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SPRING NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month. It is a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of people of African Descent all over the world and here in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

On February 1, we held a flag raising event at the Municipal Services Building. We were honoured with a performance from Pat Watson, with Hank Middleton on guitar. Pat and Hank performed We Shall Overcome and What a Wonderful World. You can watch the video on our Facebook page at facebook.com/MODLns or our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@modlnovascotia.

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**Mayor's Corner**

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is committed to making our community more inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible. As part of this work, Council recently passed our **IDEA at MODL** Strategic Plan. IDEA stands for inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility. IDEA at MODL reflects the commitment to advancing inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility of equity-deserving groups.

At MODL, our goal is to make sure everyone feels respected and valued. We want to create a workplace and community where everyone has equal opportunities and feels included, no

matter their background.

IDEA at MODL also outlines steps we are taking to ensure staff are well prepared to serve the community at large in a way that is inclusive and caring. As a local government, we have a big impact on people's lives through our staff, our policies, and our spending. It's important for us to consider whether our decisions affect different groups in the community fairly.

We're committed to creating communities where everyone has equal opportunities. Through IDEA at MODL, we aim to identify areas where we can improve access to programs and services for everyone, especially those who might face barriers.

As both an employer and a service provider, we have a responsibility to promote inclusion, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. We want to make sure our workplace and the services we provide are fair and accessible to everyone. You can read the IDEA at MODL Strategic Plan at modl.ca/IDEA. This page will be updated with information as actions identified in the plan are rolled out to the community.

MODL has also committed to sharing the cost of a Regional Anti-Racism Coordinator position with four other local municipalities. Hiring for this position is underway, and we look forward to having someone in the role with a high level of experience and expertise.

I'm excited to share more information with residents as we continue this important work.

Coastal Protection and Cluster Development Update

On February 26, the Government of Nova Scotia announced The Future of our Coastline: Nova Scotia's plan to protect people, homes, and nature from climate change and it provided Coastal Property owners with resources and planning tools to help them plan for the effects of climate change. These resources included a Coastal Hazard Map (and Users Guide) so that coastal property owners can see what sea level rise and storm surge could look like on their property at high tide in the year 2100; a Navigator Service (to help residents use the Coastal Hazard Mapping Tool and understand your results); and a Coastal Adaptation Toolkit.

MODL had prepared a draft Coastal Protection Land Use Bylaw which was scheduled to proceed to First Reading on February 27. MODL did not have access to the resources and tools that were announced by the province until they were released to the public. While we are awaiting clarification from them, it is currently unclear what scientific information their Coastal Hazard Map relies upon and how it may differ from the mapping contained in our proposed Coastal Protection regulations.

In order to ensure that we are using the best information available, Council paused the First Reading of the Coastal Protection Land Use Bylaw to permit staff to review the information released by the Province. In addition, given the number of comments and questions received by members of Council regarding the Cluster Development Land Use Bylaw, Council also paused the First Reading of the Cluster Development Land Use Bylaw as well to allow for additional public engagement with residents. To receive updates on both projects, please visit engage.modl.ca and subscribe to the Coastal and Cluster project pages.

Short-Term Accommodation Marketing Levy Update

In November, the Municipality announced that we would be introducing a new marketing levy fee to be collected by short-term rental accommodation owners and remitted to the Municipality. The funds collected would be used to promote the region as a tourism destination, entice large-scale events to the area, and encourage visitation in the shoulder season. Since that announcement, the Municipality has received valuable information, comments, and input from stakeholders. Based on this feedback the Municipality is planning to undertake the following steps:

1. Provide more stakeholder engagement opportunities to continue to gather more feedback and input.
2. Take a "What We Heard" report to Council to assist them with their decision making concerning the marketing levy by-law, which will include concerns around the proposed implementation date, and the desire for an industry lead marketing levy committee, which were common concerns expressed.
3. Establish a timeline for First Reading of the By-Law which is anticipated to be in the Spring.
4. Based on Council's direction bring back the By-Law, which may or may not include revisions for Second and final reading.
5. We are exploring options that would see the collection of the levy delayed to 2025 to allow short-term rental operators the time required to adjust marketing or platform requirements for collecting the levy.

We understand this is an important topic for those that own short-term rentals. We encourage you to sign up using the Stay Informed widget at engage.modl.ca/accommodation-marketing-levy to stay updated on the process of the Marketing Levy By-Law. A By-Law requires that there be a first and second reading before becoming municipal law. During this process there will ample opportunity for public input. The Municipality would like to thank everyone who has provided input.

Firefighters Receive 50 Year Service Awards



*Thank
you!*

Wayne Wentzel, of the Midville & District Fire Department, is shown here (second from left) with Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, past Chief Cory Emino, and Chief Adam Hubley.



Left photo: Richard Nowe of the Mahone Bay Fire Department receiving his 50-year service award, pictured with Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson and Councillor Kacy DeLong. Right photo: Councillor and firefighter Reid Whynot of the Bridgewater Fire Department also received a 50-year service award from Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson.

Did you know your local fire department is entirely volunteer run?

If you're ready to give back to your community, form strong bonds with fellow residents and protect families, please consider volunteering with the Fire Service! No matter your age, availability or abilities, there is a place for you at your local fire department. Visit your local Fire Department's website or Facebook page, or swing by the hall to learn more.

Tax Sales and Surplus Funds

When property taxes remain unpaid for three consecutive years, the property are at risk of being placed in a tax sale. Municipalities use this mechanism to recover outstanding taxes. MODL holds its annual tax sale in March. While a property may be marked for a tax sale, some are redeemable. This means owners have the opportunity to settle outstanding taxes and reclaim ownership within six months after the tax sale date.

After the sale, if the selling price exceeds the outstanding taxes and costs, the surplus belongs to the former owner or someone with a registered interest in the property.

Understanding the nuances of tax sales and surplus funds is crucial for property owners in MODL. It not only provides insights into the process but also offers a potential avenue for recovering funds even after losing a property. For more information on the Tax Sale process, or to view the Tax Sale Surplus History list, please visit modl.ca/tax-sales.html.



TOURISM AMBASSADOR

(STUDENT POSITION)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg & its tourism operators to visitors & locals
- Produce photography & written content for social media & website
- Provide information on the various attractions within Lunenburg County

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 4:00PM**

To apply email ruth.wawin@modl.ca or drop off your résumé to our office at 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville.

**FULL JOB DESCRIPTION FOUND AT:
www.modl.ca/employment-opportunities**

Council Examines Flood Mitigation on Fancy Lake

In 2019, MODL received a request from the Hebbville Village Commission to look into the issue of flooding on Fancy Lake and the Petite Riviere Watershed. The goal was to identify the flood risk on the Petite Riviere Watershed and to explore options to reduce the risk.

With the assistance of provincial funding from the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program, MODL hired engineering consultants CBCL to develop a flood model for the area. The model helped outline what areas of low-lying land were at risk from flooding during a significant flood event.

Six mitigation strategies were developed and reviewed by Federal and Provincial stakeholders and the Hebbville Village Commission, with three options being selected for more detailed review. These three options were:

1. Increase Conveyance Capacity

Increase the ability of water to flow out of Fancy Lake by widening and/or deepening the channel leaving the lake. This would reduce flood risk on Fancy Lake and would require extensive environmental approvals. Preliminary cost estimates in the range of \$3 to \$7 million.

2. Build a Flow Control Structure

Increase the ability of water to leave Fancy Lake by expanding the channel and adding a dam structure at the outlet of the lake. This would reduce flood risk on Fancy Lake and would require extensive environmental approvals. Preliminary cost estimates in the range of \$11 to \$12 million.

3. Build Resiliency

Increase monitoring of lake levels and forecasted storms, increase communication with the Public and the Bridgewater Public Service Commission, and enhance flood contingency plans. This would not reduce the likelihood of flooding, but would reduce the impact of floods that do occur. This option is non-intrusive and would not require extensive environmental approval. Preliminary cost estimates in the range of \$0 to \$200,000.

Next Steps

Residents in the area and the Commissioners of the Village of Hebbville were invited to participate in the project, as were the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans; First Nations groups including the Kwiłmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office and Acadia First Nation; the Provincial Department of Environment and Climate Change; and the Bridgewater Public Service Commission.

An open house and survey were conducted to gather input from the community. Of the 73 survey responses, over 85% supported increasing resiliency or taking no action.

In 2023, after careful review, Council voted for the increasing resiliency option. In the coming years, the Municipality will be working with the Town of Bridgewater on a public communication protocol for when there is a risk of flooding, and expanding communication when a flood risk exists.

For more information, visit engage.modl.ca/petite-riviere-watershed-fancy-lake.



Discover MODL's Newest Trail!

Come and explore the latest addition to the trails and breathtaking views at Indian Falls Park. The Riverside Trail is an extension of the trail constructed in 2022.

The gentle sloping trail, traverses through lush forests and ends at the rivers edge. Perfect adventure for all ages and abilities.

Length: Under 1 km. Difficulty: Easy.

Calling All Trail Enthusiasts - Volunteers Wanted!

Are you passionate about spending time on the trails? If so, we have some exciting opportunities for you! The trail associations are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join them in maintaining and improving the trail network on the South Shore. Whatever your preferred use, there's a role for you to play. If you're interested in learning more about how you can get involved, you are invited to attend an upcoming meeting or AGM. Contact marta.selassie@modl.ca for more information, or visit modl.ca/trails to find a trail map.

Adventure Trail: May 14, 7pm, Maitland Community Hall

Bull Run Trail: March 26, 7pm, Italy Cross Fire Hall

Bay to Bay: April 4, 7pm, Mahone Bay Centre

Dynamite Trail: March 28, 7pm, Indian Point Fire Hall

LaHave River Trail: March 20, 7pm, Northfield Fire Hall

SS Annapolis Valley Trail: Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm, North River Community Hall

Come Celebrate International Trail Day on the Dynamite Trail

June 1, 2024 , 10am to 4pm Welcome St. Parking Lot, Mahone Bay

Join us as we come together to celebrate the trails we love! "We Share Trails" Day, will be a day filled with excitement and appreciation in honouring all trail users and recognizing the vital roles trails play in the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Engage in a variety of hosted events throughout the day, including demonstrations, and interactive activities. Come for the food, stay for the music, guided walks, games, display booths and so much more. Representatives from across the trail industry will be there to share information and resources about trail maintenance and use. Don't miss out on this incredible celebration. Mark your calendars!

"We Share Trails" day promises to be a fun experience for all! For event updates and details visit dynamitetrail.ca, follow [DynamiteTrailAssociation](#) on Facebook or email info@dynamitetrail.ca.



Community Events Listing – Spring 2024

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	Morning Coffee	10:00am – 11:30am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Enjoy good conversation and refreshments while in the company of friends. FREE; donations appreciated.	(902) 541-7545
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Eight games of singles crib. 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. 50/50, canteen, pie/cake. Wheelchair accessible. \$2.	(902) 685-2343
Tuesdays	Music Jam	7:00pm – 10:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. Canteen, 50/50. \$2.	(902) 543-2065
Wednesdays	Seaside A Cappella All Women's Show Chorus	6:45pm – 9:00pm, Dayspring Fire Hall. Women's A Cappella singing group. Women of all ages welcome. No music experience necessary.	(902) 543-8779
Thursdays	Golden Youth Card Club	1:30pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. Auction 45's. Light refreshments served. \$3 per person. Effective April 4, the club will meet at 7:00pm.	(902) 527-5663
Fridays	Bingo	7:30pm, Hemford Fire Hall.	(902) 644-3022
Saturdays	South Shore Stamp Club	4 th Saturday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, New Life Christian Church Basement, 42 Elm Street, Bridgewater.	(902) 543-8384 (902) 529-2000
	Breakfasts	3 rd Saturday of each month, 7:00am – 10:30am, Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall, 3003 Barss Corner Road. Enjoy a breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes, real maple syrup, coffee, tea, or juice. Fee: \$12 per adult; \$5 for ages 5-12; free under 5.	(902) 644-2877
March 18	Info Session for Seniors College Association of NS (SCANS)	10:00am, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Introduction to Spring Classes: East Asian History; Economics of Climate Change; Spy School 110. Classes begin week of April 9. Free to attend the information session. Membership for classes is \$172.50. www.TheScans.org	
March 23	Lip Sync & Karaoke Social	8:00pm – 12:00am, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall, 5092 Hwy 325, Baker Settlement. Get your friends together and enter the lip sync contest or just come and enjoy the show and try the karaoke fun! Cash bar. \$5. All proceeds go to the new roof fund.	(902) 521-1839
March 24	Variety Show	1:00pm – 4:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. Canteen, 50/50, wheelchair accommodations. Entertainers to be announced. \$5.	(902) 543-2065
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt	12:30pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall and Maggies Playground. Egg Hunt starts at 1:00pm. FREE, but donations appreciated.	(902) 677-2045

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April 20 & 21 April 27 & 28	Huge Book Sale	10:00am – 3:00pm (Saturdays) and 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Sundays), West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. Lots of organized, used books. Some may be collectible too. Come browse and enjoy a snack from the canteen.	(902) 543-2272
April 21	Penny Auction	10:00am – 2:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. All new items and gift cards. Canteen, 50/50, wheelchair accommodations.	(902) 543-2065
April 28	Variety Show	1:00pm – 4:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. Canteen, 50/50, wheelchair accommodations. Entertainers to be announced. \$5.	(902) 543-2065
May 6	South Shore Chorale Spring Concert	7:30pm, Wesleyan United Church, Petite Riviere.	
May 11	South Shore Chorale Spring Concert	2:00pm, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix St., Bridgewater.	
May 12	South Shore Chorale Spring Concert	2:00pm, Central United Church, Cumberland Street, Lunenburg.	
May 14	Annual Rate Payers Meeting	7:30pm, Cornwall & District Fire Hall, 2588 Cornwall Road, Middle Cornwall.	(902) 624-9162
May 25	Annual Plant Sale	9:30am – 12:30pm, Union Square Community Hall, 4505 Cornwall Road. Vegetable transplants, annuals, perennials, raffle, canteen. All proceeds to the hall.	(902) 644-3459
May 26	Variety Show	1:00pm – 4:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. Canteen, 50/50, wheelchair accommodations. Entertainers to be announced. \$5.	(902) 543-2065
May 26	Take-Out Homemade Lasagna and Caesar Salad Supper	4:00pm – 6:00pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. Lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert. \$18. Advance tickets: (902) 688-1580. Proceeds for Manse Roof Replacement.	(902) 543-2272
June 1	Plant Sale and BBQ	9:00am – 1:00pm, Barss Corner Community Hall. Proceeds for the Barss Corner Baptist Ladies Auxiliary.	
June 1	Ox Pull and Supper	4:00pm – 6:00pm (supper), Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road. Cold plates and dessert, eat-in or take-out. Adults \$14; 6-12 years \$7; under 5 free. BBQ available all day during Ox Pull.	(902) 543-2065
June 7	Public Lecture on the Science of GPS	1:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Contact: FernSJordan@gmail.com	
June 23	Maggie's English Tea	2:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Enjoy an assortment of tea sandwiches, sweets, and beverages. Door prizes and raffle draw. \$25. Reservations only.	(902) 677-2045

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2024

Our Economic Development Team is Your Partner for Growth!

Support for local business

- **Solutions for your growth** - We can help answer your questions and provide your business with the information you need.
- **Navigation Services** - We can help refer you to the right department with the Federal, Provincial or Municipal government to help your business expand and grow. We can help understand the municipal permitting and zoning process to make development opportunities easier.
- **Support Networks** - We can help you establish connections with other business leaders within the community.
- **Entrepreneurship Support** - Whether you're exploring ideas for a business or trying to grow your business, we can help.
- **Business Expansion** - We can source the information and contacts necessary for you to expand your business, locally, provincially, or beyond.

Support for investors

- **Site Visits** - See the District for yourself. We will set up a visit/tour that includes meetings with other business leaders and local government officials.
- **Data** - Our team can provide business/residential data to companies wanting to make informed investment decisions.
- **Site Selection Support** - Economic Development can help you find the right commercial space for your company by leveraging our strong relationships with real estate professionals across the community.
- **Regional Initiatives** - Through partnerships we can support any regional development initiatives.

Are you interested in expanding in the District?

We're here to answer all your questions!

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Introducing District of Lunenburg
Business Directory

Coming soon!
A new **FREE** online directory listing the businesses of the District of Lunenburg.
Listings will be created using available online information.
Want to check if your business will be listed, or opt out?

Contact:
Dave.Waters@modl.ca

lunenburgdistrict.com

Do You Own a Business, or are You Thinking of Starting a Business?

Story submitted by Rae Ann Bonneville, President,
Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce



Bridgewater and Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Consider joining the Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce! Our membership has been steadily growing for the past 18 months as we welcome all business types and sizes. We see connections made, collaborations formed and businesses referring other businesses at every event – this is the value of networking!

At the beginning of the year, we put forward an Annual Sponsorship opportunity, and the response was overwhelming! We surpassed our goal and are now able to fulfill our promise of providing even more value to this business community. We have many events scheduled, including the Mayor's Breakfast, a Think Tank series and the 'State of the Province' lunch with Premier Tim Houston.

Lately, a few people have asked us if there is a time commitment to being a member, or if they must be a member to attend events. Most of our events are open to members and non-members, usually with a price difference. As a member, there is no time commitment – it is up to you to engage as much as you wish. Members receive a weekly e-newsletter letting them know about all the Chamber news and upcoming events. Visit our site to view member benefits and fees: bridgewaterchamber.com/benefits-of-membership.

And finally, our initiative to form a non-profit group uniting the Chambers and Boards of Trade in Lunenburg County and Queens County is official! We are called the LQ Business Collective and will be hosting the Lunenburg-Queens Business Excellence Awards on November 21, 2024. We're looking forward to sharing how we can bring more value to the business community in this economic zone shortly.

The Chamber is here to support all businesses in this area. For the latest news, please follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, bridgewaterchamber.com and join us at our events! If you have any questions, please contact us at info@bridgewaterchamber.com.

Water Supply Upgrade Financing

The program offers low-interest financing for systems that can improve the supply of potable water for homes in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. The list of eligible water supply upgrades include:

- The digging of a new well.
- Installation of rainwater collection and/or storage systems and equipment (e.g., cisterns).
- Installation of a well pump, water line and/or electrical connection to support the function of a water system.
- Systems and equipment designed to improve the supply, use and conservation of potable water.

Learn more at <https://cleanfoundation.ca/energy/water-supply-upgrade>.

You're invited!

Join us to learn more about
alternative housing programs and resources



Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program

Homeowners can apply for a loan to build a secondary or backyard suite on the property of their primary residence.



Housing for Social Good

Rent a bedroom to a verified housing companion. Happipad offers full support, background checks and compatible matching. Find out about this new safe option!



Housing for Students

With the shortage of rental properties on the market, our students are struggling to find housing. The NSCC Lunenburg Campus could use your help!

Homeowners interested in learning more about renting out rooms or creating an apartment in your homes are invited to join us for this information session. You can help create much needed housing for existing and new employees at businesses as well as students attending NSCC within our community.

COMMUNITY HOUSING INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, March 21 from 6 - 7:30pm
Bridgewater Baptist Church, 564 Glen Allan Dr.

Have questions? Contact Rebecca Baccardax, Bridgewater Community Navigator at (902) 521-8974



Meet and speak with resource people like:

- Program managers from the Province of NS, HappiPad and NSCC Lunenburg Campus
 - Contractors and renovation resources
 - Representatives from the Municipalities regarding zoning, fire and building codes, etc.
 - Accountant regarding income/taxes
 - People who have been home sharing/renting rooms within their homes
 - Energize Bridgewater
 - Community Service Groups
- AND MORE!

PRESENTING PARTNERS



Learn More About Wildfires

The Nova Scotia wildfire season begins on March 15 and runs until October 15 each year. During wildfire season, at 2pm each day the provincial “Burnsafe” map gets updated with any burn restrictions that are in place. Visit novascotia.ca/burnsafe to see if it is safe to burn!

The map legend categories include:

Grey/White: There is NO domestic brush burning or campfires permitted in Nova Scotia between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., except Industrial permits.

Green: It is okay to burn after 2pm and have the fire out by 8am.

Yellow: It is okay to burn after 7pm and have the fire out by 8am.

Red: No burning at all.

The restrictions are put in place for the safety of the public. Burning is typically only permitted when fire risk is low. It’s safest to burn in the evenings and after/during rain events as temperatures are lower, humidity is higher, and winds tend to be calmer.

If you see someone burning when they are not supposed to be or see a wildfire, please report it to either 1-800-565-2224 or 911. With the active wildfire season in Nova Scotia last year, you should prepare your family and property for wildfire conditions. If your property is surrounded by brush, grassland or forest, follow these tips to prepare:

- **Prepare an emergency kit** – examples can be found at LunenburgREMO.ca
- **Check for and remove fire hazards in and around your home**, such as dried-out branches, leaves and debris. Visit firesmartcanada.ca for more info.
- **Have an escape plan** so all members of the family know how to get out of the house quickly and safely.
- **Have an emergency plan** so family members can contact each other in case they are separated during an evacuation.
- If you are on a farm, sheltering livestock may be the wrong thing to do because a wildfire could trap animals inside. **Leaving animals unsheltered is preferable** or, if time and personal safety permits, evacuation away from the danger zone should be considered.

If you see a fire approaching your home or community, **report it immediately by dialing 9-1-1.**

If it is safe, and there is time before the fire arrives, you should take the following action:

- **Close all windows and doors** in the house.
- **Cover vents, windows, and other openings of the house** with duct tape and/or precut pieces of plywood.
- **Park your car, positioned forward out of the driveway.** Keep car windows closed and have your valuables already packed in your car.
- **Turn off propane or natural gas.** Move any propane barbeques into the open, away from structures.
- **Turn on the lights in the house, porch, garage, and yard.**
- **Put lawn sprinklers on the roof** of the house and turn on the water.
- **Move all combustibles away from the house**, including firewood and lawn furniture.
- **Evacuate your family and pets to a safe location.**
- **Stay tuned to your local radio station for up-to-date information** on the fire and possible road closures.

Earth Week Litter Clean Up

April 22 - 27, 2024: Get together with friends, your 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 before your clean up. We can arrange to have the bags collected afterward. You'll receive bags, gloves and a certificate of recognition.

Think Before You Throw it!

There are many items in your home and garage that can be hazardous when disposed of improperly. Putting these items in garbage can put your family, waste collectors, and waste receiving facilities at risk.

Residents should drop off waste items with these labels at the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's household hazardous waste depot:



POISONOUS: When improperly disposed, poisonous materials can contaminate soil and water. They can cause illness or death when swallowed or inhaled by humans, pets, or wildlife.



CORROSIVE: these materials can corrode plumbing and contaminate marine environments. They can burn exposed skin, eyes, and respiratory and digestive tracks.



FLAMMABLE: these materials catch fire easily if near heat, flames, or sparks. When ignited, flammable materials release harmful chemicals into the atmosphere.



EXPLOSIVE: these materials are extremely reactive and can explode if heated or punctured. These materials can cause injury to anyone handling the garbage.



Unused fireworks and ammunition can be dropped off at an RCMP detachment; call in advance.

These items cannot be accepted at the Community Recycling Centre.

Other Hazardous Items



SHARPS: syringes, needles and blood-testing lancets must be put in a safe sharps container and returned to a local pharmacy. Pick up containers free of charge, at any pharmacy or Canadian Diabetes Association supply centre. **The household hazardous waste depot does not accept sharps.** Sharps cannot be placed in your garbage bag or blue bag!



EXPIRED/ UNWANTED MEDICATION DISPOSAL: the provincial Medication Disposal Program allows the public to return medications they no longer need to their local pharmacies for free, safe disposal. Placing medication in the garbage, blue bags, or flushing it down the toilet can be dangerous for children, pets or the environment.

Safety Message: Hazardous items that are occasionally found in garbage include propane tanks, aerosol cans, cans of paint, and lithium/rechargeable batteries. **Deliver these items to the household hazardous waste depot. Do not place in your garbage.** Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit communityrecycling.ca for disposal information.

Litter Clean Up Incentive Program

Looking for a fundraiser for your community group or non-profit group?

The Municipality offers a Litter Clean Up Incentive Program. The program gives groups an opportunity to earn \$100 per kilometre for collecting litter along roadways in the municipality.

For details and to apply, call (902) 543-2991 or visit communityrecycling.ca.



Hey MODL residents! May's coming and so is the Annual No Mow May event! Our Municipality's cool challenge is to skip mowing for the month. Why? For the buzzing buddies—bees, butterflies, and pals. Let's dive in!

2023 Success: Last year we aimed for 80 No Mow May champions, but guess what? You all exceeded expectations with over 100 participants. High five!

2024 Goal & Perks: This time, we're aiming for 200 participants! Hit that goal, and we're giving away not two, but **three \$100 gift cards** for your favourite local garden centre.

Spread the Word: Spread the love for nature! Let your neighbours know why your lawn is going untamed, and invite your neighbours to join the eco-friendly wave.

How to Join

- Registration opens **April 16, 2024**
- Sign the pledge on the project website
- More details and resources at engage.modl.ca/NoMowMay

Free Lawn Signs

Snag a free No Mow May lawn sign from the Municipal Services Building at 10 Allée Champlain Drive beginning **April 16**.

Let's turn May into a nature party! Embrace the green. Show off those signs, and let's make 2024 the wildest No Mow May Ever!

engage.modl.ca/NoMowMay

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.

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Mahone Bay

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

Get a reminder! | Get a calendar | Search for another address

December 2020

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	(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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