recently retired firefighter Mervyn Joudrey was presented with the Municipality's very first Challenge Coin from Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson.

Mervyn received the coin as an acknowledgment of his incredible 60 years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Blockhouse & District Fire Department.



Mervyn accepted the coin with his wife Ethel in attendance.



Thank you Mervyn for your service!

Summer Employment Deadlines

We are looking for strong, creative leaders with energy, motivation, and communication skills to deliver our summer recreation programs in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.

Our summer programming spans across the Municipality, encompassing all ages and abilities. Reliable transportation is required to travel to different locations daily.

We welcome applications from all who feel their knowledge and skill sets align with the goals of our department.

Deadline: March 11, 2022

Manager Positions, 13 to 17 weeks

Deadline: April 1, 2022

Program Leaders, 14 to 17 weeks

Deadline: May 2, 2022

Program Leaders, 8 to 9 weeks

Email or drop off your resume to:

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator
10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS B4V 9E4
tissy.bolivar@modl.ca

Job descriptions are available at modl.ca/jobs



National Volunteer Week April 24-30, 2022

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities.

The Municipality proudly acknowledges Jon Allen (photo) of Oakland as last year's Provincial Representative Volunteer.

Jon has been volunteering for 26 years with South Shore Players (SSP). He is the President of the organization and spends a lot of his time directing, writing, and acting. His positive approach is contagious. He also volunteers on different Committees and Council groups.

Jon and his wife offer the Sarah K. Allen Memorial Bursary (\$1,000) each year to a person pursuing post-secondary education in theatre arts. Under his leadership the SSP produced and presented free entertainment during one of our lowest periods when COVID hit. He always volunteers with a big smile and heart.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about? Nominations are being accepted for:

Representative Volunteer - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the Municipality at the 48th Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in September.

Municipal Awards and Reception - Community organizations are invited to nominate and send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week.

For either, please complete a nomination form and submit it by Thursday, March 24, 2022. The form is available on modl.ca/volunteer, by calling (902) 541-1343 or emailing recreation@modl.ca.

We wish to thank all our community volunteers for their passion, their action, and the impact they have in making MODL a great place to live, work, and play.

Become A Beekeeper

Find out if beekeeping is a hobby for you! Dave Adams is a horticulturalist and beekeeper from the UK. Five years ago, Dave and his wife, Pam, started, Bee Yond the Veil Beekeeping.

In this class, Dave and Pam will talk about and demonstrate: Bees in the hive (choosing bees, what they do and how they work together to form a colony); Hives (introducing common types and parts of hives and how they work); Equipment (clothing and tools); Picking a site; Beekeeping (time commitment, skill, and costs); Bees (how to buy them and what to look out for); and time for questions and answers.

Tuesday, March 22, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

\$25/person or \$45/2 people/same household

Pleasantville Fire Hall, Pleasantville

Register at connect2rec.com

Nurseries and Greenhouses in MODL

With spring approaching, you may be starting to think about gardening. In the District of Lunenburg there are many family-run nurseries and farms with greenhouses open to the public. Trees, shrubs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, baskets, and other gardening supplies are available for purchase. Every nursery offers different products but each one is very knowledgeable and will help with your gardening needs. The following list will allow you to explore some of the nurseries and greenhouses available in the Municipality.



Land Care Nursery

1436 Hwy 10, Cookville

Website: landcarenursery.com



M&J's Hilltop Farm & Greenhouse

165 Henry Fancy Rd., Bakers Settlement

Website: mjshilltopfarm.ca



Indian Garden Farms

15401 Hwy 3, Bridgewater

Website: indiangardenfarms.net



One Sky Now Garden Centre

7657, Hwy 3, Martin's River

Website: oneskynow.com



Dancing Flowers Garden

3684 Hwy 331, LaHave

Website: Dancingflowersgarden.com

Dancing Flowers Garden is a non-GMO and non-spray garden. Stop by when you see their cart out front



Wile's Lake Farm Market and Bakery

3254 Hwy 325, Wileville

Website: wilelakefarmmarket.com



E.I.E.I.O. Farm and Greenhouses

503 Cornwall Rd., Blockhouse

Facebook: [facebook.com/eieiofarmandgreenhouses](https://www.facebook.com/eieiofarmandgreenhouses)



Village Nursery

430 New Cumberland Rd, Pleasantville

Website: villagenursery.ca

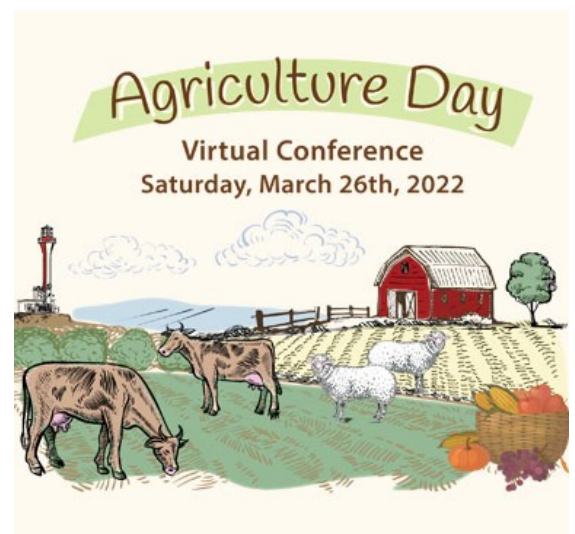
To further explore what MODL has to offer, visit exploremodl.com

Agriculture Day 2022

The annual Ag Day conference is a celebration of small-scale farming and agricultural enterprise along the South Shore. It's a collaboration between MODL, the Municipality of Chester, and the Region of Queens Municipality, together with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Nova Scotia Business Inc., supported by South Shore Opportunities CBDC.

The virtual event blends together some of the best current thinking on agriculture topics, with inspirational stories of success and development in the sector, ready to be applied by you, right here! If you are currently farming, or are looking forward to a future home- or farm-based lifestyle, Ag Day is for you. The event is free to attend, advance registration required:

registration@growsouthwestnovascotia.ca. Visit growsouthwestnovascotia.ca to learn more.



Litter Clean Up Incentive Program

Looking for a fundraising opportunity for your non-profit or charity group? Become part of the Municipality's Litter Clean Up Incentive Program. Groups can make a difference in their community by collecting litter along the roads, while earning \$100 per kilometer cleaned.

Safety vests, gloves, and litter clean up signs are supplied. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.

Find out more at communityrecycling.ca or call (902) 543-2991 to apply.



Earth Week Litter Clean Up

April 18-22: Get together with your friends, community group, or co-workers and collect litter from your road, beach or local playground. Call the Community Recycling Centre at (902) 543-2991 to register. You'll receive bags, gloves and a certificate of recognition.



Have You Made the Switch?

Plastic-like compostable bags do not break down during compost processing. They cause contamination, which is very difficult to remove from compost.

Use these to line your mini bin and green cart:

- Line your kitchen bin with paper grocery bags, flyers and paper liners
- Use flyers to wrap meat and bones
- Layer dried leaves and food scraps in your green cart
- Put wet and oily foods in boxes and toss them in your green cart
- Line your green cart with paper leaf and yard bags



Questions?

Call (902) 543-2991 or visit www.communityrecycling.ca



Waste Collection Information

There are lots of ways to find out about waste collection. Visit communityrecycling.ca to find updates. Sign up for collection notifications using **R6Recycles waste app**. You can download the app on your mobile device. It's free and easy to use.

If collection is cancelled, check the website listed above, or call **1-855-530-3324** or **(902) 543-2991** or tune into **CKBW 98.1 fm**. Also check the **Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page**.

Sorting Brochures

R6RECYCLES Never miss a collection day or cancellation again! Sign up for waste collection notifications or service alerts with the new online Collection Calendar tool. Sort your garbage, organics and recyclables properly using the 'What Goes Where?' tool!

Serving residents from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Towns of Bridgewater and Mahone Bay.

DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG INC. 1879

town of BRIDGEWATER

Mahone Bay

My Schedule Share

My Schedule What Goes Where Waste Sorting Game Need help?

1908 Mullock Rd, Whynotts Settlement
District of Lunenburg - Tue White

Get a reminder! Get a calendar Search for another address

December 2020 today < >

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|---|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Bi-Weekly Bulky waste collection (MJSB) | Garbage | | | |



Never miss collection day! Download the free **R6RECYCLES App** on the app store.
No computer or smart phone? Call (902) 543-2991 to sign up for reminders about collection day.

Find us on Facebook! facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre

The Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre is located at 908 Mullock Road in Whynotts Settlement.
Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit communityrecycling.ca.

Important Numbers

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| General Inquiries | (902) 543-8181 | Planning General Inquiries | (902) 541-1325 |
| Mayor's Office | (902) 541-1326 | Civic Addressing Inquiries | (902) 541-1325 |
| Taxes | (902) 541-1329 | Recreation Registration | (902) 541-1343 |
| Purchasing | (902) 541-1324 | MARC Facility Bookings | (902) 541-1343 |
| Dog Control Officer | (902) 543-2022 | Roads (Dept. Public Works) | 1-844-696-7737 |
| Engineering Department | (902) 541-1351 | Solid Waste Inquiries | (902) 543-2991 |
| Building Inquiries/Inspection | (902) 541-1325 | Solid Waste Collection Issues | 1-855-530-3324 |

The mission of Municipal Matters is to better inform MODL residents of local municipal issues. Municipal Matters is published quarterly. Feedback, reaction, or comments are encouraged. Please write to: Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS, B4V 9E4 or email Sarah.Kucharski@modl.ca.