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Next steps for municipal-wide land-use planning

Thank you to everyone who participated in our public engagement activities on municipal-wide land use planning (MODL2040) over the past several months. We have officially wrapped this phase of public engagement. Whether we heard from you through a Facebook comment or an open house, we appreciate your time and your thoughts on this work.

A recap of the past few months

The Municipality has been working on drafting property regulations for the District, as required by the province. As many of you know, the first drafts of a municipal-wide Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law were released in March 2025. These documents were our first attempt at creating a proposed planning framework for the District.

The release sparked a lot of conversation about the content of the drafts and what they would mean for residents and as a result, we heard from many of you throughout the process and gathered a significant amount of feedback.

Our engagement activities included a town hall session, open houses, a survey, stakeholder workshops and more across every district. Since April, we have received feedback from hundreds of residents across the entire Municipality.

So... What's next?

We are actively working on compiling and summarizing your insights into a What We Heard Report that will be presented in a public meeting during the Fall of 2025. Following the release of the Report, Council will then provide input and direction to staff on their priorities for the second drafts of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.

Staff will plan to work on the second drafts of the planning documents in the winter. A second draft will be drafted during early 2026, with the goal of bringing the documents back to the public for more engagement in Spring of 2026. At that time, we will be looking for your input again on specific aspects of the second draft, such as the proposed zones. Stay tuned for regular updates on our work!

Project Timeline

- ✓ Project Launch 2020
- ✓ Initial Engagement 2020/2021
- ✓ Draft #1 Released March 2025
- ✓ Public Engagement April - June 2025
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement July 2025
- ★ What We Heard Report Writing Summer and early Fall 2025
- What We Heard Report Release Fall 2025
- Draft #2 Release for Engagement Late Winter 2026
- Public Engagement Draft #2 Early Spring 2026



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Message From the Mayor

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The fall work begins

Summer holidays are now behind us, and our August break from regular Council meetings already feels like a distant memory. I enjoyed the change of pace during the month—responding to resident questions, preparing for the months ahead, and taking part in many wonderful community events. From the Big Ex to 4-H Achievement Day in Parkdale-Maplewood, the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, and farmers' markets across the District, it was a pleasure to see so many people out and about.

One highlight for me was helping build a dry stone wall at the Cherry Hill Community Cemetery—lots to learn about the art of picking and placing stones! I also made time for gardening, wandering beaches, and sharing good meals with friends and family. It was a refreshing and grounding few weeks.

As we head into fall, we are nearing the one-year mark since this Council was elected. That milestone brings with it a moment of reflection. In the coming weeks, we will revisit the strategic priorities we set in December 2024, evaluate our progress, and make any necessary adjustments. We will also be preparing for the 2026–2027 budget cycle, which begins later this fall. While we set a clear direction last year, we know that things evolve—and it's important that our plans reflect that reality.

Municipal Planning Strategy

Our first major task this fall is to review the extensive public input we received during the spring consultations on our municipal planning strategy. More than 850 people participated through public meetings, stakeholder sessions, and open houses at the municipal office.

Staff will present a "What We Heard" report to Council in the coming weeks, followed by four public Council meetings which will provide staff with some initial direction on key planning issues: watershed and lakeshore protection, agricultural land use and livestock holdings, home-based businesses, and zoning design. These meetings will be open to the public, livestreamed on YouTube, and the audio recording are available on the MODL website. Your Councillor or I are also happy to speak with you directly as the process moves forward. A second draft of the strategy will be presented in early 2026, with public consultations scheduled for March and April.



Ongoing Initiatives

We will also continue work on several ongoing initiatives:

Community Council Meetings:

Our first Council meeting in the community takes place on October 14 at the Conquerall Bank Fire Hall. The agenda will focus on topics of interest to residents in the southern part of the District—stay tuned for details.

Public Transit Expansion:

Planning continues with the Town of Bridgewater to extend bus service to Hebbville, Wileville, and Osprey Village. MODL has committed funding, and Town staff are working on routing and cost estimates. We've agreed in principle to cost-sharing and are finalizing the draft expansion plan.

Joint Council Collaboration: Our Growth Management Committee is now organized and ready to work together with Bridgewater's Council. A joint Council meeting will be held this fall to build shared understanding around infrastructure, water and wastewater services, planning, and housing development—key areas that cross municipal boundaries. Our plans for joint initiatives will develop from these discussions. These meetings are open to the public.

Cell Service Advocacy: We've begun work with local MLAs and municipal leaders across Lunenburg County to press Build Nova Scotia for an improved cell service plan. This work will continue through the fall.

Communication and Community

You will soon hear more about our new municipal app and ongoing improvements to *Municipal Matters*—all part of our commitment to keeping you informed and connected.

Personally, I'm reminded how quickly a year can pass. That's why we remain focused on delivering progress on the projects and priorities we've set. As always, please stay in touch with your Councillor or with me directly. We value your questions, ideas, and concerns.

And finally—don't forget to support your local businesses. Every dollar spent locally strengthens our community.

— *Your Mayor Elspeth*

District News

West Northfield Community Centre becomes a Comfort Centre

A few years ago, the volunteers of the West Northfield Community Centre decided that a transition to a comfort centre would make a big impact in the event of an emergency. The centre, designed to open in a moment's time, also serves as a hub for the community to gather, a place that allows people to come in and have a coffee, a sandwich, or charge their devices.

Chair member, Bruce Veinotte, spoke about the recent upgrades made to turn the community centre into a comfort centre. "Over the last few years, we've gotten grants from both the Municipality, and the Province, we appreciate that very much. Without these grants, we don't raise enough revenue to support our community."

Bruce was recognized as the 2024 Provincial Volunteer Representative, dedicating over six decades of his life to his community. Throughout his volunteer efforts, he's spent time in a variety of organizations such as his church, the Northfield and District Fire Department, and the West Northfield Community Centre.

Recently, the centre had a generator installed along with four large propane tanks which would allow the generator to run for extended periods of time. The centre also has a number of power bars for people to go in and charge their phone or devices. In their final stages of setting up, the centre has placed itself on the list for the EHS Defibrillator Program.

Though it has not yet been used as a comfort centre as there



has not been a need, the volunteers are prepared, and so is the centre.

"You don't know when there is going to be an emergency, but our kitchen is quite capable of supplying coffee, donuts, sandwiches, as well as heat if we have an emergency in the winter and it gets cold, or air conditioning if the power goes out in the summer and people need to cool down, no matter the situation, we have a number of people ready to open up the centre," said Bruce.

As of now, the centre sees a small group of people who come in every two weeks to get together and enjoy the camaraderie. Bruce says the centre serves as a place to gather, even when it isn't an emergency. "The way weather has been changing, it's always a possibility that we will have to open for an emergency situation, we are all very grateful for the grants we've received. It has upgraded our little community centre to bring it to a more modern time."

Protecting our natural spaces: removing invasive Rosa Multiflora

A seemingly delicate white flower called Rosa Multiflora, or multiflora rose, may look harmless, but it is an aggressive shrub that is quickly overtaking roadsides, meadows, woodlands, and private yards in Nova Scotia. Rosa Multiflora is an invasive species, it spreads uncontrollably and disrupts local ecosystems, posing a threat to our native plants.

The multiflora rose forms dense and thorny bushes that smother native shrubs, trees, and wildflowers. It blocks sunlight and competes for nutrients and space; these bushes can even climb and take over mature trees.

One multiflora rose plant can produce hundreds of thousands of seeds per year, and those seeds can stay viable in soil for decades. Birds and other animals eat the red hips that appear as berries, and spread the seeds far and wide, if the stems touch the ground, they can root and form new plants.

Rosa Multiflora is becoming more common. If you see a fast-growing shrub with arching stems, hooked thorns, clusters of small white flowers in late spring, and red berries through

the winter; it is likely the multiflora rose. You can help by removing the plant if you see it on your property. For small plants, pull by hand with thick gloves before berries develop and dig out roots completely. For large plants, cut 1 inch from the ground frequently to stop growth.



District News

Lighting the way: Fire halls lead energy efficiency

For the next three years, the District of Lunenburg is working with EfficiencyOne's Municipal Energy Management team to find ways to improve energy efficiency across municipal buildings. Since buildings are a major source of emissions for municipalities, reducing their energy use is key to meeting climate goals. The partnership began with energy audits at local fire halls, aimed at lowering emissions and reducing operational costs.

So far, 10 fire halls have taken part in these voluntary energy assessments: Hebb's Cross, Oakhill & District, Hebbville, LaHave, Blockhouse & District, Italy Cross, Dayspring & District, New Germany, Cornwall & District, and Walden Volunteer Fire Departments. These efforts support not only our energy goals but also our volunteer emergency services.

Improving efficiency in public buildings is a practical way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and utility costs. Fire halls, in particular, are critical infrastructure—they operate year-round and often serve as emergency hubs and community gathering spaces. Boosting their energy performance ensures these buildings remain safe, comfortable, and cost-effective.

Each fire hall underwent a detailed energy audit by



EfficiencyOne's team. These on-site assessments looked at insulation, lighting, heating systems, ventilation, and overall energy use to identify areas for improvement. Many older buildings in Nova Scotia were not built with energy efficiency in mind, making upgrades like improved insulation and sealing air leaks especially valuable.

The audits also helped departments identify both larger retrofits and quick wins. Switching to LED lighting, for example, was one of the most common and cost-effective recommendations. It's easy to implement, delivers quick energy savings, and improves lighting quality—a win across the board.

Overall, the audits revealed clear trends. Lighting upgrades were a top opportunity in all 10 buildings. Other frequent recommendations included improving insulation and reducing drafts, which are especially important in older fire halls. These changes can significantly lower energy use and operating costs.

With these findings in hand, we're now looking at ways to help departments act on the recommendations. This includes identifying funding options and support programs for technologies like heat pumps, upgraded insulation, and solar panels. The goal is to turn audit results into real-world upgrades that benefit both the environment and the community.



Visit the Explore MODL Events Calendar

Find out What is Happening Near You!

From concerts to community BBQs, there's always something happening in the District of Lunenburg and now it's easier than ever to find local events in one place.

www.exploremodl.ca/events

Hosting an event?

Share it on the calendar and help spread the word!

- ✓ Free to post
- ✓ Reaches locals & visitors
- ✓ Simple online form



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Mark Your Calendar

We're bringing Council meetings to you!

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We're holding Council meetings in local community centres across the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. This is part of our commitment to making local government more accessible and helping more residents take part in the conversation.

Join us for our first
Council in the Community session:

Tuesday, October 14
at Conquerall Bank Fire Hall

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

District News

Connecting with farmers to shape planning

As part of the ongoing work on the second draft of MODL2040, our municipal-wide land use planning project, our planners and the Mayor recently visited local farms to gain first-hand insights into the agricultural sector. Farmers play a vital role in shaping our rural landscape, and these conversations help ensure the plan reflects the realities and needs of our farming community.

John Visser welcomed us to his family's poultry farm, where he works alongside his wife Kathy and sons Christopher and Tom. Discussions highlighted the important role our farmers play in Nova Scotia's food supply.

At another stop, Krista and John Harding shared their diverse operation: a sheep farm managed by Krista and a vineyard managed by John. We saw how working dogs move sheep between pastures and learned how the vineyard adapts to cold weather and changing climate conditions.

Additional visits included farms operated by Connie Jefferson and Paul Mailman, and Ralph Corkum. These conversations provided valuable input to guide land use planning that supports agriculture while balancing growth and development.

We thank all the farmers who took the time to speak with us. Their expertise and perspectives are helping shape a strong, sustainable future for the District.



Ralph Corkum and MODL Planning staff



Krista Harding



Connie Jefferson and Paul Mailman



John Visser, Mayor Elpseth McLean-Wile and MODL Planning staff



John Harding



Volunteer Spotlight



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

South Shore Sexual Health

This non-profit organization, serving Lunenburg & Queens counties, is devoted to promoting health and well-being for all ages, through support, supplies and services - including free HIV self-tests, condoms and dams and gender affirming gear.

They provide regular outreach at Bridgewater and Liverpool libraries each month.



Volunteer Opportunities

South Shore Sexual Health is **urgently seeking Board members**, especially folks with financial and legal expertise.

The Board meets monthly and the commitment would ideally be for a minimum of 2 years.

If this is something you are interested in, please email:

info@southshoresexualhealth.com

For more information visit: www.southshoresexualhealth.com

Elderfit Aquacize

Elderfit is a water exercise program designed for seniors and the physically compromised. Its mission is to raise awareness among seniors to the health and lifestyle benefits of remaining physically and mentally active. Satisfied participants report improvements in agility, mobility, posture, flexibility, strength and endurance, as well as having fun with others.

Swimming ability is not required.

You can enjoy Elderfit at:

- **LCLC** - Mon-Fri 10am (All Year)
- **Oak Island Resort & Conf. Centre** - Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30am (Sep-Jun)
- **Stonemount by the Shore** - Mon 2:30pm (All Year)



Volunteer Opportunities

They are looking for a volunteer **to join their lively and engaged Board of Directors** and who has experience with Quickbooks. They meet every two months (Sep-Jun) for around 1.5hrs.

Want to know more?

Call: 902-527-1887 or Email elderfitlunenburg@gmail.com

For more information visit: www.elderfitlunenburg.ca

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute

MTRI is a non-profit co-operative with a mandate to promote, conserve and sustain biodiversity in Kespukwitk (southwestern Nova Scotia) and beyond.

Although located in Kempt, they serve all counties within Kespukwitk including Lunenburg County.

 @merseytobeatic



Volunteer Opportunities

MTRI welcomes the contributions of all citizen scientists! Assist in biodiversity and species at risk monitoring for turtles, Monarch butterflies, bats, birds, snakes, and more. Some projects can even be done from your own backyard!

For more info on volunteer opportunities check out: www.kswnsconservation.ca

District News

Municipal and provincial funding revitalize Walden's community hub



From Left to Right: Alison Smith- MODL Councillor District 6; Melanie Langille - Chief WVFD; Trudy Payne - MODL Director Recreation, Parks & Tourism; Susan Corkum-Greek - MLA Lunenburg; Tammy Dorey - Associate Member WVFD; Dave Kwantes- Lieutenant Engineer WVFD; Sara Harding - Radio Operator WVFD; Stephen Harding- Firefighter WVFD; and Michelle Greek - Former MODL Councillor District 6/Firefighter New Germany Fire Department.

The Walden Fire and Community Hall, serving as a fire hall, community center, and comfort centre, recently underwent significant upgrades. Thanks to grant funding from the District of Lunenburg and the Province of Nova Scotia, the building underwent much-needed improvements for safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency.

The building, established in 1991 and constructed in 1994, has become a vital space for Walden residents. "They fundraised for three years to build the building," said Sara Harding. Over its 31-year history, it has hosted countless events ranging from weddings to bingo nights. Sara states, "It is the only public building in Walden... it's kind of the hub of the community."

Being in service for a little more than three decades, the hall's original infrastructure was in need of repair and upgrade. "Everything was from the original building in 1994, we needed new bay doors. Ours were on a chain where you had to pull up the doors manually. There was air leakage, and people with mobility issues had a hard time entering due to a step." The manual open bay doors posed a safety risk and impeded the hall's ability to quickly exit, and the concrete on the outside hindered community access.

The upgrades to the building were carried out in two phases through municipal and provincial funding and addressed safety and accessibility. The hall implemented new bay and entrance doors, drainage improvements, non-slip flooring, fresh paint, among other important upgrades. The District of Lunenburg's grant helped the

Walden Fire and Community Hall in their first phase, replacing two windows in the radio operator area.

With the changes, operational efficiency has improved for the fire department, and made the hall a warmer, safer, and more inviting space for events in this important community hub. The upgrades were made possible not only through funding, but through the generous time and skills of volunteers in the local area.

"I am so proud of how the department and community worked together to make this happen," said Walden Volunteer Fire Department Chief Melanie Langille.

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Starting September 2, 2025

2% Processing Fee Applies



Fall into Fun with MODL Recreation

We have a fantastic
line-up of programs
for all ages and
abilities to enjoy.

Here's a sneak peak!



Wheelchair Basketball



Thursdays, September 18 - October 9
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Lunenburg Community Centre
It's Free!

All About Squash



Sunday, September 28
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Pleasantville Fire Hall
\$15

Low-Sensory Fall Family Picnic



Saturday, October 4
1:00pm - 3:00pm
MARC, Dayspring
It's Free!

Stay Safe! Course



Saturday, October 18
9:00am - 1:00pm
Voglers Cove Community Hall
\$35

Journal & Joy



Monday, October 20
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Riverport & District Community Centre
\$20

Family Pumpkin Party



Saturday, October 25
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Parkdale/Maplewood Community Centre
It's Free!

Cast Iron Baking



Sunday, November 9
2:00pm - 4:00pm
MARC, Dayspring
It's Free!

Family Glow Dance



Friday, November 14
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Hebville Fire Hall
It's Free!

Gifts From Your Kitchen



Sunday, November 30
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Riverport & District Community Centre
\$15

Seniors' Holiday Party



Wednesday, December 10
11:00am - 2:00pm
Best Western Plus Hotel, Cookville
\$15

For a complete list of programs, please visit www.connect2rec.com!

Registration is required!



www.connect2rec.com



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District Spotlight

How Council makes decisions

How does Council make decisions?

Council makes decisions by reviewing information provided in staff reports, discussing the issues in public meetings, and voting based on what they believe is in the best interest of the Municipality and its residents. This process is designed to be transparent and informed by professional advice, public input, and best practices.

Who writes the reports that go to Council?

Municipal staff write reports that go to Committees and Council. These reports are typically prepared by subject matter experts in their field, such as planners, engineers, or policy analysts.

Staff use current best practices, review how similar municipalities have handled the same or similar issues, and consider results from public engagement before making a recommendation to Council.

What happens when a report is on an agenda?

Most reports first appear on a Committee of Council agenda, where the topic is opened for discussion. Councillors on the Committee and public Committee members can ask questions, request clarification, debate the issue, and hear from staff or members of the public. If it's a

Committee meeting, the Committee may recommend that the report be forwarded to a future Council meeting for a final decision, or they may ask staff to make changes or gather more information before it comes back for further discussion.

When does Council see these reports?

Councillors see these reports at the same time as the public—when the meeting agenda is published. At the District of Lunenburg, agendas for both Committee or Council meetings are released to Council and the public and posted on our website at modl.ca on Thursday afternoons. This means that Councillors don't get advance copies or make decisions before the public sees the report.

Does a report on the agenda mean Council has already decided?

No. This is a common misunderstanding. In fact, the presence of a report means the decision-making process is still underway, though it could conclude at the meeting. Council meetings are an important step where Councillors consider the information presented, ask questions, and hear different perspectives before making a final decision.

Calling Volunteer Organizations

from Lunenburg and Queens Counties

Hubbards to Port l'Hebert,
Atlantic Coast to County Lines!

Save the Date!

Volunteer Summit

Saturday, Nov 8, 2025

NSCC, Bridgewater

Email recreation@chester.ca to stay informed



Community Events

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) 298-0871
	Alzheimer Society Caregiver Education Series	2:30pm – 4:30pm, Margaret Hennigar Library, Bridgewater. October 20 – November 24 (6 weeks). Our Caregiver Education Series is for family members and care partners of persons recently diagnosed with dementia. Participants learn about the symptoms of dementia, coping strategies, future planning issues, and available community resources. Free. Registration required.	(902) 422-7961 ext. 243
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Eight games of singles crib with cash prizes. Entrance: \$4, High Hand: \$1, 50/50 tickets available.	(902) 298-4084
	Music Jam	7:00pm – 10:00pm, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall, Baker Settlement. 50/50, canteen, pie/cake/cookies. Wheelchair accessible. Freewill 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
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 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
Thursdays	Golden Youth Card Club	7:00pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Time will change to 1:30pm on November 6. Ages	(902) 527-5663
Fridays	Alzheimer Society Shaping the Journey	9:30am – 11:30am, Location TBA in Bridgewater. October 24-November 28 (6 weeks). This program is designed for people with a recent diagnosis of early-stage dementia, and a care partner, family member, or friend. It provides participants with evidence-based education from knowledgeable, professional staff in a supportive environment. This program also provides an opportunity to receive separate, facilitated peer support. Free.	1-800-611-6345
	Kaleidoscope Chorus	Details TBA. Male Singers wanted! An exciting new chorus is active and growing and looking for more male members. Kaleidoscope is a Show Chorus that sings in the A Cappella style with male and female singers.	(902) 543-8779
September 7	IWK Gospel Variety Show	2:00pm – 4:30pm, South Shore Music Park, 140 Samuel Mader Road, New Canada. Featuring Valley Blue, Tristan and Greg Weare, David Graves, and Ruth Manning with MC Alice Kaulback-Taylor. Reggie's canteen available, 50/50 tickets, door prize, wheelchair accessible. Freewill offering. Everyone welcome.	(902) 514-6425
September 20	Indoor Yard Sale	9:00am – 1:00pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. A good selection and variety of gently used items. A canteen and bake sale table. No admission. For more information check out their Facebook page or website.	
September 20	Newfoundland Music Variety Concert	2:00pm – 4:30pm, South Shore Music Park, 140 Samuel Mader Road, New Canada. Featuring Bernie Sharp and Friends, Alma Elliot, Ron Muise Country Sound, and Wanda B and the Crew with MC Ron Muise. Reggie's canteen available, 50/50 tickets, door prize, auction, wheelchair accessible. \$5.	(902) 514-6425
September 21	Old Fashioned Supper	4:00pm – 6:00pm, Riverport Community Centre. Ham, beans, and scalloped potatoes OR Lunenburg sausage, hot slaw, and scalloped potatoes. All you can eat cake! For takeout, call between 1:00pm - 4:00pm on the day. \$20/adults; \$10/12 and under.	(902) 766-4214
September 24	Alzheimer Society; Fostering Community	1:30pm – 3:30pm, St. Stephen's Community Centre, 54 Regent Street, Chester. Join us for presentations from people in your community to learn more about living well with dementia and local resources available to help. Doors will open at 1:30pm to browse tables of community resources with presentations beginning at 2:30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Registration is recommended, walk-ins are welcome. www.alzheimer.ca/ns/en/cwchester2025 . Free.	1-800-611-6345
October 4	Variety Concert	2:00pm – 4:30pm, South Shore Music Park, 140 Samuel Mader Road, New Canada. Featuring The Park Band, Nicholas Langille, Hanks Hotties, and Joyce Seamone with MC Vina Moses. Reggie's canteen available, 50/50 tickets, door prize, auction, wheelchair accessible. \$5. Everyone welcome.	(902) 514-6425

Community Events

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT
October 5	Variety Supper	4:00pm – 6:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1303 Hwy 332, First South. Sponsored by Grace Lutheran and First South United. Scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, variety of salads, bread, variety of meats, and lots of desserts. \$18.	(902) 298-5171
October 11	Fire Prevention Week Open House	10:00am – 2:00pm, Italy Cross-Middlewood & District Fire Department, 17722 Highway 103, Italy Cross. Firefighter competitions, fire safety demonstrations, free BBQ, and kids' games. All are welcome.	(902) 521-2484
October 19	Take-Out Supper	3:00pm – 5:00pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. Ham, scalloped potatoes, and baked beans with brown bread supper. Meal plus dessert (choose from the variety available) - \$20.	(902) 688-1101 (902) 688-1580
November 1	Second Hand Rose Fashion Show	2:00pm – 4:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1303 Hwy 332, First South. Sponsored by Grace Lutheran and First South United. Gently used closed for sale. Includes dessert and beverage. \$10.	(902) 298-5171
November 2	Sport Hall of Fame Induction Night	6:00pm – 9:00pm, Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC). Inductees include athletes Lisa Ross and David Walker, the team of Gerald Mossman and Sonny Heisler and builders Ted Veinot and David Penny. Hosted by the Lunenburg County Sport Heritage Society. Call for tickets.	(902) 543-4085
November 16	Seaside A Cappella Annual Show	2:00pm, Park View Education Centre, 1485 King Street Bridgewater. An exciting way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Seaside A Cappella will entertain you with their beautiful music and amazing guest entertainers. Past shows have sold out early so get your tickets asap from members or the website www.seasideacappella.com . Adults - \$30.00, Student & Seniors - \$15.00 and Children under 12 - free. Storm Date: November 23.	(902) 543-8779
November 22	Craft Market	8:30am – 1:30pm, West Side United Church, 2702 Highway 331, Pentz. Variety of local vendors. No admission. Canteen and bake sale available. Rent an 8-foot table/space for \$20.	(902) 688-1580
November 29	Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale	9:00am – 1:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1303 Hwy 332, First South. Crafts, etc., from local artisans, including home-baked items for sale. \$2.	(902) 298-5171
December 6	Christmas Sale	11:00am – 1:00pm, Wesley United Church, Petite Riviere. Bake sale, pickles, jams, preserve gift baskets, silent auction, and more. Sponsored by St. Andrew's United Church, Crousetown.	(902) 677-2289

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, October 30, 2025



Rick and Bev Chataway were the local organizers for a dry stone workshop August 2 and 3. More information about a Dry Stone Festival being planned for 2027 will be published in a future issue of *Municipal Matters*. The photo shows Rick Chataway and Scott Young with Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile.

Waste & Recycling

Curbside electronics collection

Electronics will be collected on your regular collection day between September 29 – October 10, 2025.

Each household can put out three electronics during that time. Electronics can be dropped off at a depot during the rest of the year. The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement accepts electronics free of charge.

Electronic Products Recycling Association has added several new types of recyclables accepted in Nova Scotia; some examples from each type:



- Floor and carpet care appliances: vacuums and carpet cleaners
- Garment care appliances: irons and steam cleaners
- Counter-top cooking appliances: food processors, coffee grinders, coffee makers
- Devices for cutting food items and opening/sealing packages
- Time measurement devices & weight scales: alarm clocks, wall clocks, food scales, weight scales
- Personal care appliances: hair dryers, electric toothbrushes
- Portable air treatment devices: portable fans, heaters, humidifiers (does not include air conditioners)

Questions? Call (902) 543-2991. For a complete list of accepted items, visit <https://recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns/what-can-i-recycle>.



Leaf & yard waste collection

Leaves and yard waste are collected throughout the year. Households may put out three bags of leaves or bundles of branches when a green cart is placed curbside. Four bags or bundles may be put out when a green cart isn't placed curbside on collection day.

Paper bags must be used for leaf and yard waste collection. Plastic bags are not accepted. Each bag may weigh up to 25 kgs (55 lbs). Leaves can also be placed in your green cart.

Branches must be tied and bundled together. Branches may measure up to 5 cms (2 inches) in diameter and 92 cms (3 feet) in length. Visit www.communityrecycling.ca or call (902) 543-2991 for more information.

Civic signs

Make sure emergency responders can find you when seconds count. Clearly visible house numbers help avoid delays in fire, police, or medical emergencies. Reflective 911 civic address signs are easy to read day or night and can be life-saving. It's a small step that makes a big difference!



Important Numbers

General Inquiries (902) 543-8181

Building Inquiries/Inspection (902) 541-1325

Civic Addressing Inquiries (902) 541-1325

Dog Control Officer (902) 543-2022

Economic Development (902) 530-2325

Elections (902) 527-8151

Engineering Department (902) 541-1351

Mayor's Office (902) 541-1326

Planning (902) 541-1325

Recreation, Parks & Tourism (902) 541-1343

Roads (Dept. Public Works) 1-844-696-7737

Solid Waste Inquiries (902) 543-2991

Solid Waste Collection Issues 1-855-530-3324

Taxes (902) 541-1329

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