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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2023



Stella Bowles and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson celebrate the completion of the program.

### The LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program is complete!

On April 28, we celebrated the end of the LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program. Over the past five construction seasons, 357 on-site sewage disposal systems have been installed.

The LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program was funded one-third by the provincial government, one-third by the federal government, and the remaining one-third was covered by participating property owners. No municipal tax dollars were spent on this project.

To learn more, please read the Mayor's Corner on page 2 of this issue of Municipal Matters.

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**Mayor's Corner**

Our commitment to ensuring a straight pipe-free Lower LaHave River has been fulfilled, and we could not have done it without the cooperation of residents.

I would like to thank the provincial and federal government for their commitment to funding this project, Coastal Action for their work over the past decade to bring this issue to Council and for their hard work in testing and research, and the Lunenburg County Community Fund for their million-dollar investment.

I must also express gratitude to all the property owners who participated in the program. And of course, I'd like to thank Stella Bowles for using her voice to bring this issue to national attention.

Our work protecting the environment is not done. We know there are still straight pipes releasing raw sewage in other communities in our beautiful municipality and indeed across Nova Scotia. We would like to work with our provincial counterparts to put an end to straight pipes. Point of sale legislation would require proof of a functioning septic system whenever a home is sold is a simple change that would eliminate straight pipes across the province.

Our Municipal Council has been an advocate for point of sale legislation and I look forward to working with the Provincial government to make it a reality.



Community members and Council celebrate the LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program completion.



L to R: Minister Susan Corkum-Greek, former Lunenburg Mayor Matt Risser, MODL Mayor Carolyn Bolivar–Getson, MP Kody Blois

## Major Infrastructure Funding Announcement

In March, Kody Blois, Member of Parliament for Kings—Hants, the Honourable Susan Corkum-Greek, Minister of Economic Development and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Lunenburg, Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Mayor of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and Matt Risser, former Mayor of the Town of Lunenburg, announced a combined investment of more than \$28.8 million to upgrade wastewater and active transportation infrastructure in the Town of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

Two projects will support upgrades to local wastewater treatment plants. The first project will upgrade the Cookville Wastewater Treatment facility in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, which will increase treatment capacity and accommodate future residential and commercial growth. The second project will improve the wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Lunenburg. These projects will increase the capacity to treat and manage wastewater to support growth in the Town and the Municipality of Lunenburg for years to come.

The third project will see the construction of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Osprey Village Active Transportation Non-Motorized Connector. This consists of a 1.2-kilometre-long active transportation multi-use pathway, a 280-metre sidewalk section, and a 75-metre multi-use pathway bridge connecting Osprey Village's developments with the Town of Bridgewater. The crossing will create a new opportunity for safe, non-vehicular travel between two neighbouring municipalities.



In May, MODL introduced a new electronic vehicle into the fleet, a 2023 Ford F-150 Lightning. This truck will be used by our Building Inspection team.

## Are you Considering Roof-mounted Solar Panels?

Solar panels are becoming an increasingly popular option for property owner to help increase sustainability and reduce energy costs. Roof mounted solar panels come with potential structural issues that must be taken into consideration to protect the structural integrity of your roof and structure.

Building permits are required for all roof-mounted solar panel installations.

To apply for a building permit for roof-mounted solar panels, the following is required with your application:

- Our Application Form for Building, Development, or Demolition Permits filled out (select renovation on the form).
- A location plan that shows the distances from all sides of the structure that the solar panels will be mounted on to the property lines.
- An engineering assessment of the roof structure in relation to the installation of the solar panels (this is to ensure that your roof structure can handle the additional load of the solar panels without compromising the structural integrity of the roof).

To finalize your building permit, the final electrical inspection report will be required.

If you have any questions, please contact our Building Department at [building@modl.ca](mailto:building@modl.ca) or (902) 541-1325.

## Protect our Lakes

In recent years, we've become more aware of the delicate balance required to maintain the health of our waterways. Blue-green algae blooms and the negative impacts of urban stormwater runoff have made headlines and emphasize the need for better stewardship of our lakes and rivers. As residents of MODL, we all have a role to play in preserving the water quality and natural beauty of our municipality.

Autumn leaf litter and yard debris, often seen as harmless, can have severe consequences for our waterways. When leaves and grass clippings are dumped into lakes and rivers, they decompose and consume the water's oxygen, posing a threat to aquatic life. They also contribute to sediment build up, nutrient overloading, and the promotion of algae blooms and aquatic weed growth.

Many factors can wreak havoc on our waterways. Knowing what can cause algae blooms and aquatic pollution, you can begin to take the steps in keeping our beautiful municipal lakes and rivers healthy.

To ensure the health of our waterways, you can follow these simple guidelines:

- **Create a riparian zone:** When mowing your lawn or harvesting crops, leave a buffer zone along the edge of all waterbodies. This zone will help protect the water against erosion and filter runoff pollutants and excess nutrients.
- **Choose eco-friendly products:** Choose phosphorus-free dish soaps and avoid fertilizing your lawn as excess nutrients can wash into nearby rivers and bodies of water, giving algae the opportunity to bloom.
- **Proper waste disposal:** Never rake leaves or grass clippings into ditches, brooks, rivers, or lakes. Dispose of yard debris in designated compost areas or use it as mulch in your gardens.
- **Manage sewage responsibly:** Ensure your septic tank or composting system is properly designed, maintained, and pumped regularly. Keep livestock out of waterways by providing them with alternative watering sources and pick up your dog's waste.
- **Limit hydrocarbon pollution:** Turn off boat motors when not in use and exercise caution when handling fuels and chemicals around the house, car, and boat. In case of spills, clean up and dispose of the waste properly. Contact the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre at (902) 543-2991 for more information on waste disposal.

By following these recommendations, we can all contribute to the well-being of our waterways and preserve the natural beauty of MODL for generations to come. Recognizing your impact on the environment and taking steps to minimize harm is beneficial to our municipality.

Together, we can protect our lakes and rivers, ensuring a healthy ecosystem for both the people and wildlife that call our municipality home.

## Property Tax Exemptions

Homeowners with household incomes under \$40,700 are eligible to receive up to \$570 relief from their property tax bill, based on their household income.

Learn more at [modl.ca/property-tax-exemptions](https://modl.ca/property-tax-exemptions).



## Budget 2023-24 Highlights: Investing in our Community

### Anti-Racism and Inclusion

- This budget includes \$87,000 for anti-racism and inclusion work in the Municipality.

### Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces

Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The 2023/24 budget includes \$1.8 million for trail development, and nearly \$1 million for parks and open spaces. This includes:

- \$800,000 for the Multi-Use Connector Trail through Osprey Village;
- \$800,000 for the first phase of an Active Living Park in Osprey Village including six pickleball courts;
- \$700,000 for the first phase in the Osprey Village Active Transportation Connection Pedestrian Bridge;
- \$163,000 to mitigate the grub issue at the MARC ballfields;
- \$150,000 for earmarked for Active Transportation paved shoulders;
- \$90,000 for Indian Falls Trail upgrade;
- \$68,000 to trail groups.

### Fire Services

- Council has included \$45,000 in funding for recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Grants and services to Fire Departments have increased by 13%.
- \$100,000 has been set aside for the development of a regional Fire Services training facility.

### Accessibility

Council is invested in making our buildings, facilities, trails, park washrooms and other facilities more welcoming, user-friendly, and accessible. The budget allocates \$500,000 for accessibility upgrades throughout the municipality.

### Community Grants

The Municipality offers \$487,00 in various grants and donations to individuals, and non-profit and charitable organizations. This includes:

- \$150,000 in annual operating and capital grants, an increase of \$50,000 over previous years
- \$40,000 to community groups maintaining public spaces
- \$65,000 to Lunenburg County Wheels;
- \$50,000 donation to local hospital expansion.



## Budget 2023-24 Highlights: Building the Local Economy

### Internet

- This year will see \$450,000 invested by the Municipality to connect residents to high-speed Internet.

### Rural Roads

- A total of nearly \$1.2 million will be spent on the maintenance, operation, and improvement of roads in our municipality.
- The 2023/24 budget includes \$493,100 in funding for paving of cost-shared provincial roads, should provincial approval be granted, \$350,000 for municipally owned road maintenance, and \$350,000 contribution to the province to maintain municipal J Class roads.

### Osprey Village

- The Osprey Village expansion will include more than 500 new residential units in the area, including agreements for affordable housing.
- The Municipality has partnered with Lumia Health, to develop a Community Hub and collaborative health centre. The budget includes a \$300,000 commitment for the Community Hub project, including the development of a farmers market space, café, and commercial kitchen.
- Council has also included \$20,000 for a feasibility study on an Osprey Village Food Hub.

## Making Life Affordable

### Property Tax Rebate for Low-Income Households

- The Property Tax Rebate program offers a rebate of up to \$570 for those households with incomes of less than \$40,700. An application must be completed to qualify for the rebate. Please call (902) 541-1348 or visit [modl.ca](http://modl.ca) to obtain the application. The application deadline is August 1, 2023.

### Removing Financial Barriers for Children and Youth

- The Municipality will contribute \$50,000 to Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (PRO Kids).

### Clean Energy Financing Program

- The Municipality will invest \$500,000 and expand the program 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](http://CleanEnergyFinancing.ca).



## Budget 2023-24 Highlights: Protecting the Environment

### Climate Change Action Plan

- We are investing over \$1 million dollars into climate change projects, including:
- \$200,000 for a 100KW solar array for the Municipal Services Building;
- \$100,000 for a 10KW Solar system at the Conquerall Bank Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- \$220,000 to investigate the feasibility of a community solar garden in collaboration with other municipal units;
- \$250,000 to purchase an electric bus;
- \$25,000 for an EV charging infrastructure study;
- \$120,000 to install EV chargers in the fleet lot at the Municipal Services Building.

### Water, Wastewater & Environmental Protection Projects

- The Municipality has replaced 357 straight pipes in the Wastewater Management District and met our goal to make the lower LaHave River straight pipe free by 2023.
- MODL will invest \$800,000 in improvements at the New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$750,000 for expansion work at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The budget includes \$925,000 for the first phase of the construction of a water storage tank which will allow for new high density commercial and residential development in Osprey Village.

### Coastal Protection and Land Use Planning

- Through significant dedicated staff resources, MODL will develop and implement a Coastal Protection Land Use By-law.
- MODL2040, our municipal-wide land-use planning project, is also underway. Learn more at [engage.modl.ca/MODL2040](https://engage.modl.ca/MODL2040).

# Strategic Priorities 2023-2025



## OSPREY VILLAGE GROWTH CENTRE

MODL is kickstarting over 500 new residential units in the area, including agreements for affordable housing. In partnering with Lumia Health, we will also develop a Community Hub and collaborative health centre. Water and wastewater infrastructure upgrade projects will ensure the support of this area's commercial growth.



## RE-CREATE! PARKS

A multi-year investment is planned to provide significant upgrades to existing parks and recreation facilities. Community engagement will help guide redevelopments as well as audits of the existing parks to identify accessibility needs and maintenance recommendations.



## CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

The Municipality will continue to build on the progress made to address carbon emissions, with a goal to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. This includes plans to address local food security, home efficiency, achieving net-zero emissions for municipal facilities and fleet, creation of public and electric transportation options, and supporting the development of green renewable energy.



## MODL 2040 MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

The Municipality will develop a comprehensive Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to meet the province's regulations requiring land-use planning across all municipalities. This is a major policy, and public engagement effort which will be a critical tool in guiding development in our communities moving forward.

## Notice to Property Owners—Open Wells

Please be advised that it is against the law to have an open well on your property. The Municipality, if made aware of such a situation that has not been corrected by the owner, will have the work carried out to cover the well and the cost of the work will become a lien on the property.



Any person who knows of an open well is encouraged to contact the Municipal Office by calling (902) 541-1325, or emailing [building@modl.ca](mailto:building@modl.ca).

Thank you for your interest in community safety!



# Talk To Us About Coastal Protection



The Municipality is introducing new rules that will impact how development occurs along our coast. As a Municipality, we have a responsibility to our residents and our environment to ensure that new homes, businesses, and other structures are not placed in areas that could be at risk of coastal flooding or erosion, while protecting our natural assets from potential harms caused by development.

Our new regulations are intended to meet two primary objectives:

1. Protecting our communities from our coast: Keeping human activity away from the risks posed by coastal erosion and flooding.
2. Protecting our coastline from us: Protecting our sensitive coastal ecosystems from the impacts of human activity and development.

Visit our website to find out more about this initiative, including:

- Project Timelines
- Open House Dates
- Surveys
- Workshops
- FAQs

[engage.modl.ca/coastal-protection](https://engage.modl.ca/coastal-protection)

## New Germany Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration Mitigation

As you may know, much of the New Germany area is serviced with a sanitary sewer system, including sewer pipes, pumping stations, and the wastewater treatment facility. This sewer system is owned and operated by the Municipality.

MODL is required to maintain the system in good working order and to make repairs, when necessary, to meet provincial regulations. Over the past decade the New Germany sewer system has been experiencing excessively high flows during rainfall events. These high flows are the result of rainwater leaking into the sewer system.

The sewer system is for wastewater only, not rainwater. Rainwater that leaks into the sewer system can cause many problems, such as overflows of raw sewage to the environment, flooded basements, and costly sewer system upgrades to increase capacity.

MODL has been undertaking a review of the sewer system in New Germany to find and repair leaks. We hired Design Point Engineering & Surveying Ltd to complete this work. To date, minor repairs have been made to the wastewater system.

In the near future, we will be making larger-scale repairs to municipally owned pipes, manholes, and pumpstations to prevent unnecessary stormwater from entering the sanitary sewer system. **At times, this will impact traffic flow on Highway 10, as most of the sewer manholes and pumping stations are within the road right of ways. Safety signage and traffic control measures will be used as necessary to protect the safety of staff and the public.**

If these repairs do not result in significant improvements to the high flows experienced during rainfall events, we will need to move to Phase 2. This would involve identifying private property connections that may be contributing stormwater to the sanitary sewer system and eliminating these unapproved sources of inflow and infiltration. This can include roof drains, sump pumps, or yard drains.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MODL's Engineering Department at (902) 541-1351.

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

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



## Volunteers Needed—Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is seeking community members to serve on the Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee. This committee consists of volunteers from the community who are interested in providing input on the operations and policies related to the Park.

If you would like to learn more about the committee or submit your name please contact Marta Selassie at (902) 541-1352 or email [marta.selassie@modl.ca](mailto:marta.selassie@modl.ca). The terms of reference and application form can also be found at [modl.ca/miller-point-peace-park](http://modl.ca/miller-point-peace-park)



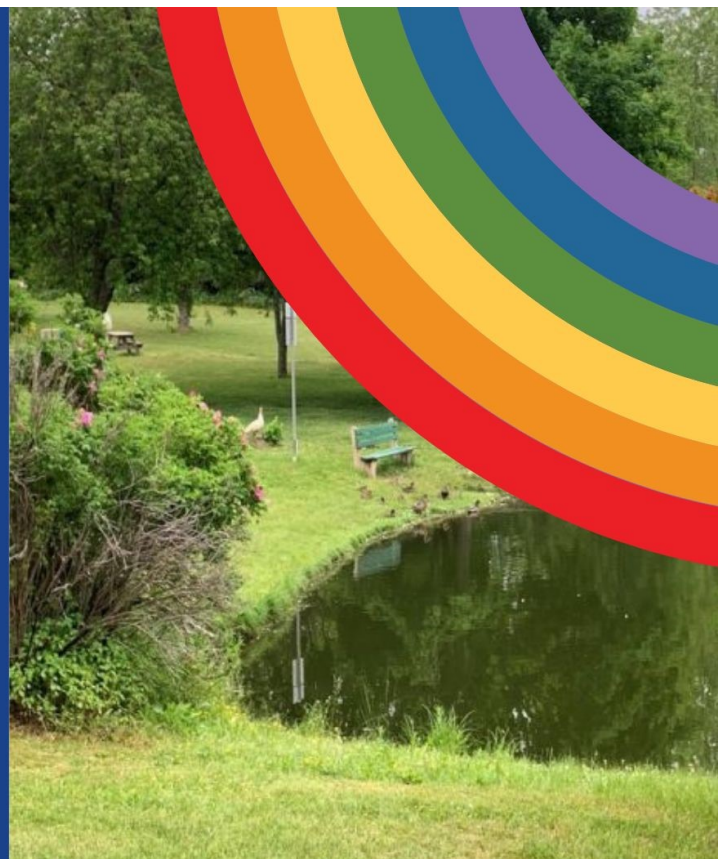
Join us at a  
**Pride Hike**  
and  
**Free BBQ!**

**Saturday, June 24**

**MARC**

**33 Leary Fraser Road, Dayspring**  
**11am to 1pm**

Registration required: [connect2rec.com](http://connect2rec.com)





Left to right: Tissy Bolivar, Michael Graves, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (PRO Kids) is a program that provides financial assistance to children and youth aged 18 and under, who reside in the Municipality, and who, due to lack of funds, are not able to participate in sport, recreation, and cultural activities.

PRO Kids can assist with registration fees and equipment costs. This program strives to remove financial barriers to ensure every child and youth has an opportunity to participate. In 2022-2023, PRO Kids supported 215 residents, with an investment of \$50,641.38. PRO Kids is financially supported by MODL, the Rotary Club of Lunenburg, the United Way of Lunenburg County, and private donations.

Council was pleased to receive a generous grant to PRO Kids in the amount of \$8,000 from Michael Graves with United Way of Lunenburg County at the May 2 Finance Meeting for the 2023-2024 year. For more information, visit: [modl.ca/youth-subsidy-grant](http://modl.ca/youth-subsidy-grant).

NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT ON THE SIDELINES.

**PRO Kids**

GIVES EVERY CHILD THE CHANCE TO PLAY.

## Community Events Listing – Summer 2023

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	Morning Coffee	10:00am – 11:30am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Enjoy coffee with goodies and conversation in the company of friends. FREE; donations appreciated.	(902) 541-7545
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Entrance: \$4, High Hand: \$1, 50/50 tickets available. Snacks welcomed; beverages served.	(902) 677-2551
	Music Jam	7:00pm, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall, 5092 Hwy 325, Baker Settlement. Wheelchair accessible. \$2.	(902) 685-2343
Tuesdays	Toddler Tuesday	10:00am – 11:00am, every other Tuesday starting June 13 – August 22, Maggies Playground site of Voglers Cove Community Hall. Outdoor program for toddlers under 4 years; siblings welcome. FREE!	(902) 677-2946
Wednesdays	Wednesdays at Noon (July and August)	12:00pm, St. John’s Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Guest musicians perform in 30-minute presentations. Free will offering.	(902) 634-4994
Thursdays	Golden Youth Card Club	7:00pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. Auction 45’s. Light refreshments served. \$3 per person.	(902) 527-5663
	Acoustic Music Jams	7:00pm – 10:00pm, Double "S" Music Park- 140 Samuel Mader Rd, New Canada. Freewill offering, door prize, air-conditioned hall, canteen available.	(902) 543-2155
June 21	NOW Festival: Verona Quartet	7:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. NOW festival: A series of five concerts celebrating the music of today by artists including the Verona Quartet will perform with Lamp residents. \$35.	(902) 634-8667
June 23 and 24	NOW Festival: World Premieres	7:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. NOW festival: A series of five concerts celebrating the music of today. The final two concerts are dedicated to world premieres of pieces written by Lamp residents, collaborating with Lamp’s composition faculty. \$25.	(902) 634-8667
June 25	Maggie’s English High Tea	2:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. \$25. Selection of open-faced sandwiches, sweets, and beverages. Scones and chelsea buns for starters. Door prizes and plant raffle. Reservations only.	(902) 677-2045 (902) 541-7545
June 28	Early Music: Hank Knox, Harpsichord	8:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. Hailed internationally for his “colorful, kinetic performances,” Canadian harpsichordist Hank Knox. \$25 or all 4 Early Music concerts for \$75.	(902) 634-8667
July 2	Firefighters Chicken BAR-B-Q	3:30pm until it’s gone, Cornwall & District Fire Hall. Price TBA.	(902) 624-9373
July 2	Early Music: Renaissance	8:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. Bruce Dickey, Catherine Motuz, Charles Daniels & Hank Knox with Lamp Residents present an evening of Renaissance music. \$25 or all 4 Early Music concerts for \$75.	(902) 634-8667

## Community Events Listing – Summer 2023

July 5	Early Music: Jonathon Adams & Friends	8:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. Born in amiskwaciwâskahikan (Edmonton, Canada), Jonathon Adams is a Two-Spirit, nêhiyaw michif (Cree-Métis) baritone. \$25 or all 4 Early Music concerts for \$75.	(902) 634-8667
July 8	Indoor Yard Sale	8:30am – 1:00pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. Good, clean, new, and used household/yard items, small appliances, linens, furniture, etc. No admission charge.	(902) 688-1580
July 8	Early Music: Baroque	8:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. Jonathon Adams is a Two-Spirit, nêhiyaw michif (Cree-Métis) baritone. They will perform with Lamp Residents and other faculty members, presenting an evening of Baroque music. \$25 or all 4 Early Music concerts for \$75.	(902) 634-8667
July 12	Berry Burst Take-Out	11:30am – 1:00pm, Trinity United Church, Rose Bay. Turkey salad, potato salad, jellied cranberry, roll, strawberry, or blueberry shortcake. \$16/plate.	(902) 766-4235
July 15	Variety Concert	7:00pm, Double "S" Music Park- 140 Samuel Mader Rd, New Canada. Door prize, Reggie Auction, air-conditioned, canteen. \$5.	(902) 543-2155
August 5	Barbara Hannigan EQ2023 Gala	7:00pm, LAMP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Lunenburg Academy. Nova Scotia superstar soprano Barbara Hannigan, performing with talented emerging artists. \$100.	(902) 634-8667
August 12	Variety Concert	7:00pm, Double "S" Music Park- 140 Samuel Mader Rd, New Canada. Door prize, Reggie Auction, air-conditioned, canteen. \$5.	(902) 543-2155
August 13	Lobster Roll Take-Out Supper	3:00pm – 5:00pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. A lobster roll served with salad, coleslaw, and dessert. Check the church website or Facebook page for details on pricing and pre-ordering.	(902) 688-1580
August 23	Victorian Tea	2:00pm – 4:00pm, Trinity United Church, Rose Bay. Sandwiches and sweets. \$15.	(902) 766-4235
August 26-27	Stone Walling Workshop	Cherry Hill. Hobbyists, gardeners, anyone who wants to learn more about working with stone. All are welcome to attend. Instructor Scott Young. \$250; register online: <a href="http://drystonecanada.com">drystonecanada.com</a> .	
September 9	Penny Auction and BBQ	11:00am – 2:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall for Maggies Playground.	(902) 677-2045
September 10	Parkinson Superwalk	1:00pm, Jac's Burgers and Shakers, 668 King St., Bridgewater. We will meet at Jac's and walk a loop through town as a fundraiser for Parkinson's Disease.	(902) 688-1188
September 12	Information/Registration Session for Seniors' College of Nova Scotia	10:00am, Mahone Bay Centre. Hear about the classes that will be held in the Fall. Event is FREE, Membership to SCANS is \$172.50/year, giving access to all classes in Nova Scotia. <a href="http://TheScans.org">TheScans.org</a> . Contact: <a href="mailto:FernSJordan@gmail.com">FernSJordan@gmail.com</a> .	
September 16	Craft and Vendors Market	10:00am – 1:00pm, Double "S" Music Park, 140 Samuel Mader Rd., New Canada. Tables free to members; \$10 for non-members. Canteen available.	(902) 543-4402
September 16	Variety Concert	7:00pm, Double "S" Music Park- 140 Samuel Mader Rd, New Canada. Door prize, Reggie Auction, air-conditioned, canteen. \$5.	(902) 543-2155

**Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, [tissy.bolivar@modl.ca](mailto:tissy.bolivar@modl.ca), or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, August 17, 2023**

## Neighbours Helping Neighbours in a Time of Need

Before an emergency occurs, getting to know your neighbour can be vital to support you and your family during or after an emergency. Your neighbour may be your closest and most readily accessible support person.

First responders often need to attend to the urgent needs of the emergency, and it may take them some time to arrive. Connecting with your neighbours today, and working together to get prepared, will mean a better response and faster recovery.

Take time to get to know them before you need them. It doesn't cost you anything to knock on their door and introduce yourself. Prepared neighbourhoods and communities are resilient neighbourhoods and communities. When you're in it together, you're stronger. A neighbourhood can be a group of homes, an apartment or townhouse complex, a school or daycare, a business, or any other place where the same individuals regularly gather.

As you make your plan, your next step should include meeting your neighbours so that together you can understand the risks around you and how you can help each other—it could just save a life.

Neighbours may have unique or special needs. Identify and include anyone who might need extra assistance, such as families with small children or pets, elderly people, people with disabilities or people who speak English as a second language. Your neighbour may also have skills or resources that could help for example a barbecue, generator, or chainsaw. Knowing each other can support each other through the emergency. Living in the same area or neighbourhood, you and your neighbours face the same risks, and you will endure the same impacts. Working together will make it easier to cope.

Work with your neighbours and assign a “safety buddy” to check on you and offer extra help if needed.

Social connections are vital to maintaining good mental health, especially in an emergency. Check in on your neighbour to see if you can assist or pop over for a visit.

For more emergency response preparedness information, visit [LunenburgREMO.ca/neighbours.html](http://LunenburgREMO.ca/neighbours.html).



### Fire Service Awards

#### 20 yr. Frame Bluenose

Robert Fox, Town of Lunenburg, covers District 1&2

#### 50 yr. Personal Frame, CVFSA/MODL Medal

Gerald Corkum, Midville & District FD

Oran Hyson, Town of Lunenburg, covers District 1&2

## Lunenburg County Wheels Expands Service Southwest

Non-profit Lunenburg County Wheels expanded its pre-booked, door-to-door service southwest June 2 to all residents of an area that includes Italy Cross, LaHave, Middlewood, Petite Riviere, and United Communities. Rides for that area can be booked anytime for daytime travel Wednesdays and Fridays by calling (902) 543-2255.

The expansion provides more MODL residents with access to medical appointments, shopping, recreation, and social visits.

Thanks to financial support from MODL the maximum fares for the new southwest area, as well as the northwest expansion area (toward Hemford and New Germany) launched earlier this year, is \$7.50 one-way and \$15 round trip.

### Free Rides in June for Expansion Area Passengers

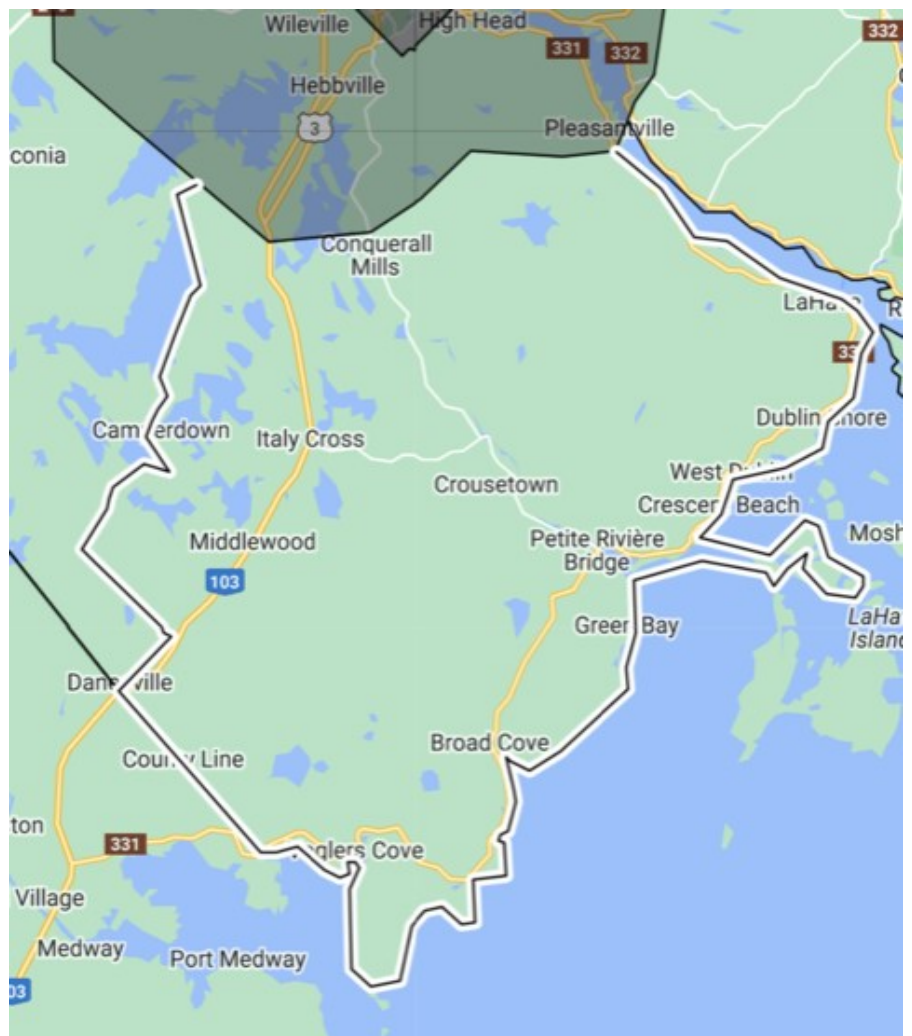
However, for the month of June, thanks again to MODL support, all riders on “LC Wheels” in the two expansion areas can ride for free!

LC Wheels continues to serve residents of the Town of Bridgewater and MODL living within 7 km of Town boundaries, as it did when its ridership was restricted to seniors and disabled citizens as ‘Senior Wheels’.

Current vehicles are an 8-passenger bus with a chair lift, plus a 7-passenger minivan funded largely by MODL.

Lunenburg County Wheels is managed by Operations Manager Daron Lantz, who reports to a nine-member volunteer Board. LC Wheels’ goal is to foster the independence and mobility of area residents.

The long-term plan is to extend its service to all Lunenburg County (except Chester District, which already has such a service).



For additional information visit [lcw.ruralrides.ca](http://lcw.ruralrides.ca) or [Facebook.com/LunenburgCountyWheels](https://www.facebook.com/LunenburgCountyWheels).

## Fall Wood and Metal Collection Reminder

**Wood and metal pick up will take place on your regular collection day between September 18-29, 2023.**

Wood and metal items will only be 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).

Wood and metal collection include:



**Two bulky landfill items can be collected on your regular collection days, throughout the year.** Items can measure up to 1.8 m and weigh up to 100 kgs. Items include mattresses, box springs, couches, pillows, plastic furniture, rugs, carpet, toilets, acrylic bathtubs, doors with windows, vinyl siding, drywall, insulation, vacuum cleaners, laundry baskets, kids swimming pools, artificial Christmas trees, ceramic lamp frames and shades.

**Household waste and bulky items must be curbside by 7:00 am on pickup day.**

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

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents can drop off household hazardous waste at the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre at 908 Mullock Road, Whycott's Settlement, free of charge. Items include rechargeable and lithium batteries, aerosol cans, paint, propane tanks, old gas, motor oil and diesel fuel, pesticides, fridges and freezers. These items aren't collected curbside. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991.

Complete list of items: [communityrecycling.ca/tipping-fees-disposal/household-hazardous-waste-disposal](http://communityrecycling.ca/tipping-fees-disposal/household-hazardous-waste-disposal).

## End of Life Fishing Gear

The Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre (LRCRC) has begun accepting several types of end-of-life fishing gear, free of charge. **The LRCRC is part of a program launched by the Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada (FGCAC) which accepts wire lobster traps, fishing rope and netting. These items can be dropped off at 908 Mullock Road in Whynot's Settlement during regular hours.**

Headings and weights do not have to be removed from lobster traps. Buoys are not accepted as part of this program, they are collected with landfill if they cannot be reused.

The FGCAC is a not-for-profit that develops sustainable solutions for end-of-life and abandoned, lost and discarded fishing and aquaculture gear and associated plastic waste materials in Atlantic Canada. The FGCAC includes members from the fishing industry, government, municipalities, academia and the public. The LRCRC will accept fishing gear until February 2024.



To learn more about the program, visit [fgcac.org/ext-fishing-gear-mgmt-study](http://fgcac.org/ext-fishing-gear-mgmt-study).

Questions? Call (902) 543-2991.

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## How Can You Prevent Illegal Dumping?

Ask your contractor or private waste hauler for proof of responsible disposal. Waste sites such as the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre provide a receipt (scale ticket) for waste dropped off at the facility. The receipt lists the type of waste delivered, date of drop off and the weight.



## Waste Collection Information

There are lots of ways to find out about waste collection. Visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://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**.

The screenshot shows the R6RECYCLES website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Sorting Brochures' and a 'Never miss a collection day or cancellation again!' banner. Below this is a 'My Schedule' section with a calendar icon, a search icon for 'What Goes Where', a game controller icon for 'Waste Sorting Game', and a question mark icon for 'Need help?'. The address '1 908 Mullock Rd, Whynotts Settlement' and 'District of Lunenburg - Tue White' is displayed. There are buttons for 'Get a reminder!', 'Get a calendar', and 'Search for another address'. A calendar for December 2020 is shown, with collection dates highlighted: 'Bi-Weekly Bulky waste collection (MJSB)' on Tuesday, December 1st, and 'Garbage' on Wednesday, December 2nd.



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](https://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](http://communityrecycling.ca).**

## Important Numbers

<b>General Inquiries</b>	<b>(902) 543-8181</b>	Planning	(902) 541-1325
Building Inquiries/Inspection	(902) 541-1325	Recreation	(902) 541-1343
Civic Addressing Inquiries	(902) 541-1325	Roads (Dept. Public Works)	1-844-696-7737
Dog Control Officer	(902) 543-2022	Solid Waste Inquiries	(902) 543-2991
Economic Development	(902) 530-2325	Solid Waste Collection Issues	1-855-530-3324
Engineering Department	(902) 541-1351	Taxes	(902) 541-1329
Mayor's Office	(902) 541-1326		

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