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Permanent Conservation of Cape LaHave Island – Information for Visitors

In 2019, Council began exploring options for a conservation easement to protect Cape LaHave Island's ecological significance. October 2025 marked the successful completion of this effort. MODL and the Nova Scotia Nature Trust announced the permanent conservation of Cape LaHave Island, which is Nova Scotia's fifth largest island by acreage.

"This partnership between MODL and the Nature Trust highlights the critical role that municipalities play in supporting conservation to permanently protect municipally owned natural areas," says Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile.

Conservation easements protect a property's conservation values through legally binding written agreements between landowners (in this case, MODL), and the easement holder (the Nature Trust).

"The island is well-loved by the community, and signing a conservation easement with the Nature Trust ensured we could continue to appreciate it's abundant beauty," says Mayor McLean-Wile. "Cape LaHave Island has now become one of the largest islands ever protected in the province."

To determine the specific terms of the easement, the Municipality focused on extensive community engagement like public community sessions in 2020 and 2024, public online surveys in 2020 and 2024, and a public information session in 2025. Details of these sessions can be found at engage.modl.ca.

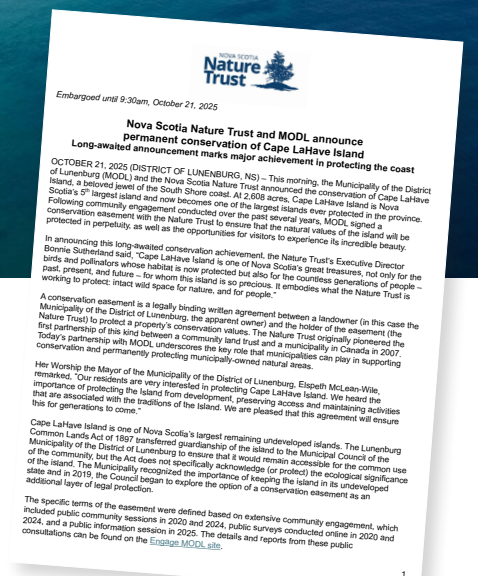
"The community expressed a clear desire to keep the island's natural and undeveloped beauty, while continuing to enjoy low-impact activities," says Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile. "This agreement protects the Island from development, preserves access and maintains activities that are associated with the traditions of the Island for generations to come."

The protection of Cape LaHave Island goes far beyond human activities; it protects biodiversity at a time where plants and animals are disappearing at unprecedented rates. Established campsites on Cape LaHave Island may be lightly maintained (i.e., removing fallen trees, whipper-snipping grass), but other camping must follow Leave No Trace Principles (packing out what you

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Message From the Mayor

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Why Land Conservation Matters

One of the comments I hear often from residents is the need to preserve access to waterways, beaches and special places throughout the Municipality. Councils before the current one have been dedicated to this goal and we are the beneficiaries of an incredible number of parks and trails as a result of their investments.

Land conservation is a powerful way for our Municipality to safeguard the very heart of what makes Lunenburg County special: the wild places we love, the biodiversity of our forests, wetlands and beaches, and the deep connection we feel both for the land and the water.

The Value of Conserving Land

Conserved lands offer enormous benefits for nature and people alike. Ecologically, they preserve critical habitats—for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife—helping counteract biodiversity loss. These areas also provide vital ecosystem services: forests and wetlands help clean water, absorb carbon, and protect against flooding and erosion. From a community perspective, conserved lands support recreation, health and well-being, and a sense of belonging—offering places to hike, birdwatch, paddle, fish and hunt or simply reflect in nature. Importantly, they help preserve places of deep cultural and historical meaning, which honor community traditions.

How MODL Decides Where to Conserve: Our Criteria

In early 2025, MODL adopted a Land Conservation Strategy, which lays out clear, consistent criteria for evaluating land for protection. Key elements include:

- **Ecological value:** Priority is given to lands with high biodiversity, important ecosystems, or species-at-risk.
- **Ecosystem services:** Lands that contribute to water quality, carbon storage, flood resilience, and other natural functions.
- **Social, cultural, and historical importance:** The policy emphasizes preserving not just ecological science, but also those places that matter to the community—whether



for their heritage, tradition, or recreational use. In the last few weeks, we have held public sessions to identify, across the municipality, those places that are important to residents.

- **Stewardship and fairness:** MODL is committed to the long-term care of lands, ideally through partnerships with experienced organizations like the Nova Scotia Nature Trust and the agreement we have to Cape LaHave Island.

Now that the criteria are established for evaluating lands for conservation, MODL will

combine the scientific assessment of the land with the community input we received from the public engagement sessions to determine whether a parcel of land should be purchased for conservation purposes.

One of MODL's most significant conservation achievements to date is the permanent protection of Cape LaHave Island, through a conservation easement signed with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. The journey to this agreement was grounded in community: multiple engagement rounds (in 2020, 2024, and 2025) shaped the easement's terms, reflecting strong public sentiment for preserving the island's wild character and access.

MODL has a long history of working with the Mahone Islands Conservation Association to ensure islands on our coast are protected to insure public access.

MODL has set as a goal to preserve 20% of municipal land for conservation purposes by 2030 (goal established in 2021). This goal will be reevaluated as it is too ambitious for this time horizon; given we have 3% of our land designated for conservation at this date.

The partnerships we have established, and the projects MODL supports demonstrates how municipal leadership, community values, and conservation expertise can work in harmony. As we go forward, using the conservation criteria and engaging with residents, MODL is protecting more than the land—these decisions sustain our quality of life, our heritage, and our natural legacy.

Your mayor,
Elspeth

Don't Forget Your Civic Sign

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!



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District News



Conservation

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bring in, camping on durable surfaces, and minimizing campfire impacts).

Boat and kayak tours may stop on the island, provided they also follow Leave No Trace Principles, and their stops do not cause new infrastructure to be built.

Traditional small-scale collection of driftwood, stone, or other natural materials for use in local small-scale marine fisheries or wharf maintenance by residents or fishers is also permitted under the easement.



With the new easement, visitors can partake in low-impact recreational activities such as:

Picknicking

Paddling

Birding

Swimming

Hiking

Having Campfires

(Subject to burning restrictions, cutting trees for firewood is not permitted)

Hunting & Trapping
(in accordance with laws)

Camping

- Jenkin's Point
- Cranberry Island
- Mud Cove
- Fanning's Knoll
- Halibut Bay
- Elsewhere on the island



Municipal-wide Land Use Planning Update

On October 27, staff presented a *What We Heard Report* to Council. From now until January, Council will meet to provide input and direction to staff on their priorities for the second drafts of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

Using the input provided by Council, a second draft will then be

written during January 2026, which is scheduled to be released to the public in February 2026. During March 2026, we will hold public engagement on the Second Draft. Stay tuned for regular updates on our work, and be sure to sign up for our email list at <https://engage.modl.ca/modl2040> to receive email updates.

District News

Home Generators: What You Need To Know

Home generators are great backup power sources during outages – but they also pose safety risks. Understanding how to purchase, install, and operate them correctly is key.

Here's what you need to know about generator safety:

Purchasing

Choose a generator that can supply more power than the combined wattage of the appliances you plan to run, including their startup surge. If you're unsure how much power you need, check the labels of your appliances or ask an electrician for help.

Risks: If your generator is too small, it can overload, shut down, blow a fuse, or overheat which could start a fire.

Installing

Set up your generator outdoors, at least 20 feet away from your home. Generators emit deadly carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible, odorless gas. Carbon monoxide can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness, loss of consciousness, and death. Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed spaces like garages or basements. Install CO detectors in your home for added protection. Place your generator on a dry surface under an open canopy to protect it from moisture.

Risks: CO poisoning can kill within minutes if a generator runs in an enclosed area. Electrocution can occur if the generator or cords become wet.

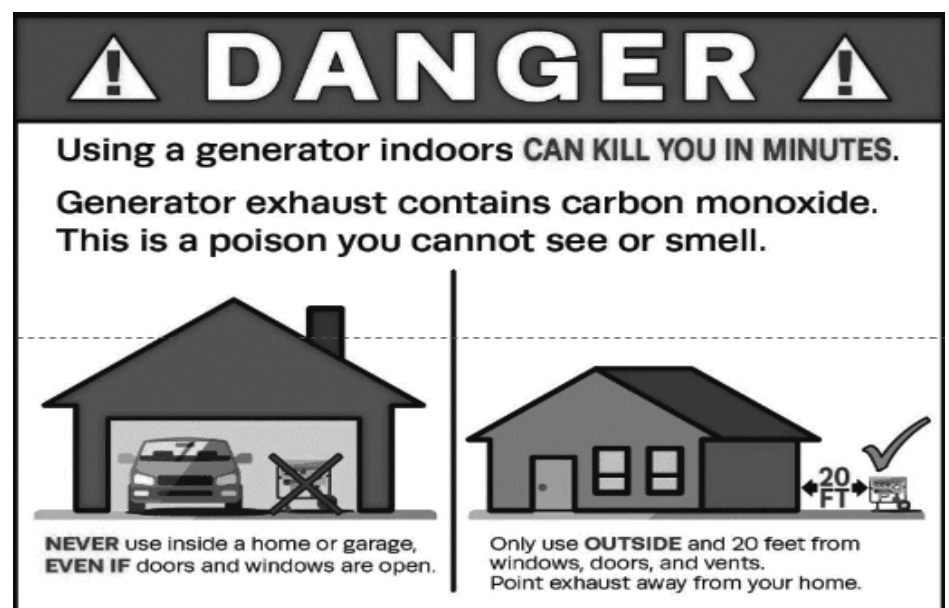
Operating

Gas powered generators just need fuel to run. Use only the fuel type recommended by the manufacturer, and store it in an approved

container outdoors, away from flames or heat sources. Once running, plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cord in good condition, with all three prongs intact. Turn off the generator and let it cool completely before refueling.

If you prefer to power your home electrical system directly, hire a qualified electrician to install a transfer switch with the required permits and inspections. Never plug the generator into a wall outlet—this “backfeeding” is illegal and can be deadly to power technicians.

Risks: Spilled or improperly stored fuel can ignite, as can refueling a hot generator. Damaged or undersized cords can overheat and cause fires. Backfeeding can electrocute utility workers or neighbours connected to the same transformer.



Home Generator Safety Checklist

To prevent electrocution, fires, and carbon monoxide poisoning:

- ✓ **ALWAYS** use one that can handle more power than all appliances you plan to run.
- ✓ **ALWAYS** operate outdoors, at least 20 feet away from your home, in a dry, open shelter.
- ✓ **ALWAYS** ensure you have working carbon monoxide detectors inside your home.
- ✓ **ALWAYS** turn off generators and let them cool completely before refueling.
- ✓ **ALWAYS** have home connection installed by a qualified electrician.
- ✗ **NEVER** use generators indoors or in enclosed spaces like garages or basements.
- ✗ **NEVER** store fuel inside living spaces or near open flames or appliances.
- ✗ **NEVER** use damaged or undersized cords, or cords meant only for indoor use.



Visit the Explore MODL Events Calendar

Find out What is Happening Near You!

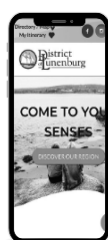
From concerts to community BBQs, there's always something happening in the District of Lunenburg and now it's easier than ever to find local events in one place.

www.exploremodl.ca/events Q

Hosting an event?

Share it on the calendar and help spread the word!

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



Add your event at:
exploremodl.ca/events/community/add

 facebook.com/districtoflunenburg

District News

Celebrating 50 Years of Fire Service

At the October 28, 2025 Council meeting, three firefighters were recognized for 50 years of service!

Doug Cross joined the Pleasantville & District Fire Department in 1975. Doug rose through the ranks to the rank of Captain, now retired Captain, and is still very active in his department today. He serves as Chief Fire Engineer on Engine 3.

Curtis C. Spidle serves the New Germany Volunteer Fire Department as a Chief Engineer and has also been Secretary for many years. Curtis is also a valued member of their Medical First Responder group.

Pat Langille has been a member of the Bridgewater Fire Department since joining in, 1980. He also had served with the Enfield Volunteer Fire Dept. Pat is currently a firefighter on a Ladder truck and is an active member on their Fire Prevention Committee.

Thank you for your service!



Councillor Martin Bell, Doug Cross, Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile, Ed Arab.



Councillor Alison Smith, Curtis C. Spidle, Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile, and Councillor Cathy Moore.



Pat Langille and Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile.



CHANGES TO BUILDING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026



LOCATION CERTIFICATES

Projects involving new structures (such as new homes) may require a **location certificate** as part of the building permit process.



EXPIRY OF BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits will expire after one year of issuance, projects that are ongoing will be eligible for two one-year renewal terms.



CHANGES TO THE FEE STRUCTURE

We've simplified our fee structure to 0.72/\$1000 of est. value of construction + \$30 admin fee for most projects.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US
building@modl.ca
or Call (902)541-1325

We Now Accept Credit Cards!

Starting September 2, 2025
 2% Processing Fee Applies



Volunteer Summit 2025

Learning together. Leading together. Thriving together.

On November 8, the inaugural Volunteer Summit brought nearly 100 community leaders together at NSCC Bridgewater for a day dedicated to strengthening volunteerism across Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

Born from a 2024 survey of local volunteer groups, the Summit was created through Project Volunteer — an inter-municipal partnership working to support and reinvigorate volunteer efforts throughout our region.



The day opened with a powerful keynote from Max Chauvin, *The Power of Local: Reigniting Volunteerism in Rural Communities*, which set an energizing tone for what followed. Participants took part in two thought-provoking group sessions: *Don't Just Recruit Volunteers, Let's Build a Community with Volunteer Nova Scotia*, and *Welcoming Newcomers: Engaging Through Volunteerism*, featuring firsthand experiences from newcomers who now call our communities home.



Attendees also chose from a wide range of breakout workshops, diving into practical topics such as grant writing, bookkeeping, fundraising, social media, re-imagining community facilities, and collaborative approaches to supporting volunteers.



Along with a full day of learning, participants enjoyed lunch, refreshments, door prizes, and the excitement of the grand draw — with the \$500 prize going to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 23 in Lunenburg.



Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the 2025 Volunteer Summit a celebration of the people who help our communities thrive. Your energy, ideas, and commitment continue to shape a stronger future for all of us.



District News

Building Brighter Futures Through Play: The Success of Our Youth Recreation Subsidy Program

This year has been an inspiring one for our **PRO Kids** program, and it's all thanks to the incredible support of our community. Together, we've made it possible for children and youth to participate in sports, arts, and recreational programs; experiences that build confidence, friendships, and lifelong skills.

Since April 1, 2025, **nearly 200 residents of the Municipality** have been able to join activities they otherwise may not have been able to due to financial barriers. From soccer games and swimming lessons to art classes and music camps, PRO Kids has opened doors to joy, teamwork, and personal growth.

These successes are made possible through the generous support of community members, local organizations, and businesses who share our commitment to youth development. But as the need for financial support continues to grow, so does our commitment to ensuring every child can participate, regardless of their family's financial situation.



WHAT WE'VE SEEN

- **Young athletes** develop leadership and teamwork skills.
- **Creative youth** discover their passion for the arts.
- **Families** gain peace of mind knowing their children are engaged in healthy, positive activities.

To continue this vital work, **we need your help**. Your donation, no matter the size, directly supports registration fees and equipment costs for youth who want to get active, express themselves, and connect with their community.

Together, we can ensure that **no child is left on the sidelines**. Thank you for helping us create a community where every young person has the chance to play, learn, and thrive.

Thank you for helping make recreation accessible for everyone.

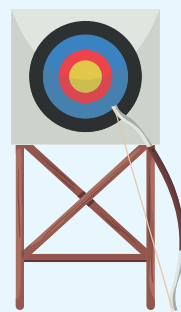
HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Donate to PRO Kids
tax receipts are available
for donations over \$10.

Spread the word
Talk about the program to
friends and local businesses.

Learn more
modl.ca/youth-subsidy-grant

Scan Me!



PRO Kids
providing recreation and cultural opportunities for kids

Funded Sailing Programs

Thanks to support from the **Michael S. Buckley Foundation**, PRO Kids funded 8 youth to join sailing this year in MODL!



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Proudly Supported For The Community By The Community:



Dream Business program **FULL!!**

Over **30** applications received for the most recent session of the Dream Business Program!

Want in on the **next one?**

The available spots in the most recent round of the Mashup Lab Dream Business program were quickly filled, and we have now started a waiting list of people looking to start and grow their dream business here on the South Shore!!

This **FREE** six-week virtual program is focused on helping you build the confidence and skills to start or grow **YOUR** dream business on the South Shore!

Get help with:

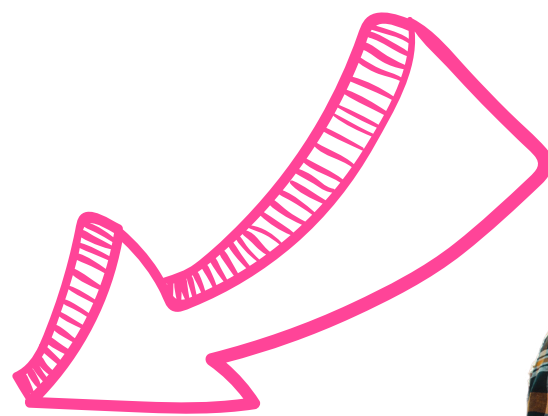
- idea generation
- business viability
- getting clarity on your next steps
- finding customers
- and more!

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE AND TO SECURE YOUR SPOT ON THE WAITING LIST!



or visit

www.dreambusiness.ca/southshore



District Spotlight

The District of Lunenburg Mobile App is Live!

Never Miss an Update by Enabling Notifications

MODL mobile app keeps you in the loop on all important updates and announcements. Enable the notifications of your choice – the app will allow you to select if you'd like all notifications or select some of the three options: Emergency Alerts, Public Engagement Opportunities, and Important News.

Stay In the Know

The MODL app landing page shows several categories you can choose from. Whether you want to check out the latest news, browse upcoming events, or contact the right department, the MODL app has everything you need in one place.

News

View all news in one area. Information about special Council meetings, Council updates, public engagement strategies, updates on By-Laws among other topics can be found in this section.

Events

Looking for events near you? Search by category, date range, or title/description to find an event you're interested in attending.

Recreation

From parks, trails, beaches and facilities to registration and guides, the app allows you to browse through MODL's many recreational activities for year-round fun!

Garbage & Recycling

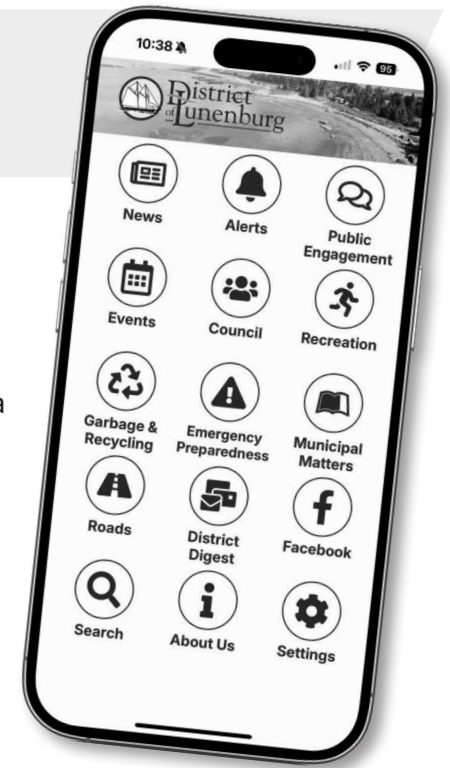
Learn more about Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre and R6 recyclables information. Check out the Collection Calendar to learn when collections happen in your area.

Search

Know what you're looking for? Type a word or phrase and find exactly what you're looking for in minutes.

Get Ahead of Emergencies

Emergency Preparedness. Stay ready for emergencies with useful documents such as, 72-hour preparedness. The Emergency Preparedness section of the app also connects you to useful phone numbers, weather forecasts, the Canadian Hurricane Centre, and Nova Scotia Power Outage Information.



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The free app is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play

For Android devices: [\[Download on Google Play\]](#)
Requires Android 8.0 or higher

For Apple devices: [\[Download on the App Store\]](#)
Requires iOS 12.0 or later.

Do you have feedback about the app? Navigate to the "About Us" section to fill out the App Feedback Form.



OPENING Fall 2026

NEW Community Hub



Flex Spaces

Spaces for ideas, creators, groups, & entrepreneurs.



Event Space

Events, music, & celebrations - it happens here.



A New Café

Food, flavour, & community - under one roof.



Health & Wellness

Community healthcare - now closer to home.



A simple idea: bring people together, and amazing things happen.

The District of Lunenburg Community Hub is that place, bringing it all under one roof. At its heart will be community centred health & wellness supports. Around it, a café, a teaching kitchen, and an event hall for artisan markets, workshops, and community gatherings. Program Spaces, studios, and meeting rooms will open their doors to entrepreneurs, creators, and organizations with new ideas to bring forward.



LEARN MORE



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Community Events

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, 250 Green Street, Lunenburg. 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
	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
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Eight games of singles crib with cash prizes. Beverages served and players are to bring treats. Entrance: \$4, High Hand: \$1, 50/50 tickets available.	(902) 677-2551
	Music Jam	7:00pm – 10:00pm, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall. 50/50, canteen, pie/cake/cookies. Wheelchair accessible. Freewill offering. If school is cancelled, the jam is cancelled.	(902) 685-2343
	Badminton	7:00pm – 8:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre Gym, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Drop-in badminton available for ages 16+, equipment available at the Centre unless you want to begin your own. \$5 weekly donation appreciated.	
Tuesdays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, 78 Alexander Street, Bridgewater. 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
Wednesdays	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, 78 Alexander Street, Bridgewater. 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
	Badminton	7:00pm – 8:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre Gym, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Drop- in badminton available for ages 16+, equipment available at the Centre unless you want to begin your own. \$5 weekly donation appreciated.	
Thursdays	Golden Youth Card Club	1:30pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. Auction 45's. Light refreshments served. \$3/person.	(902) 527-5663
	VON Adult Day Program	9:00am – 3:30pm, 250 Green Street, Lunenburg. 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
	Young at Heart Seniors Drop-In	1:00pm – 4:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre Ariel Room, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Join us for an afternoon of fun and connection, featuring a wide range of games, puzzles, and great lively conversations. If games are not your thing, bring your knitting or crafts and enjoy connections with new friends. Tea/coffee and snacks are provided. Accessible entrance at the back of the building. Free.	
	Mahjong	2:00pm – 4:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Everyone is invited to come and play Mahjong. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. Exercise your brain and meet new friends playing this game of skill, strategy and luck. \$5 weekly donation appreciated. mbcmahjong@gmail.com	
	Open Games Night for Families at the MBC	4:30pm – 6:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre Gym. Family Game Night at the Mahone Bay Centre will be open for all to come out and play a variety of simple but organized games, such as corn hole, tag, obstacle courses, table tennis, and board games Enjoy some time with your family while meeting other members of the community. All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Free.	(902) 624-0890
	Chase the Ace	7:00pm, Saltbox Brewery, Mahone Bay. This is a major fundraiser for the Mahone Bay Centre. The jackpot continues to grow until the Ace of Spades is selected. 50% of the proceeds will support the Mahone Bay Centre. Tickets are \$5 each of \$20 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Centre or Saltbox Brewery.	
Sundays	Badminton	7:00pm – 8:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre Gym, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Drop- in badminton available for ages 16+, equipment available at the Centre unless you want to begin your own. \$5 weekly donation appreciated.	
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

Community Events

Date	Event	Details	Contact
November 29	Pop-Up Book and Gift Sale	9:30am – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. The winter version of the Mahone Bay Centre's Annual Book Sale. Hundreds of well curated books are available in a range of categories. Most books are priced at \$4 each.	
November 29	Bake & Craft Sale	10:00am – 12:00pm, Trinity United, Rose Bay. Crafts, baked goods, jams, preserves, and more!	(902) 766-4235
November 29	Gingerbread & Tiny Trees Kits to Go	10:00am – 2:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. This is a Mahone Bay Museum fundraiser. Each kit contains: a gingerbread house, decorating candies with a pre-mixed icing bag as well as a tiny tree, stand and ornaments. \$7/kit. festivalsofmahonebay@gmail.com	
November 29	Merry Mahone Bay Market	10:00am – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Welcome the holiday season by attending the 5th Annual Merry Mahone Bay Market. Over three dozen talented artisans; have your photo taken with Santa; buy a fresh holiday wreath, or treat yourself to mini donuts from Coastal Cowgirl. Free.	
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
December 7	Festivals of Mahone Bay: Build A Wooden Toy Boat	1:00pm – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Join the Toy Boat Squadron, create a model boat with the crew from the Heritage Boatyard. For children 3+ accompanied by adult. Free.	
December 7	Festivals of Mahone Bay: Build A Bird Feeder	1:00pm – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Build a Bird Feeder, or two with members of the Bay to Bay Trail Association. Makes a great gift idea. Ideal for preschool through teen. Free.	
December 13	South Shore Ship Modeller Guild	1:00pm – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Interest in ship models? All are welcome to come and chat with fellow ship modellers and see some of their incredible creations up close. Free.	
January 24	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am – 11:00am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade pancakes and baked beans, with sausage, bacon, eggs, toast, and beverages. \$12 for adults, \$6 for 6-12 years, and 5 and under is free.	(902) 677-2045
February 28	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am – 11:00am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade pancakes and baked beans, with sausage, bacon, eggs, toast, and beverages. \$12 for adults, \$6 for 6-12 years, and 5 and under is free.	(902) 677-2045
March 14	South Shore Ship Modeller Guild	1:00pm – 3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay. Interest in ship models? All are welcome to come and chat with fellow ship modellers and see some of their incredible creations up close. Free.	
March 28	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am – 11:00am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Homemade pancakes and baked beans, with sausage, bacon, eggs, toast, and beverages. \$12 for adults, \$6 for 6-12 years, and 5 and under is free.	(902) 677-2045
Date TBA	Guided Forest Immersion Walks in Winter	2:00pm – 4:00pm, Miller Point Peace Park, Dayspring. Allow yourself to be guided not only by the guide, but by your heart and your senses. The journey is about moving slowly, purposefully, and being present in the moment. The duration will be dependent on the winter weather conditions on the day. All are welcome, non-judgmental, and respectful. Registration required. www.branchesofserenity.ca	

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, tissy.bolivar@modl.ca, or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, January 29, 2026

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Have Your Say

Your voice plays a meaningful role in shaping the future of the Municipality.

Public Engagement

Register to Join the Conversation or search for upcoming public engagement events and surveys. Find out more about MODL's featured projects, past projects, and climate change & sustainability efforts.

Learn More About MODL

Review historical agendas and minutes, Council meeting videos, and upcoming meeting agendas. This section of the MODL app also includes information about the Council, the Mayor, and the Committee Calendar.

About Us

Learn more about MODL's departments and browse open employment opportunities.

Waste & Recycling



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Introducing South Shore Waste Solutions

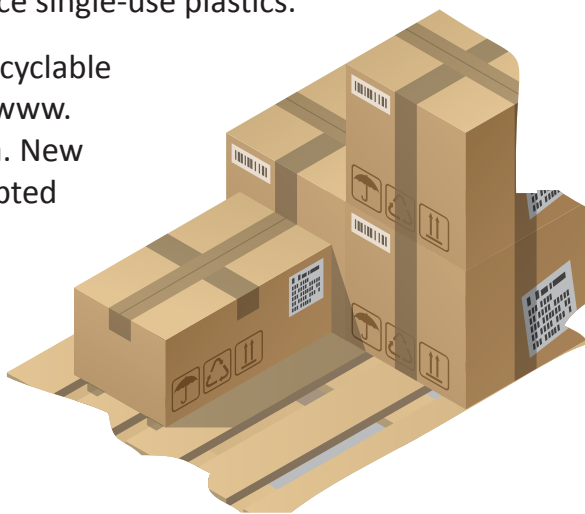
We are excited to share that the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Center has a new name — South Shore Waste Solutions. This change comes as part of our effort to create an identity that better reflects the full range of services we provide today.

While recycling remains an important part of what we do, our work extends far beyond that, and our new name highlights our commitment to offering modern, sustainable waste solutions for our entire region. This helps protect our beautiful Nova Scotia environment and turns yesterday's trash into new resources for our communities.

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products, and Packaging-like Products

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products, and Packaging-like Products (or EPR for PPP) came into effect December 1, 2025. It shifts responsibility for curbside recycling programs from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products. Under the new program, producers will have to meet recycling targets that, over time, will encourage more eco-friendly packaging and reduce single-use plastics.

Review the list of recyclable packaging items at www.southshorewaste.ca. New items are now accepted for recycling at participating Enviro Depots as well.



Your Waste Collection Day Might Be Changing

To improve efficiency, waste collection routes in the District of Lunenburg will be changing in 2026. Currently, there are ten collection routes completed over a two-week period, Monday through Friday, with holiday collections taking place on Saturdays.

Starting March 30, 2026, this will change to eight collection routes, completed Tuesday through Friday over a two-week period. Holiday collections will move to Mondays. These changes will be permanent.



- **Current routes will remain in effect until March 27, 2026.**
- **New routes will take effect beginning March 30, 2026.**

Waste collection begins at 7:00 a.m. on scheduled days. Please ensure all materials are placed at the roadside by that time.

Regular bi-weekly collection will continue to include:

- **Green cart (organics)**
- **Paper and cardboard**
- **Recyclable containers**
- **Garbage**
- **Up to two bulky landfill items**



Special collections—including fall wood and metal pickup, electronics and Christmas tree collection—will continue to be offered annually.

Visit southshorewaste.ca for more information.

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

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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