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A proud history... A promising future

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Stonemont Under Construction in Osprey Village

The Stonemont development has begun! This community features 150 all-inclusive and supportive apartments in the retirement residence, as well as 90 suites in the senior living building.

Residents will have access to a variety of amenities including a large dining room, an adjacent bar/bistro lounge, common areas with televisions and theatre seating, a golf simulator, a swimming pool, and exercise centre, as well as a beauty salon and spa. More than 40 full- and part-time positions are expected to be available when the community opens in the fall of 2023.

Both short-term and long-term lodging options are available to residents at the two apartment complexes. Want to know more? Visit stonemont.ca.

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**Mayor's Corner**

Our 2022/2023 budget was recently approved. The highlights of our budget show what we will accomplish in the upcoming fiscal year.

Debt-free status is maintained while meeting our residents' needs. To maintain the high quality of life enjoyed by our residents, we continue to invest in community services and infrastructure.

Council has a Tax Rate Strategy to maintain stable tax rates. This has served MODL well; residential tax rates have not changed in 13 years while the commercial rate has remained constant for 10 years.

This strategy allowed MODL to build its reserves and become debt-free while investing in important projects such as expanding access to high-speed Internet, the continuations of the LaHave Straight Pipe Replacement Program and significant investments in improving roads and our open spaces.

In order to remain debt free, MODL will continue to build our reserves to ensure that capital funding is available for upcoming projects to address climate change, sustainability, and infrastructure improvements.

I am happy to report that construction has begun in the Stonemont community. For those retired or retiring, this community offers options for a wonderful and rewarding independent life.



We are eagerly anticipating the opening of this beautiful community in the fall of 2023, and hope you are as excited as we are.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, and get out to explore all of the beauty of our region.

Protect yourself from construction theft

We encourage those who work on construction sites to make sure they take necessary precautions against theft.

Keeping your equipment in a secure place reduces the likelihood of it being stolen. In the event you are a victim of theft, it may be difficult to retrieve your tools. Check with your house insurance to ensure your items are covered.

When submitting a claim, people normally don't know the serial numbers of their equipment, making it difficult to establish ownership.

We suggest documenting, in writing or in photos, serial numbers for all your equipment in the event you ever need to recover it. Serial numbers make it easier to retrieve your belongings and to prove you are the rightful owner.



WE'RE OPEN

Looking for ideas for your next day trip or information on events taking place in the area? Come visit the knowledgeable Travel Counsellors at the Visitor Information Centre. Our Travel Counsellors can support you with all your vacation needs. They can help plan unique experiences, recommend local attractions, share a variety of dining options, and even book overnight reservations!

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

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

LOCATED AT

125 CORNWALL ROAD BLOCKHOUSE





Carolyn Bolivar-Getson presents 50-year Service Awards to Mike and Ed Mulock, as well as Chief James Wamboldt (not present).

Fire Service Awards

50 yr. firefighter award & CVFSA 50 yr. Medal and Undress Ribbon

Chief James Wamboldt, Conquerall Bank, F.D.

45 yr. CVFSA/MODL Undress Ribbon

George Cross, Conquerall Bank F.D.

30 yr. CVFSA/MODL Medal and Undress Ribbon

Tammy Crawford, Conquerall Bank F.D.

20 yr. Framed Bluenose

Sheena Conrad, District 1&2 Fire Commission

Dennis Leblanc, District 1&2 Fire Commission

Chief Melanie Langille, Walden F.D.

35 yr. SVFSA/MODL Undress Ribbon

Roy Sagley, United Comm. F.D.

30 yr. CVFSA/MODL Undress Ribbon

Max Slauenwhite, United Comm F.D.

Granville Tumblin, United Comm. F.D.

30 yr. CVFSA/MODL Undress Ribbon

Barry Smith, United Communities F.D.

Wayne Smith, United Communities F.D.

75 Years in service

New Germany Volunteer F.D.

Riverport F.D.

55 Years in Service

Dayspring & District F.D.

50 Years in Service

Hebville F.D.

45 Years in Service

United Communities F.D.

30 Years in Service

Walden F.D.

Local Climate Change Action Plan Update

From December to March of 2021, engagement activities were conducted for the local climate change action plan (LCCAP). Two virtual engagement sessions, an online poll, a discussion forum on the EngageMODL project website, and internal/external stakeholder presentations were held.

The objective was to give us information on our 10-year LCCAP plan, which would provide the groundwork for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering a climate-resilient, healthier, and lower-carbon future. Additionally, we would like to be proactive in creating infrastructure and programs to alleviate the consequences of severe altering weather patterns, such as hotter and drier summers, drinking water shortages, coastal and inland floods, heavier rainfall events, and warmer winters.

Most comments gathered through engagement activities indicated support for our planned climate actions, giving crucial input for shaping the LCCAP's proposed adjustments. It is useful to be able to evaluate the relative level of support for diverse climate actions while leading efforts for the refining of the climate actions list, explaining their implementation, and adding consultation considerations to succeeding phases of LCCAP development and implementation.

A five-milestone structure is employed by MODL to prevent climate change.

1. Create a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
2. Set emissions reduction targets
3. Develop a local action plan
4. Implement the local action plan
5. Monitor progress and report results



The logo features the words "Local CLIMATE CHANGE" in a mix of blue and teal fonts, with "Action Plan" written in white cursive on a teal rectangular background.



Photo of wild strawberries

Successful No Mow May Challenge

No Mow May is a movement that asks everyone to pause mowing their lawns or greenspaces for the month of May to protect pollinators such as bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other wildlife in greenspaces.

We want to thank you all for participating and thank Megan for submitting the wonderful picture!

**“Happy to have these beautiful and yummy visitors popping up!”
-Megan**

Learn more at modl.ca/NoMowMay

Community Events Listing – Summer 2022

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	Morning Coffee	10:00am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Free, but donations are appreciated.	902-677-2045
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Entrance: \$4, High Hand: \$1, 50/50: 4/\$1	902-677-2045
Wednesdays	Floor Shuffleboard	9:00am – 12:00pm, Bridgewater Curling Club. \$8	902-298-9271
	Seaside A Capella Sing Program	6:45pm – 8:00pm, starting June 29, Dayspring Fire Hall. This is a seven-week program with a cost of \$35.	902-543-8779
June 11	Yard Sale	9:00am – 2:00pm, Pinehurst Community Hall. Canteen available.	
June 12	Spring Penny Auction	11:00am – 2:00pm, Hemford Fire Hall.	902-644-3022
June 18	Breakfast	7:00am – 10:30am, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall. Adults \$10, Youth (5 – 12) \$5, Under 5 years - free.	902- 644-2877
June 18	Ham and Potato Salad Supper	3:00pm – 5:00pm, pickup at Pleasantville and District Fire Department, 1665 Highway 331, or delivery within the Pleasantville Fire District. \$18.	
July 2	Chicken BBQ	3:30pm until it is gone, Cornwall & District Fire Hall. Cost TBA.	902-624-9162
July 9	Hemford Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale	9:00am – 1:00pm, Hemford Fire Hall. \$10/table	902-644-3022
July 10	Maggies High English Tea	2:00pm, Vogler Cove Community Hall. \$20. Limited space, please reserve.	902-677-2045
July 16	Breakfast	7:00am – 10:30am, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall. Adults \$10, Youth (5 – 12) \$5, Under 5 years - free.	902-644-2877
August 13	Breakfast	7:00am – 10:30am, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall. Adults \$10, Youth (5 – 12) \$5, Under 5 years – free.	902-644-2877
August 14	Fisherman’s Memorial Service	2:00pm, St. John’s Anglican Church, 388 LaHave Islands Road. Sponsored by the LaHave Island Marine Museum Society.	
September 10	Maggies Playground Penny Auction And BBQ	11:00am – 2:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall.	902-677-2045
September 17	Breakfast	7:00am – 10:30am, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall. Adults \$10, Youth (5 – 12) \$5, Under 5 years – free.	902-644-2877

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call 902-541-1335. Next deadline: August 19, 2022



Thank you to the United Way of Lunenburg County for their generous donation of \$8,000 for our PRO Kids program!

Join us at a Pride Hike and Free Pizza Picnic

Saturday, June 25
River Ridge Common
11am to 1pm

Registration required: connect2rec.com



Share Your Thoughts!

Did you know Municipal Council is responsible for the following programs and services?

- Garbage collection
- Repairing and maintaining municipal roads
- Cost sharing in the repair and maintenance of some provincial roads
- Land use planning
- Building and fire inspections
- Wastewater treatment plants
- Recreation programming
- Parks, trails, and tourism initiatives
- Taxation services



Our 10 Councillors (elected by polling districts) and one Mayor (elected at large) are required to make decisions in the best interests of the entire Municipality.

The Municipal Government Act requires that municipalities conduct a boundary review study every eight years. This review serves to confirm or update the size of each Municipal Council and confirm or update the size and borders of polling districts.

With MODL's 10 polling districts, there is an average of 2,555 voters per Councillor: with the average in Nova Scotia at 1,915 voters per Councillor. You can view the maps of our districts at modl.ca/district-maps.

We are currently in the first phase of public consultation for our 2022 Boundary Review. In this phase, we are seeking input from residents on the size of Municipal Council. Feedback from public consultation will be included in the boundary review committee's final presentation to Council in the fall.

Later this year we will enter phase two of public consultation and seek feedback from residents on the boundaries of our polling districts.

To participate in the public consultation process, fill out our survey at engage.modl.ca/boundaryreview or attend our virtual public meeting being held Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30pm. Individuals completing the survey can be entered for a chance to win a \$200 gift card for Best Western Bridgewater!

For questions regarding the survey or to register for the public meeting, please contact Sarah Kucharski, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications at Sarah.Kucharski@modl.ca or at [\(902\) 541-1328](tel:9025411328).

Did you know?

You can now apply for a Building, Development, or Demolition Permit online! Visit modl.ca/buildingpermit to apply or learn more.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Every year we host a volunteer recognition ceremony during Volunteer Week. With COVID-19, we haven't been able to do that. We were happy to come together in person to celebrate our volunteers and recognize the "Provincial Volunteer Representative" award.

During this event we honored the 2020, 2021, and 2022 volunteer winners. Volunteer week is a time to celebrate, appreciate, and recognize the significant contributions made by individuals who lend a hand across Canadian communities and our Municipality.

Non-profit organizations and volunteers are what keep our communities thriving and flourishing. They play a key role in maintaining community functions and contributing to the Canadian economy.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers had to adapt to difficult circumstances. The events affected their ability to work as efficiently as they used to, specifically, in-person volunteering while trying to navigate health risks that the pandemic brought.

Every year, we choose one citizen to represent the Municipality as the provincial volunteer representative. Those who volunteer attend the provincial ceremony in Halifax; however, these events have been hosted virtually the past two years.

In 2020, Peter Simpson was awarded this honour. In 2021, Jon Allen was awarded this honour, and in 2022, Judy Comeau will represent volunteers of the Municipality at the provincial volunteer awards.

At our local awards event we formally acknowledged all the work that volunteers have done for our various communities. We want to encourage our volunteers to keep doing the excellent work that they have already started.



Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, 2022 winner Judy Comeau, and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, 2021 winner Jon Allen, and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, 2020 winner Peter Simpson, and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



We want to express our gratitude to our volunteers for the time and effort that you put into serving the communities and organizations that are important to you. The numerous volunteers we have are the Municipality's most important resources, and together they form the very backbone of our community.



Protecting the Environment

Water, Wastewater & Environmental Protection Projects

- The Municipality has replaced 292 straight pipes in the Wastewater Management District, with a further 67 to be removed this year. Our goal is to make the lower LaHave River straight pipe free by 2023.
- \$1.6 million for upgrades and replacement work at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$135,100 for improvements require at the New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Flood Mitigation and Planning

- MODL2040, our municipal-wide land-use planning project, is underway including a \$170,000 municipal floodline mapping project.

Climate Change Emergency

- We are investing \$575,000 into Climate Change projects, including \$400,000 for a 100KW solar array for the municipal services building to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, \$100,000 for the Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Mitigation project, \$25,000 for an electric vehicle charger strategy, and \$7,000 for a tree planting strategy.
- MODL has replaced two aging gasoline vehicles from its municipal fleet with electric vehicles. MODL expects to save approximately \$4,200 annually on fuel costs by switching two vehicles from gas to electric. The Municipality expects to slowly replace gas powered municipal vehicles with electric vehicles over the next few years. These vehicles are predominately used by staff for park and trail maintenance, as well as fire and building inspections.
- MODL is participating in No Mow May at select facilities. Learn more at engage.modl.ca/NoMowMay



Making Life Affordable

Maintain Tax Rate

- Residential and commercial tax rates remain constant in this budget. The residential tax rate has not increased in 13 years, while the commercial rate has remained constant for 10 years.

Debt Free in 2021

- The Municipality became debt-free in 2021. Our Five-Year Financial Strategy includes maintaining the Municipality's debt-free status. We are only the second municipality in the province to be debt-free.

Property Tax Rebate for Low Income Households

- We have expanded the Property Tax Rebate program. The new policy permits a rebate of up to \$530 for those households with incomes of less than \$38,000. The number of categories has also been reduced from five to three, ensuring the majority of low-income homeowners now qualify for the highest rebate category. An application must be completed to qualify for the rebate. Please call (902) 541-1348 or visit www.modl.ca/propertytaxexemptions to obtain the application. The application deadline is August 1, 2022.

Removing financial barriers for children and youth

- Continue to contribute to Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (PRO Kids). This program strives to remove financial barriers to ensure every child and youth has an opportunity to participate in sport, recreation, and cultural activities in the Municipality.

Clean Energy Financing Program

- The Municipality will invest \$200,000 and expand the Clean Energy Financing Program, also known as PACE, that offers financing for energy efficiency and cleaner energy retrofits. The program is designed to ensure residents save as much or more in energy and heating expenses than the cost of a low interest rate retrofit loan, which can be paid back over a 15-year period. For more information visit CleanEnergyFinancing.ca.



Investing in our Community

Anti-Racism and Inclusion

- This budget includes \$30,000 for anti-racism and inclusion work in the Municipality.

Open Space Strategic Plan

- Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The proposed 2022/23 budget of \$1.65 million for Trail Development and Parks & Open Spaces includes \$169,000 for the first phase in the Osprey Village Active Transportation Connection, \$685,400 for trail and park improvements, \$500,000 for the first phase of an Active Living Park in Osprey Village including a pickleball court and \$100,000 for River Ridge Common.

Fire Services Recruitment and Retention

- Council has included \$45,000 in funding for recruitment and retention initiatives.

Accessibility

- \$500,000 has been earmarked for accessible upgrades to buildings, facilities, trails, park washrooms, and more.

Community Grants

- The Municipality offers various grants to individuals, and non-profit and charitable organizations. This includes \$146,000 in annual operating & recreation capital grants, \$59,900 to supporting community-led trail organizations, \$55,000 to community groups maintaining public spaces, \$50,000 to the Town of Lunenburg Arena, and \$10,000 to the Mahone Bay Centre.



Building the Local Economy

Internet

- Council is pursuing multiple avenues for expanding internet service. Over the next two years, we will have over 99% of households connected to reliable, high-speed internet. This year will see \$700,000 invested by the Municipality.

Rural Roads

- A total of \$1.4M will be spent on the maintenance, operation, and improvement of roads in our Municipality.
- The proposed 2022/23 budget includes \$500,000 in funding for paving of cost-shared provincial roads, should provincial approval be granted and \$426,000 for municipally owned road maintenance, and \$462,000 contribution to the province to maintain Municipal J Class Roads.

Osprey Village

- The budget includes \$150,000 for design work and \$3.7 million in 2023/24 for the construction of a water storage tank to enhance the water pressure in the Town of Bridgewater-owned Public Service Commission (PSC) water utility. This infrastructure addresses water pressure issues as well as opening up adjacent lands for serviced development, including expansion of Osprey Village.

Economic Development

- The Municipality is investing \$225,000 this year in the promotion and awareness of the Municipality's tourism sector through the implementation of a comprehensive wayfinding strategy.
- \$150,000 is being committed to complete a feasibility study to identify the possible construction of a community hub, and how such facility will be funded and operated long term.

HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS THAT SAVE YOU MONEY



START SAVING NOW!



Clean Energy
Financing



What's on your home improvement wish list? The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is making home energy upgrades more affordable through its Clean Energy Financing program.

We recognize the importance of energy saving retrofits and upgrades as a powerful cost saving measure for homeowners, and as part of our local climate change action plan.

While energy efficient upgrades are important, we also understand that the upfront cost of these upgrades is prohibitive for many families. In response to this need, we have partnered with the Clean Foundation to create the Clean Energy Financing Program, a form of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

Energy experts from Clean Foundation work with the homeowners to decide which energy upgrades are most appropriate for their homes. The eligible clean energy upgrades include, but not limited to, better insulation, energy efficient doors and windows, high efficiency heat pumps, and solar photovoltaic systems.

With the new terms in effect from May 4, 2022, the Municipality now offers financing of up to \$20,000 at a lending rate of 2% for the clean energy upgrades and the ability to spread installment payments over a period of 15 years, repayable through charges attached to their property. Lump sum payments can be made at any time without penalty. The program has a 1:1 debt to savings ratio to ensure that every dollar a homeowner spends on an energy upgrade, a dollar is saved on energy costs.

This new program will help families access funding for the upfront costs of retrofitting their home so they can increase their home's efficiency, feel warmer, and save money while paying for the retrofits at a pace they can afford.

Find out how you can start saving at: cleanenergyfinancing.ca/Lunenburg or call toll-free at 1-844-727-7818.

Fall Wood and Metal Collection Reminder

Wood and metal pick up will take place on your regular collection day between September 19th and 30th, 2022.

Wood and metal items are collected in the fall, not bi-weekly. Items may measure up to 1.8 m (6 feet) long and individual items may weigh up to 140 kgs (308 lbs). Each household may put out a combined volume of wood and metal measuring 4 cubic metres (5.2 cubic yards). This can be measured as 2 m (6.5 feet) x 2 m (6.5 feet) x 1 m (3.2 ft).

Wood and metal can also be dropped off at the Community Recycling Centre, 908 Mullock Road, Whyntott's Settlement. A fee is charged for wood, metal is free. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit communityrecycling.ca.



R6RECYCLES

Find your collection day using the R6Recycles Waste App. Go to communityrecycling.ca.

Questions? Call (902) 543-2991



Green Cart Changes

Plastic-type compostable bags will no longer be accepted in the green cart as of November 1, 2022. These bags get caught in organics processing equipment and contaminate the compost at the Community Recycling Centre.

Line your mini bin with newspaper, flyers, boxboard or paper liners instead. Put wet food, meat and bones in a cereal box. Your cart can be lined with a paper yard waste bag or a bit of cardboard.



Paper coffee cups, plastic-lined paper food packaging and waxy drink cups will no longer be accepted in the green cart as of November 1 either. They cause contamination during processing too.

You may see a friendly reminder sticker on your green cart leading up to November 1 if you're putting these items in your cart.

Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit 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

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District of Lunenburg - Tue White

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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

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	Roads (Dept. Public Works)	1-844-696-7737
Dog Control Officer	(902) 543-2022	Solid Waste Inquiries	(902) 543-2991
Engineering Department	(902) 541-1351	Solid Waste Collection Issues	1-855-530-3324
Building Inquiries/Inspection	(902) 541-1325		

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