

WINTER 2025

Meet Your New Council!

Back row, left to right: District 9: Ben Brooks (new), District 1: Morgen Reinhardt (new), District 7: Edgar Burns (new), District 10: Deputy Mayor Chasidy Veinotte (acclaimed, returning), District 4: Pam Hubley (returning), District 2: Martin Bell (acclaimed, returning), CAO Tom MacEwan.

Front row, left to right: District 6: Alison Smith (new), District 3: Wendy Oickle (returning), Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile (new), District 8: Kacy DeLong (returning), District 5: Cathy Moore (returning).

The total number of voters in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg who cast their vote is 10,072, which is 45.4% of eligible voters. This exceeds the number of voters who participated in the 2020 MODL municipal election. In 2020 9,084, or 43.9% of eligible voters voted. The 2020 election had three acclaimed Councillors, while the 2024 election had two acclaimed Councillors.

In this issue, read about: Major upgrades happening at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Facility, new stairs at Indian Falls, Project Volunteer, job opportunities for summer recreation students, how to nominate a volunteer for recognition, and more!

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From the Mayor

At the time of writing I have just been sworn in as Mayor of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

People have asked if I am excited about the job; I am not sure that is the word I would use to describe the feelings I have experienced since October 19 and the election results were announced.

I would best describe my feeling as one of anticipation of getting to the work.

There is much to learn about the governance process of municipal government. My role as Mayor, and Council's role, is to set strategic direction for the community.

As a group we are responsible for oversight and guidance of the entire organization. We must work as a team to establish priorities, develop a budget with staff, and monitor its implementation.

The week following my election I met with all the Councillors individually to hear what they heard from residents during their campaigning. I wanted to see how those conversations aligned with what I heard. There were many common themes.

The following week I met with the directors of each department – planning, engineering, finance, economic development, parks and recreation, and administration and corporate services. I was interested in knowing what projects, started by the previous council, would be need to be considered in the coming year.

Over the month of November and into early December Council will be using its Tuesday meetings to conduct some business. The rest of the day will be devoted to orientation presentations from each of the departments.

Council will work with Tim Merry, a facilitator from Mahone Bay, who will help us establish our strategic priorities for the coming term. This will be completed before Christmas.

The next six weeks are an important time for us as a Council to set the terms for how we will work together as a group, identify our priorities, and establish a plan for communication and engagement with the community.

I appreciate the support I have been given to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to working with Council and the community over the next four years.

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile



Bruce Veinotte 2024 Provincial Volunteer Representative

We are pleased to recognize Bruce Veinotte as the 2024 Provincial Volunteer Representative! Bruce has dedicated over six decades of his life to volunteering, starting from his teenage years.

His commitment spans various activities aimed at fostering the growth of the Church Congregation and serving the community.

Whether it's mowing lawns, plowing snow, assisting families during funerals, visiting seniors, or distributing bulletins and church information to those without emails, Bruce is always ready to lend a helping hand. His presence is consistently warm and welcoming, reflecting his unwavering dedication to serving others.



2025 Volunteer Nominations are Open!

Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about?

Nominations are being accepted for the following:

- **Provincial Volunteer Representative** - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 51st Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in September.
- **Municipal Awards and Reception** - Community organizations are invited to nominate and send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week in April.

Please complete a nomination form and submit it by **Thursday, March 20, 2025**.

The form is available on modl.ca, by calling (902) 541-1343, or emailing recreation@modl.ca.



We wish to thank all our community volunteers for their passion and commitment.

Connecting and Empowering Local Business.



The District of Lunenburg's **interactive business directory** is a one-stop resource designed to put our vibrant local businesses on the map and at your fingertips. This free, easy-to-navigate tool currently highlights over 500 listings across key sectors, reflecting the dynamic business landscape that supports our economy and local communities.

Supporting local doesn't just create jobs; it fuels growth, fosters connections, and strengthens our region. Our directory is open to all businesses in the District.

Visit www.lunenburgdistrict.com/map to update your listing or add your business quickly and easily.



Submit or Review Your Free Listing!

Your listing will also appear on the regional thinksouthshore.ca website, promoting local shopping. Tourism businesses will also gain visibility on visitsouthshore.ca and our own exploremodl.com website. Think South Shore and Visit South Shore are managed by the South Shore Tourism Cooperative.

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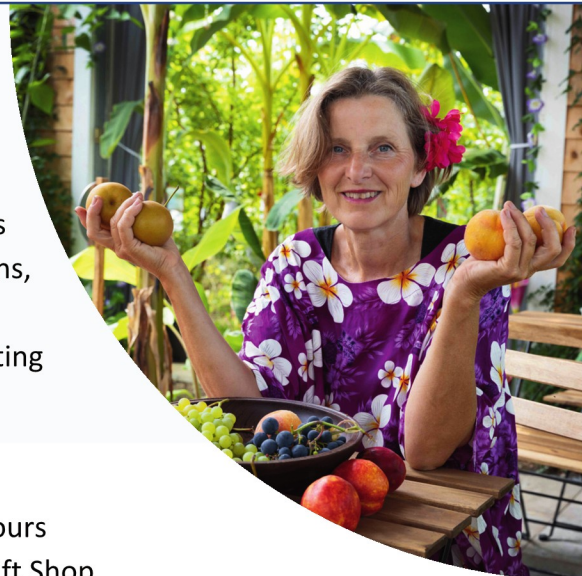
Exotic Fruit Nursery

Who We Are:

A home-based nursery and orchard offering rare fruiting plants and specialty trees, including cold-hardy paw paws, persimmons, figs, and nut trees. We provide a unique destination for plant lovers with a focus on sustainability, off-grid living, and cultivating uncommon fruits for the local climate.

We Offer:

- A Greenhouse Fruit Forest
- Workshops
- Tours
- Off-Grid Living
- Private Stays
- Gift Shop



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| 2) Staples | 12) Nothin' Fancy | 22) District of Lunenburg
Municipal Services Building |
| 3) Canadian Tire Gas + | 13) Body Glow Laser Spa | 23) Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud |
| 4) Swiss Chalet | 14) Miller Optometry | |
| 5) Harvey's | 15) Boston Pizza | Not shown on map: |
| 6) M&M Food Market | 16) Arthur Young Trail | Young's RV |
| 7) Pet Valu | 17) 27 South Restaurant | RCMP Detachment |
| 8) Dollarama | 18) Best Western Plus | Bluenose RV |
| 9) Hearing Institute Atlantic | 19) Osprey Connector Trail | Osprey Ridge Golf Club |
| 10) McDonald's | 20) FH Developments | |

Shopping

Dining

Services

Community

Naturally Inclusive. Growth Oriented. Osprey Village is the District of Lunenburg's signature development offering a vibrant mix of shopping, residential living, and business opportunities. With ample free parking and easy access to essential services, Osprey Village is a go-to destination for shoppers seeking convenience, selection, and value. Learn more about our community at OspreyVillage.ca.


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Community Event Listings – Winter 2025

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, Lunenburg (250 Green Street). This program is for seniors in the community who may be socially isolated or diagnosed with cognitive difficulties. This is a fun, social, and therapeutic program for seniors in a safe and comfortable environment with trained health professionals, that also provides a much-needed break for caregivers. \$20/visit (includes nutritious snacks, refreshments, and lunch).	(902) 634-7173 (902) 298-9943
	Monday Coffee	10:00am – 11:30am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Enjoy tasty treats and good conversation 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. Players bring snacks; beverages served.	(902) 677-2551
	Music Jam	7:00pm – 10:00pm, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall, Baker Settlement. 50/50, canteen, pie/cake/cookies. Wheelchair accessible. Free will offering. If school is cancelled, the jam is cancelled.	(902) 685-2343
Tuesdays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, Bridgewater (78 Alexander Street). This program is for seniors in the community who may be socially isolated or diagnosed with cognitive difficulties. This is a fun, social, and therapeutic program for seniors in a safe and comfortable environment with trained health professionals, that also provides a much-needed break for caregivers. \$20/visit (includes nutritious snacks, refreshments, and lunch).	(902) 634-7173 (902) 298-9943
	Alzheimer Society Caregiver Society Group	6:30pm, Margaret Hennigar Library, Bridgewater. 4 th Tuesday of every month. Caregiver Support Groups are safe places for people in caregiving roles to come together regularly for mutual care and support. It's free.	1-800-611-6345
Wednesdays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, Bridgewater (78 Alexander Street). This program is for seniors in the community who may be socially isolated or diagnosed with cognitive difficulties. This is a fun, social, and therapeutic program in a safe and comfortable environment with trained health professionals, that also provides a much-needed break for caregivers. \$20/visit (includes nutritious snacks, refreshments, and lunch).	(902) 634-7173 (902) 298-9943
Thursdays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, Lunenburg (250 Green Street). This program is for seniors in the community who may be socially isolated or diagnosed with cognitive difficulties. This is a fun, social, and therapeutic program for seniors in a safe and comfortable environment with trained health professionals, that also provides a much-needed break for caregivers. \$20/visit (includes nutritious snacks, refreshments, and lunch).	(902) 634-7173 (902) 298-9943
	Golden Youth Card Club	1:00pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. New members welcome. Auction 45's. Light refreshments served. \$3 per person.	(902) 521-3171

	Capella Regalis South Shore Singing Program	3:00pm – 5:00pm, St. John’s Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Afterschool snacks are served from 3:00-3:30 pm for participants as they arrive. Interested children and their parents are advised to visit capellaregalis.com/south-shore to sign up.	(902) 703-3946 Ext. 2
Fridays	South Shore Squares	Fridays, January 3 through to May 2, for class and Mainstream, 7-9 p.m., Holy Trinity Church Hall, 78 Alexandra Ave., Bridgewater. Square dance attire admired, but not required. For details and registration, contact Paul or Cathy Langille.	(902) 685-2366
December 1	Waffle Breakfast	8:00am – 12:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade waffles served with fresh fruit, compotes, syrup, and sauces. Bacon, sausage, and beverages included. Adults: \$15, Ages 5-12: \$7.50, Under 5: free.	(902) 677-2045
December 1	Community Christmas Potluck + Entertainment	2:00pm – 4:00pm, St. Luke’s Church Hall, Rhodes Corner. Dave Burbine & Band will entertain, then have a potluck support together. Please bring an item or monetary donation for the Foodbank Drive.	(902) 543-5871
December 2	Merchandise Bingo	6:00pm, Lions Hall, New Germany (next to Freshmart). Books: \$5. Special games, 50/50, canteen available.	
December 7	Christmas Sale	11:00am – 1:00pm, Wesley United Church, Petite Riviere. Shop at our Christmas bake tables (including our famous mincemeat cheesecake), pickles, jams, preserves, silent auction, and more. Sponsored by St. Andrew’s United Church, Crousetown.	(902) 677-2289
December 8	4 th Annual Christmas in the Cove	4:00pm – 6:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall and Maggies Playground. Meet Santa and play with friends. Enjoy a hot dog, fruit kabob, hot chocolate, and warm cider. No fee but donations appreciated. Registration required.	(226) 974-5657 (902) 298-0871
December 15	Concert: Ian Tomas, Solo Piano	2:30pm, Lunenburg Academy, Lunenburg. Pianist Ian Tomaz – solo piano recital. J.S. Bach, Debussy and Ravel. \$25.	(902) 634-8667

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Winter Park Maintenance Update

Starting Monday, December 2: MODL is committed to providing safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities within our spaces. Although not all MODL parks and trails are serviced from December to mid-May, the public can still access these sites. As winter approaches, we want to keep you informed about what to expect for winter maintenance. Here is what you need to know:

- Starting December 2, our winter maintenance schedule begins.
- Park gates will be closed so parking may be affected in some locations. The parking lots at Miller Point Peace Park (outer lot only), MARC, River Ridge Common, and LaHave Sunset Park will remain open and cleared from snow after a storm.
- There are no scheduled services for garbage collection. Visitors are reminded to use the pack-it-in, pack-it-out principle and take everything home with them.
- Washrooms & outhouses are closed for the season except for Miller Point Peace Park, MARC, and River Ridge Common with reduced services.
- Visitors must continue to follow all park rules, including keeping pets leashed.



Volunteer Spotlight

A showcase of some local non-profit organizations, the work they do, and the volunteer opportunities with them.



SHAID Tree Animal Shelter

SHAID Tree Animal Shelter, established in 1986, provides temporary care and shelter to helpless animals in distress and aims to place as many as possible into loving and responsible homes. They are proudly a no-kill shelter, and are located at 950 Mullock Road, Whynt's Settlement.

For more information on the great work SHAID does, please visit their website at:

www.shaidanimalshelter.com



Volunteer Opportunities

- **To help with events** - this involves volunteering a few hours of your time at an event selling raffle tickets and merchandise, or donating some baked goods to an event they are hosting.
- **To volunteer one morning a week** - this involves a commitment to one morning a week (9 am) to help wash dishes, sweep, mop and clean litter pans, etc. Although it can be demanding and sometimes menial work it is valuable to the animals and the staff.
- **To foster a mama cat and kittens** - SHAID are currently building their roster for foster families in the Bridgewater area who can provide a separate room for queens to raise their kittens, away from other household pets; all supplies are provided. This is a highly rewarding volunteer opportunity!

Interested? Please email: info@shaidanimalshelter.com

Bridgewater Triathlon Club



Bridgewater Triathlon Club provides a safe and supportive environment for new and experienced triathletes in pursuit of their personal goals for swimming, biking, running and general fitness. They offer **My First Triathlon** for those new to the sport. The club conducts a series of practices throughout the year, at the LCLC and Fancy Lake Park, and hosts an annual race - the **Riverport Duathlon**. They also volunteer at some local events.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **To assist with local events** - Riverport Duathlon, Heartland Tour, Kids Multisport.
- **To offer workshops to members.**

Interested? Please email: bridgewatertriathlonclub@gmail.com

You can find more information on Bridgewater Triathlon Club on their website at: www.bridgewatertriathlonclub.com

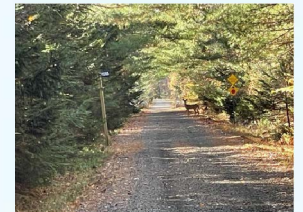
Or find them on Facebook / X / or Instagram - Bridgewater Triathlon Club

Upcoming Events:

- Winter Swims at the LCLC Jan-Apr
- Kids Multisport - June

Bull Run Trail Association

The **Bull Run Trail Association** manages the upkeep of a 27-km section of the multi-use Trans Canada Trail, for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. Their section runs from Bridgewater to the Queens County Line and through the communities of Hebbville, Hebbs Cross, Italy Cross and Middlewood.



Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers to assist in **making decisions** on what type of work should be done on the Trail, and where.

Interested? Please email: bullruntrailassociation@gmail.com

More information on the trail association can be found at: www.bullruntrail.com
Or on Facebook - Bull Run Trail Association

The Club meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Italy Cross / Middlewood Fire Department
17722 NS-103, Italy Cross, NS B4V 0L1

Major Upgrades Happening at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Facility

The District of Lunenburg owns and operates the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Facility, which services Osprey Village and area.

Currently, the facility is operating at approximately 25-30% of its design capacity. Due to the high level of development scheduled for Osprey Village (approximately 800 units plus commercial development), the plant is expected to exceed its operational capacity within the next few years.

Plant upgrades are required to ensure we can provide sufficient wastewater treatment capacity for the planned developments.

This fall, the District received two tender submissions for the construction of the planned upgrades. Council awarded the contracts to upgrade the Cookville WWTP – Phase 3. Being designed by exp Services Inc., Pomerleau Inc. was selected as the general contractor for the upgrade. The project is expected to cost a total of \$24,570,820. This is the largest capital project undertaken by MODL in many years.

This project is included in the approved 2024/25 capital budget and planned to be completed over the next two years. It includes funding from three external funding sources, the Sustainable Service Growth Fund (\$1,205,260), the Municipal Capital Growth Program (\$4,100,000) and the Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program (\$6,679,903).

The remainder of the funding will be drawn from sewer and depreciation reserves and debt funding, as outlined in the 2024-25 Municipal Budget and Five-year Capital Plan. These decisions will be made during future Council budget deliberations as the project progresses.

Indian Falls Stair Replacement Project Complete

This summer, the District replaced the wooden stairway at Indian Falls. The wooden stairway had been in place for many years and was heavily used by park users wishing to gain access to the rocky beach. Although the stairway had been regularly maintained, it reached the end of its life.

In the 2024-2025 capital budget, funds were allocated for the design, construction, and installation of a new set of steel stairs. We are pleased to share that the new steel stairs are now installed.

These stairs will address the safety concerns, enable the public to safely access the riverfront, and the use of steel for their construction will aid in the maintenance and longevity of the stairs.



2023/2024 Fire Service Awards

CVFSA/MODL 2023/24 (30 – 50 yrs)

Dist 1&2 (Lunenburg & Dist. F.D.)

Oran Hyson 50 yrs.

Hemford & District

Peter B. Hunter 30 yrs.
Peter G. Bezanson 30 yrs.
Arthur H. Jensen 35 yrs.
Allan G. Hunter 40 yrs.
Murdoch C. Hunter 45 yrs.
Donald W. Russell 50 yrs.
Phillip M Smith 50 yrs.

Midville & District

Peter Smith 30 yrs.
Graham Campbell Chief Ret. 35 yrs.
Wayne Wentzell 50 yrs.
Gerald Corkum 50 yrs.

Mahone Bay & District

Garnet Heisler 30 yrs.
Chris Wile 30 yrs.
Graham Stevens 30yrs.
Leo Veinot 40 yrs
Richard Nowe Chief Ret. 50yrs.

Pleasantville & District

Kevin Keddy 30 yrs.
Tony Allen 30 yrs.

New Germany

Douglas A. Veinot 50 yrs.
Chief Blair D. Lantz 50 yrs.
Michael F. Snyder 50 yrs.
Mervin Mossman 50 yrs.

United Communities

Cleveland Conrad 50 yrs. Harry Smith 50 yrs.

Walden

Donald J. Hiltz 30 yrs.
Andrew Veinotte 20 yrs.

MODL 20-year Bluenose Award

Dist 1&2 (Lunenburg & District)

Robert Fox

Hemford & District

James E. Zwicker

Midville & District

Blair Eisner
Philip Hebb
Troy Wentzell

Pleasantville & District

Derrick Langille Chief

Tri-District Fire Rescue

James Harpell
Glenn Meisner

NS 55+ Games Coming to the Region

September 22 - 27, 2025

The region is excited to be welcoming participants from across Nova Scotia for the Nova Scotia 55+ Games.

Participants will take part in a variety of activities from hockey and pickleball to card games and bowling. The mission of the event is centred around fun, fitness, and friends. We are looking forward to your participation in the event, be sure to keep an eye out for more information!



Summer Employment Deadlines

We are looking for strong, creative leaders with energy, motivation, and communication skills to deliver our summer recreation programs in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. Our summer programming spans across the District of Lunenburg encompassing all ages and abilities. Reliable transportation is required to travel to different locations daily. We welcome applications from all who feel their knowledge and skill set align with the goals of our department. Job descriptions and information on how to apply is available at modl.ca.

March 14, 2025 (Manager Positions, April-August: 15 to 17 weeks)


April 11, 2025 (Program Leaders, May-August: 12 to 15 weeks)


May 9, 2025 (Program Leaders, July-August: 8 to 9 weeks)

Get Updates About Holiday Collections and Storm Cancellations

Call (902) 543-2991

Listen to CKBW 98.1 FM and Country 100.7 FM

 Visit communityrecycling.ca or the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page

 Visit communityrecycling.ca and sign up for collection notifications through the R6Recycles Waste App.

Prevent Fires By Recycling Your Batteries

Lithium-ion batteries have caused an increasing number of fires on garbage trucks, landfills and recycling facilities. Lithium batteries are flammable when damaged or exposed to extreme temperatures.

Two major fires happened recently in the recycling facility which manages recyclables from our area. The waste site at 908 Mullock Road in Whynott's Settlement also suffered extensive damage from a fire in January of this year.

What can you do to avoid this?

- Don't put batteries in your garbage bag or blue bag.
- Always take your batteries to a battery recycling location.
- Drop off used batteries every three months to avoid corrosion.
- Handle damaged batteries with caution.

The waste site in Whynott's Settlement accepts batteries for free, as part of the provincial battery recycling program. Visit recyclemybattery.ca for information about the program, safety tips and drop off locations.

Find out how to handle damaged batteries safely: recyclemybattery.ca/battery-safety. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991.

Christmas Tree Collection

Tree pick up will take place on your regular collection day January 6 to 17.

Two trees will be collected per house. Remove all decorations. Artificial trees are picked up on regular collection days with bulky landfill items.

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

My Schedule Share

My Schedule | What Goes Where | Waste Sorting Game | Need help?

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District of Lunenburg - Tue White

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		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	Mayor's Office	(902) 541-1326
Building Inquiries/Inspection	(902) 541-1325	Planning	(902) 541-1325
Civic Addressing Inquiries	(902) 541-1325	Recreation, Parks & Tourism	(902) 541-1343
Dog Control Officer	(902) 543-2022	Roads (Dept. Public Works)	1-844-696-7737
Economic Development	(902) 530-2325	Solid Waste Inquiries	(902) 543-2991
Elections	(902) 527-8151	Solid Waste Collection Issues	1-855-530-3324
Engineering Department	(902) 541-1351	Taxes	(902) 541-1329

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