

SPRING 2025

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, EXPANSION, AND MANAGEMENT



Planning and investing for growth



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support initiatives that focus on regional economic development



COMMUNICATION + ENGAGEMENT

Building a strong community fabric

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

Work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changing climate



QUALITY OF LIFE

Programs and services to maintain and improve affordability and social inclusion for our residents



Council's 2025 Strategic Priorities

Council approved the 2025 Strategic Priorities at the Tuesday, February 25 Council meeting. The strategic priorities inform Council's 2025/2026 Municipal Budget deliberations. Visit engage.modl.ca/budget2025 to learn more about how the Strategic Priorities were set, to watch Council's deliberations on the topic, and to read staff reports.

In this issue, read about: Council's new Strategic Priorities, how to give your feedback on the 2025/2026 Budget, Project Volunteer, job opportunities for summer, how to plan for your pets in an emergency, what's happening with MODL2040, and a survey at the end!

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Mayor's Message

Council has been working hard on establishing our strategic priorities for next four years. We started with a retreat in early December which allowed us a good opportunity to get to know each other better, share what we heard from residents while we were campaigning and establish the priorities for our four-year term.

We also went out to our residents and provided an opportunity to get feedback on our ideas. We held a public engagement session on February 6, where we were able to have great conversations with the forty residents who came out on a stormy evening.

We also got residents visiting our engage.modl.ca site with 108 downloading the documents, visiting multiple pages and contributing a comment. We had 1,025 unique visits to the project page. Personally, I find this very encouraging that people want to contribute to our planning process.

We have now finalized our strategic priorities and based on the feedback we received we added Climate Change action.

Regional Economic Development

- Support initiatives that focus on regional economic development
- Commercial development (zoning, advocate for small business)
- Advocate for improved cell service
- Regional industrial park (investment for future tax benefit)
- Establish regional economic development platforms

Infrastructure Upgrades, Expansion, and Management

- Planning and investing for growth
- Collaborate regionally to expand infrastructure that supports growth
- Create a plan that identifies needed infrastructure to support all types of housing
- Strengthen recreational assets to support our growing diverse communities with a focus on access to waterways

Quality of Life

- Programs and services to maintain and improve affordability and quality of life for our residents
- Address loneliness, reconnect community and improve social inclusion
- Recreation, parks, and programs
- Celebrating and preserving communities

Communication and Engagement

- Building a strong community fabric
- Improve and increase public communication
- Improve and increase public engagement
- Focus on rebuilding community fabric



Climate Change Action

- Work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changing climate
- Reduce the District's corporate emissions
- Invest in climate resilient infrastructure
- Create opportunities for more food security in the region

These key areas will be the basis for our budget planning over the next six weeks. As part of our commitment to public engagement there will be opportunities for the public to provide feedback on our 2025-26 budget.

We are holding seven budget meetings in total. At the first six meetings, Council will receive budget-specific presentations. After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to address Council, with a maximum five minutes per person, in a Public Input Session.

At the final meeting on Tuesday, April 8, Council will follow the standard 15-minute Public Input Session, with the time divided by those wishing to speak. These comments will be considered as Council moves forward to finalize the budget on April 8, 2025. For those who cannot attend in person, the presentations will be recorded and available on YouTube at youtube.com/@modlnovascotia.

More than 220 residents have attended nine public engagement events since January, on topics ranging from Osprey Village, Council's Strategic Priorities, a Food Hub (photo below), and Pine Grove Outdoor Play Park. Residents heard presentations from staff and consultants, shared their opinions, and asked questions of Council.

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to have your voice heard on topics such as the 2025/2026 Budget and MODL2040. Visit engage.modl.ca for a complete list of projects and upcoming engagement events, and be sure to sign up for our monthly email newsletter, the District of Lunenburg Digest, at modl.ca/digest. Our email newsletter is the best way to learn what's happening in the District of Lunenburg, and to ensure you don't miss out.

We are taking important steps to create opportunities for residents to share ideas, concerns and be part of the decision-making of the District. I look forward to hearing from you.





Volunteer Spotlight

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



ElderDog Canada Serving seniors & canine companions, without fees, in Lunenburg County.

Located at 907 Feltzen South Rd, Feltzen South, **ElderDogLand's** facilities include:

- The Good Used Dog Stuff Store*,
- Dog Mobility Equipment Loan Bank*,
- Canine Memorial Gardens,
- Volunteer Celebration Circle of Trees,
- Place to Paws "chapel",
- The Wind-phone for grief support,
- Wildflower meadows, forest trails & more...

Open Daily except * which open by advance appointment, call/text 902-298-0254.



Visit www.elderdog.ca

or www.facebook.com/ElderDogLand/

Volunteer Opportunities

ElderDog is seeking volunteers to help with "land tasks" of caring for facilities and helping with annual events - Butterfly Release, Holiday Bazaar, Tree Planting, Bee Hives and other celebrations.

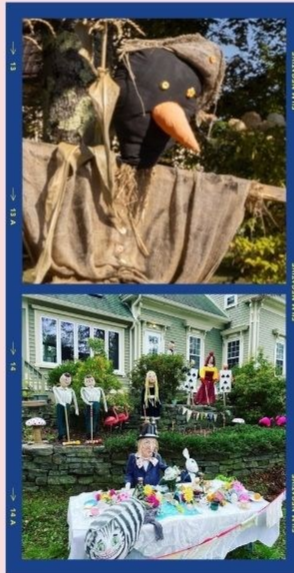
Interested? Please call 1-855-336-4226, or email: elderdogland@elderdog.ca

The Festivals of Mahone Bay

This creative group is behind the Scarecrow Festival and the Season of Father Christmas Festival. Both events take place in Mahone Bay and attract visitors from all over Nova Scotia and beyond! They also operate the Bay Hive, a creative community art space under Trinity United Church, to use as a homebase and crafting centre.

For more info please visit:

www.festivalsofmahonebay.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Planning for the 2025 Scarecrow Festival (Sep 26-Oct 14) has begun. They build, sew, dress, paint and lug scarecrows and so much more! They are always looking for volunteers who are: **Crafters or Helpers or happy with light Construction** ...all skill levels needed. They have fun doing what they do and offer flexibility on volunteer hours.

Interested? Please email: festivalsofmahonebay@gmail.com

Riverport & District Community Centre

79 Lower LaHave Rd, Riverport

The RCC provides the community and surrounding districts with an economical, inclusive and safe space for a wide range of interests. They offer meeting space for other non-profits, recreational/fitness activities, games nights, other clubs and events.

Coordinating community events like Canada Day, Dances, Old Fashioned Suppers and Auctions the RCC enlarges the social events/choices in their small community.



Volunteer Opportunities

The RCC Board is always looking for new people with new ideas for committee work and their Board of Directors. **Interested?** Please email: director_volunteers@riverportcc.com

Hall Rentals Also Available:

- Accessible entrance,
- Great Parking,
- EV Chargers,
- Commercial Kitchen and more...

For rental enquiries contact: bookings@riverportcc.com

National Volunteer Week - April 27 – May 4, 2025

The District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities. 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, their action, and the impact they have in making MODL a great place to live, work and play.



2023/2024 Fire Service Awards

Correction

Our apologies for the error in the last issue.

Hemford & District

Donald W. Russell 50 years

Phillip M Smith 50 years

New Germany Fire Department

Mervin Mossman 50 years

**KITE FLYING
FAMILY FUN DAY**

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!

Saturday, May 17
Rain date Sunday, May 18

1:00pm - 4:00pm

The MARC Ballfields
97 Leary Fraser Road, Dayspring

100+ free amazing kites to fly!
Children's entertainment
Food Trucks

MODL2040 on the Road

The District of Lunenburg has been working on a land use planning project called MODL2040 over the past several years.

The project was launched in 2020 and is a multi-year campaign to create a new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) based on a shared vision for the District up to the year 2040.

What is MODL2040?

The Province of Nova Scotia requires all municipalities create land use plans to ensure consistent planning standards. Every municipality in Nova Scotia is required to meet this minimum land use planning requirement by creating plans and bylaws that follow provincial guidelines, known as Statements of Provincial Interest. These are agriculture, drinking water, flooding, infrastructure, and housing.

The MODL2040 project is how the District will meet the minimum planning requirement of the province through the creation of comprehensive policies and regulations that will apply to every property in the entire District.

Upcoming Public Engagement Events

The first drafts of the MODL2040 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw are now complete. Planning staff will be holding a new round of public engagement sessions to share the draft policies and regulations with residents, and to gain feedback. More than a dozen events will be held throughout the District over the next few months.

For an up-to-the-minute list of events, to learn more, or to sign up for our MODL2040 email newsletter, visit engage.modl.ca/modl2040.

MODL2040



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.

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)

Email or drop off your resume to:

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

Job descriptions are available at [modl.ca/jobs](https://www.modl.ca/jobs)



Summer Employment Opportunities



Visitor Services Manager

deadline to apply March 26, 2025

Tourism Ambassador (student position)

deadline to apply April 9, 2025

Email, mail, or drop-off your resume to:

Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer
10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS B4V 9E4
ruth.wawin@modl.ca

Full job description found at:
www.modl.ca/jobs

Are Your Pets in Your Household Emergency Plan?

Emergencies may require evacuation, whether you're home or at work. Planning for your pets ensures their safety and reduces stress. Some emergencies come with warnings, allowing time to prepare, but others happen suddenly, requiring immediate action. Having a plan in place, before a notice arrives, removes a lot of stress.



Here are some things to think about as you plan for your pets.

- If evacuation happens while you're at work, what's your plan for your pets?
- If you are home and need to evacuate, will you be able to take your pets with you?
- Most shelters do not permit pets. Do you have arrangements to care for your pets?
- Do you have a pet emergency kit prepared?
- Are your pets used to being put into a crate for transport?

Before an Emergency

- Prepare a pet emergency kit with supplies and easy grab-and-go readiness.
- Bring pets indoors if an evacuation is possible to avoid searching for them if you need to leave in a hurry.
- Pets should wear a secure collar/harness with up-to-date ID and contact information.
- Arrange for a trusted neighbour to help your pets if you are not at home.
- Microchip your pet for easier reunification if they go missing.
- Familiarize pets with going into a crate before an emergency.
- Keep a recent photo of your pet for easier identification.
- Plan alternate accommodations for pets if you won't leave them in a pet shelter, human shelters do not permit pets.

During an Emergency

- If leaving your pet behind, put your pet in a secure room with adequate ventilation.
- Leave food and water for at least 7 days.
- Fill sink or bathtub with water that will not tip over. Your pet will be under stress and may drink more water than usual.
- Leave familiar bedding and safe toys for comfort.
- Keep dogs and cats separated, cage small animals and birds.
- Ensure pets are wearing ID tags and are microchipped to ensure their safe return.
- Place a note on your front door (in a Ziplock bag to keep it dry) indicating the number and locations of pets in the house. Provide your telephone number.
- If flooding is expected, provide access to elevate your pets.
- Never leave your pet tied up outside, especially in flood conditions.

For more information on pets and emergencies, visit [LunenburgREMO.ca/pet.html](https://www.lunenburgremo.ca/pet.html). There are a variety of documents you may be interested in, such as:

- Pet Preparedness Brochure
- Pet Checklists for a variety of pets
- Pet Boarding Instructions
- Lost Pet Flyer

Being prepared ensures the safety of both your family and pets. Emergencies are stressful, and pets may bolt or have accidents. Plan ahead—most emergency shelters don't allow pets, so make arrangements in advance.



The Future of Health & Community in Osprey Village

A new destination for wellness, connection, and innovation is coming to Osprey Village in 2026. This state-of-the-art facility will be home to Lumia Health, a groundbreaking collaborative healthcare space, and a dynamic Community Hub designed to bring people together.

Community Hub: Connect, Create, & Grow

Designed to bring people together, the Community Hub will provide spaces for work, learning, and connection.

The community hub will feature:

- ✓ A welcoming café
- ✓ Commercial kitchen
- ✓ 7,000 sq. ft. of community space
- ✓ Boardroom rentals

Lumia Health Total Care Collective

Built around the power of collaboration, this innovative collective will bring together a network of tenant partners, working side by side to deliver holistic, patient-centered care.

- ✓ A collaborative healthcare space
- ✓ Care is holistic & patient-centered
- ✓ Tech-driven health solutions
- ✓ Close to major developments

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The new Community Hub & Lumia Health's Total Care Collective will create new opportunities for care, collaboration, and connection.



Visit our website to learn more.



Stonemont by the Shore: A New Chapter in Senior Living with Municipal Support

Stonemont All-Inclusive Lifestyle Apartments officially opened its doors in November, welcoming its first residents to a community designed to enhance independent senior living. The development, in the growing community of Osprey Village, provides a range of living options, from independent Lifestyle Apartments to All-Inclusive Apartments with hospitality and care services such as meals, laundry, and medication assistance.

Temporary stay programs are also available to help residents transition from hospital care to a healthy and active lifestyle.

“The support of the District of Lunenburg was instrumental in making this project a reality,” said Sue Savoie, Executive Director of Stonemont by the Shore. “From the first early planning stages, the District’s commitment to encouraging responsible development has helped us create a place where seniors can thrive.”



Residents of Stonemont by the Shore enjoy amenities such as a heated pool, a full-service salon, a theatre, a state-of-the-art gym, and a test kitchen for cooking classes. The facility also offers a robust recreation program with live entertainment, yoga sessions, and virtual golf in the simulator room. Stonemont is developing partnerships with healthcare professionals to bring in additional services, including hearing clinics, physiotherapy, foot care, and optometry, furthering the goal of community-inclusive care.

In addition to enhancing senior living, the project has also contributed to the local economy. Currently employing 25 staff members, including licensed practical nurses, continuing care assistants, housekeeping, dining, office, and maintenance staff, Stonemont expects to expand to 50-60 employees as occupancy increases.

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile emphasized the importance of developments like Stonemont in strengthening both the tax base and quality of life for residents. “Projects like Stonemont by the Shore provide much-needed housing options for seniors while also creating jobs and contributing to the economic vitality of our region. As our population ages, having accessible and well-planned communities like this ensures that our residents can continue to live comfortably and independently.”

Stonemont’s expansion plans continue with upcoming projects, including a 650-unit development in Lake Loon, Dartmouth, breaking ground this year, and Stonemont in the Valley, set to open in 2027. Each Stonemont location is designed to reflect its natural surroundings, with Stonemont by the Shore celebrating its proximity to the LaHave River and the area’s beautiful beaches.

To learn more about Stonemont by the Shore and the broader Osprey Village community, visit stonemont.ca.

Community Events Listing – Spring 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) 529-0930
	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. Registration required.	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
	Seaside A Capella Women's Chorus	6:45pm – 9:00pm, Bridgewater area (call ahead to confirm location). Women's a cappella singing group. No music experience necessary, just a love of singing.	(902) 514-4636
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	(902) 634-7173 (902) 298-9943

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	Golden Youth Card Club	1:30pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. New members welcome. Auction 45's. Light refreshments served. \$3 per person. Time will change to 7:00pm on April 3.	(902) 527-5663
March 22	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am – 11:00am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade pancakes with eggs, bacon, sausage, homemade beans, and beverages. Fee: Adults: \$12, Children 6-12: \$6, Ages 5 and under: free.	(902) 677-2045
March 22	Coffee House	2:00pm. Hosted by the South Shore Chorale. Details TBA can be found on facebook/sschorale.	
April 19	Easter Egg Hunt	Hall opens at 12:30pm for cookie and egg decorating. Egg Hunt starts at 1:00pm. It's free.	(902) 677-2045
May 4	Waffle Brunch	10:00am – 12:30pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade waffles served with fresh fruit, fruit compotes, and syrups. Bacon, sausage, and beverages included. Fee: Adults: \$15, Children 6-12: \$7.50, Ages 5 and under: free.	(902) 677-2045
May 6	Rate Payers Meeting	7:30pm, Cornwall & District Fire Hall. Annual meeting for Cornwall and Newburne property owners. It's free!	(902) 624-9373
May 7	Turkey Salad Plate Luncheon	11:00am – 1:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1303 Highway 332, First South. Turkey salad, potato salad, coleslaw, broccoli-cauliflower salad, cranberries, rolls, and pies. Eat-In or Take-Out. \$15.	(902) 298-5171
May 10 & 11	South Shore Chorale Spring Concerts	Theme: Music and Home. Details TBA can be found on facebook/sschorale.	
May 17	Music Variety Concert	2:00pm – 4:30pm, South Shore Music Park, 140 Samuel Mader Road, New Canada. Featuring The Park Band, Occasional Harmony, Truelove Ways, Weymouth Hillbilly Band. Canteen available, 50/50 tickets, door prize, auction, wheelchair accessible. \$5.	(902) 523-5238
May 31	Plant Sale	9:30am – 12:30pm, Union Square Community Hall, 4505 Cornwall Road. Veggie and flower transplants, perennials, annuals, and houseplants. Canteen available. Cash only. All proceeds to the hall.	(902) 644-3459
June 7	Annual Plant Sale & BBQ	9:00am – 1:00pm, Barss Corner Community Hall. Proceeds to Barss Corner Baptist Ladies Auxiliary.	(902) 644-2523

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, May 8, 2025

MEET YOUR COUNCIL!

MORE PROFILES IN THE NEXT ISSUE



Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile

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I grew up on a dairy farm in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. I was educated at Mount St. Vincent University (Bachelor of Home Economics) and Dalhousie University (Master of Business Administration).

My entire working career was in agriculture starting with employment with Scotsburn Dairy and then moving to Wileville to farm with my late husband Peter Wile. Together we established Wile's Lake Farm Market in 1985. From the beginning, the Market business focused on selling local produce from the Wile's farm and from other local producers. The Market included a bakery, greenhouse business and Market. In 2023, the Market sold to Adrien and Sarah Van Dyk.

I served in several agricultural organizations including serving as President of Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia, and as a board member of Dairy Farmers of Canada. In the local community I was a founding member of the Lunenburg County Community Fund which supported projects including the municipality's clean-up of the LaHave River, and the establishment of LIFT Lunenburg County, a microlending fund for start-up businesses in Lunenburg County.

I have been a strong advocate for the opening of the palliative care beds in Fisherman's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg and the building of a hospice to serve Lunenburg and Queens County.

Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3

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It is my pleasure to serve a second term as the Municipal Councillor for District 3. This area includes Camperdown, Laconia, Lapland, Hebbs Cross, Hebbville, Waterloo, and Wileville. My husband and I raised our five children and supported children and parents as foster parents for over 25 years within the community. I have volunteered within Lunenburg County in various organizations. I had the opportunity to serve as president, chair, counsellor, leader, trainer, coach and facilitator as I worked with children, youth, parents, young and senior adults. Currently along with my work as your Municipal Councillor, I am involved in taking and facilitating groups at the South Shore Library, assisting with a local seniors group, and helping and leading health recovery exercises for adults.



When asked during the election time what I plan to do if elected I replied, "The same thing I have been doing the last four years. Which is listening and assisting residents that have municipal concerns or suggestions, supporting my residents when they need to deal with other levels of government, speaking up and working with other members of council to bring the services and programs that help us with our everyday lives."

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Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5

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Hi, I'm Councillor Cathy Moore. This is my 21st year representing District 5 with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

Representing my residents over the past 20 years has been so rewarding and humbling. I am looking forward to moving forward in this term with the people around this council table in a positive way.

There will be challenges to face. But there also will be rewards. District 5 has so many gems; Commercial and Home-based businesses, Churches and Community Halls, Not for Profit Groups, New Germany and Northfield District Volunteer Fire Departments serving the residents, South Shore Annapolis Trail and LaHave River Trail, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102, River Ridge Common Park, and a proposed P-Primary to Grade 12 new school and Rosedale Home for Special Care Nursing Home and also my pride and joy, carrying on a well respected legacy with an amazing committee -New Germany Canada Day celebrations. The New Germany and Area Medical Centre was a vision of Bill Alexander that came to be with a lot of volunteers, and I thank you for that! There are many reasons my feet hit the floor in the morning, and you all are one of them!



Councillor Alison Smith, District 6

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I am the Councillor for District 6. Originally from Caledonia, Queens County, I have lived in Watford with my husband and two sons for 20 years. I'm a writer with three published books of poetry and have taught creative writing in many settings, from schools to prison to libraries to living rooms.

To support my art, I've also worked in many service and seasonal jobs. Most recently I worked as a research officer in provincial politics. In my free time, I enjoy volunteering in the community, making collages, gardening, and exploring the natural beauty of the area. This is my first term on municipal council. Sign up for my newsletter at eepurl.com/iYxwis.

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Deputy Mayor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

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Having spent nearly my entire life in District 10 of the Municipality, being born and raised in Garden Lots and currently residing on Corkums Island with my two children, I have a deep-rooted connection to this community. My interest in municipal politics stems from the belief that this level of government is closest to the people, and with the right leadership and commitment, we can make a real difference in the lives of our residents. I aim to instill in my children and those around me the importance of community service as an integral part of life.

This is my second term serving. I was acclaimed in the 2024 election after previously serving from 2020-2024. I have also been elected by council to serve as Deputy Mayor. While this is my second term, I am no stranger to municipal government, having spent the previous 15 years working for MODL. I also serve as the Regional Representative on the board of directors for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

Outside of my municipal responsibilities, volunteering in my community plays a significant role. I currently serve as the president of the Lunenburg and District Swimming Pool, a member of the Lunenburg and District Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, a volunteer with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and a volunteer with Bluenose Academy. Additionally, I can often be found at various community events or assisting in the kitchen at local fundraisers.

Alongside my council duties, I work for Nova Scotia Health as a Patient Advocate and for the South Shore Regional Centre for Education as a Teacher Assistant. I cherish all the opportunities I get to experience to work for the people of our community and there is no place I'd rather call home.



New! Evening Council meetings

April 8
May 13
June 10

6pm

Watch live at youtube.com/@modlnovascotia



District Spotlight: Public Engagement Locations

Public engagement is a vital part of decision-making in our District. We try to make it as accessible as possible by choosing venues that suit the needs of each event while being responsible with taxpayer dollars. Whether it's a small consultation or a large open house, our goal is to ensure residents can participate comfortably and effectively. We've recently received questions about our event locations and wanted to share the key factors we consider when selecting public engagement venues.

The Municipal Services Building

When the Municipal Services Building was built in 2020, we focused on functionality and value. The building was designed primarily for municipal operations and Council meetings, where 50 to 75 residents speak one at a time. However, public engagement events often require space for 40 to 100 people to move around displays, visit tables, and hold multiple conversations at once.

Since we only need this type of space five or six times per year, expanding the building by 2,000 to 3,000 square feet to accommodate these occasional events would not have been a responsible use of public funds. Over the building's lifespan, renting the Best Western or another suitable venue when needed costs significantly less than adding square footage to our municipal building.

The Best Western

We use the conference space at the Best Western for events that require:

- A central location when the issue affects the entire municipality,
- Ample space for attendees to move around comfortably, and
- High-quality AV equipment for streaming or presentations.

Smaller Venues

We always choose the most practical and cost-effective venue based on the event's needs. Often, this is Council Chambers, or fire halls and community centres. For example, our recent Pine Grove Outdoor Play Park consultation took place in Council Chambers since we anticipated a smaller crowd.

Outside of Cookville

When a topic is of particular importance to a specific community, we look to book in the affected communities. For instance, in 2023 and 2024, we held Coastal Protection meetings throughout the District in fire halls and community centres near the coast, even one on Big Tancook Island. During our 2023 Parks and Recreation Engagement Project, staff visited 21 parks and beaches to talk to residents. We also regularly connect with residents at events in our smaller economic centres such as New Germany and Petite Rivière.

This year, our spring and summer MODL2040 planning engagement sessions will be held in fire halls and community centres across the District. With nearly a dozen events planned in multiple locations, attendance will be smaller at each one, allowing us to book appropriately sized venues outside of Cookville.

Yes, we Offer Refreshments!

We recognize that some attendees may be coming straight from work without time for supper. A small snack—typically coffee, cookies, or fruit—is an inexpensive part of making these events welcoming and accessible.

For Those Who Prefer Online

For those who prefer not to attend in person, or cannot attend in person, we always provide opportunities to submit feedback online at engage.modl.ca or by phone or email to staff or Council. Your input is important, and we encourage everyone to participate in the way that works best for them.

NEW: Light Recycling Program & Battery Recycling Program

Two new recycling stewardship programs have been introduced in Nova Scotia.

Light Recycling Program

Lights are accepted free of charge from residents and businesses, regardless of the brand. The program accepts intact (whole) units and does not accept lamps that have been crushed on purpose.

Accepted Products:

- Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- Fluorescent tubes (straight, curved, U, circular, square, etc.)
- High-intensity discharge (HIDs) and special purpose bulbs
- Incandescent and halogen bulbs
- Miniature bulbs
- Light emitting diodes (LEDs)
- Ultra High Performance (UHP) (replacement projector lamps)
- UV and germicidal bulbs



Products Not Accepted:

- Ballasts and light fixtures
- Lamps integrated into products that are not intended for easily removal or replacement by end users
- String lights (Christmas lights)

The waste site accepts lights at 908 Mullock Road, Whyntott's Settlement. Visit productcare.org/products/lights/nova-scotia or call (902) 543-2991 for more information. Businesses with high quantities of lights to dispose of may arrange for on-site pick up, visit productcare.org/products/lights/nova-scotia/commercial-volumes. Recyclable lights are no longer accepted during curbside collection.

Battery Recycling Program

Recycling batteries keeps harmful chemicals out of the environment, prevents waste facility fires and ensures they are made into new batteries.

Accepted Products

- A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries
- Button and coin batteries (used in hearing aids, watches, etc.)
- Rechargeable battery packs from power tools (under 5 kgs)
- E-bike and E-scooter batteries

Products Not Accepted

- Batteries over 5 kgs (including car and forklift batteries)



How to Recycle: Collect and store in a glass or plastic container. Protect by taping off the terminals of all lithium, rechargeable and alkaline batteries over 9V and all button/coin batteries. Deliver to an approved drop off location (at least every three months to avoid corrosion). The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whyntott's Settlement accepts batteries. Visit recyclemybattery.ca or call (902) 543-2991. Important safety information: damaged, corroded and leaking batteries require special handling. Visit recycleyourbatteries.ca/battery-safety. Recyclable batteries are no longer accepted during curbside collection.

Earth Week Litter Clean Up

April 20 - 26, 2025: Get together with friends, your community group or co-workers and collect litter from your road, beach or local playground. Call 902-543-2991 to register before your clean up. You'll receive bags, gloves and a certificate of recognition. Litter bag collection is organized for your clean up. In 2024, twenty community groups and several schools participated. A BIG thank you to all the groups that took part!



Litter Clean Up Incentive Program

Looking for a fundraiser for your community group or non-profit group? The District of Lunenburg is offering a Litter Clean Up Incentive Program. The program gives groups an opportunity to earn \$100 per kilometer for collecting litter along roadways in the District. For details and to apply, call (902) 543-2991 or visit communityrecycling.ca. In 2024, fifteen groups cleaned up 95 kms of roadway. A BIG thank you to all the groups that have participated to date!



Walden Volunteer Fire Department (top photo) has done three clean ups since the program began in 2020, and Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue (bottom photo) has done five clean ups!



Volunteer for the NS 55+ Games



The Nova Scotia 55+ Games are coming to Lunenburg County **September 21–25, 2025**, and we need volunteers like you! Help make this event a success by supporting participants in a variety of exciting activities, including hockey, pickleball, card games, bowling, and much more! Whether you love sports, enjoy card games, or simply want to give back to your community, there is a volunteer role for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this fun and inspiring event!

Visit www.ns55plus.ca to learn more and sign up to volunteer today!

For any questions please email 55games@lclc.ca



District of Lunenburg Digest

Learn about what's happening in the District of Lunenburg! Sign up for our monthly email newsletter at modl.ca/Digest



Waste Collection Information

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

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

Sorting Brochures

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

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

DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG INC. 1879

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Mahone Bay

My Schedule Share

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

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

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

December 2020 today < >

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



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

Find us on Facebook! facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre

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

Important Numbers

General Inquiries	(902) 543-8181	Engineering Department	(902) 541-1351
Planning/MODL 2040	(902) 530-2802	Mayor's Office	(902) 541-1326
Building Inquiries/Inspection	(902) 541-1325	Recreation, Parks & Tourism	(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
Elections	(902) 527-8151	Taxes	(902) 541-1329

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

Enter to Win a Gift Card for the Best Western Bridgewater!

We're enhancing our communications and public engagement efforts, and we want to hear from you. Please visit engage.modl.ca/MunicipalMatters to complete the survey online, or fill out the survey below to be entered into a draw to win a \$250 gift card to the Best Western Bridgewater. One entry per person.

How much of each issue of Municipal Matters do you read?

- None, I rarely or never read it.
- Some of it
- Most of it
- All of it

Municipal Matters is issued four times a year. Do you think this is...?

- Just right
- Not frequent enough
- Too frequent

Municipal Matters is delivered with the flyers as unaddressed bulk mail. Do you think this is...?

- Ok, I always receive it
- A problem, sometimes I don't receive a copy
- Other: _____

Do you think Municipal Matters is easy to read and find what you're looking for?

- Yes
- No.

If you answered no, please let us know what you don't like about the design.

What type of stories are you most likely to read?

- I read everything
- Municipal news
- Mayor's Corner
- Event listings
- Waste & Recycling information
- Recreation information
- Volunteer programs
- Economic development/local business information
- I don't read it
- Other: _____

What topics would you like to see us cover in the future?

How would you rate the District's communication efforts overall?

- Excellent
 - Good
 - Acceptable
 - Poor
 - Very poor
- Comments:

Since January 2022, have you attended an online or in person public engagement event with the District? (i.e. open house, info session, public hearing, etc.)

- Yes
- No

If not, what has prevented you from participating? Select all that apply.

- I don't have time.
- I'm not interested in the topics discussed.
- I'm not sure how to participate.
- I don't believe my input will make a difference.
- I prefer to send feedback another way (e.g. through my Councillor, online, by Facebook comment, etc.).
- I didn't hear about the event in time
- I don't know when engagement opportunities happen.
- Other: _____

Have you visited engage.modl.ca, our online engagement platform?

- Yes, but I haven't participated in a project.
- Yes, and I have contributed or signed up for updates
- No, I haven't visited engage.modl.ca
- Other: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE —>

How do you prefer to participate in public engagement with the District? Select all that apply.

- Attending in-person events (e.g., open houses, public meetings).
- Attending virtual events (e.g., interactive online meetings or watching livestreamed meetings).
- Providing feedback online (e.g., surveys, email).
- Providing feedback through my Councillor.
- Receiving info by mail and providing written feedback.
- Engaging on Facebook.
- I'm not interested in participating.
- Other (please specify):

Do you receive the District of Lunenburg Digest, our monthly email newsletter?

- Yes
- No
- Not yet, please sign me up! My email is:

Which social media platforms do you use? Select all that apply.

- Facebook
- X (formerly Twitter)
- Instagram or Threads
- Bluesky
- None
- Other: _____

Which newspaper do you read? Select all that apply.

- South Shore Breaker
- South Shore Bulletin
- Chronicle Herald
- Lunenburg Barnacle
- I don't read the newspaper
- Other: _____

Which radio stations do you listen to? Check all that apply.

- CKBW
- CBC
- CJHK Country 100.7
- 107.9 Go Rock
- I don't listen to the radio
- Other: _____

We're considering introducing an app that would provide you with an easy way to access municipal news, see events, and more. Would you consider downloading a District of Lunenburg app?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

If you answered no, what would keep you from trying our app?

Other than the media listed above, where do you get news about local events and happenings in the area? Select all that apply.

- Friends/family
- Podcasts
- Coworkers
- Television
- Websites
- Other (please specify):

Which age category do you fall into?

- 0 – 29
- 30 – 49
- 50 – 65
- 65+

Which community do you live in?

Do you have any other suggestions for improving how we communicate with residents?

To be entered into the draw, please leave your contact information below and drop off this survey to the Municipal Services Building during business hours, use our after hours mail slot, mail it to us, or email it to info@modl.ca

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Deadline: Friday, April 11, 2025