

Municipal Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville
Via Video/Audio Conferencing

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
 - 2.1 Proclamation – Emancipation Day
- 3. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 4. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)**
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15. Adjournment

Council
Item: #7.1
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report to: Mayor and Council
Submitted by: Marta Selassie, Parks & Open Spaces Coordinator
Date: July 26, 2022
Re: RFP 2022-05-400 Award – Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that Council direct administration to award the RFP 2022-05-400 *Design and Build Services Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail* contract to Gerald DeLong Construction and Trucking in the amount of \$57,280 (fifty-seven thousand, two hundred eighty), plus net HST.

Executive Summary

MODL prioritized trail and park development through the adoption of the *Open Space Strategic Plan* and subsequent implementation of numerous projects identified in the plan. MODL continues to recognize the importance of a healthy active community through its commitment to reducing barriers by improving accessibility within developed spaces.

The expansion of the accessible trail network at Indian Falls Park aligns with these identified priorities.

Discussion

The future development vision identified in the 2007 CBCL Indian Falls Park planning document were - create a safe area to view the falls and develop a low impact, loop walking trail system.

In 2021 administration engaged the services of Snow Owl Consulting to review the 2007 plan and upgrades already completed in the park at that time. The consultant provided a revised development plan with cost estimates based on original concepts and the current needs as identified by MODL. The revised conceptual plan included the development of a gravel loop trail that leads from the parking and lookout areas, a gravel trail leading around the private property and down to a riverside picnic area and a singletrack nature trail (see attached map). This spring, the gravel loop walking trail was constructed.

A design build RFP for the development of a riverside trail to picnic area was issued in June. The scope of work included the construction of a non-motorized, sustainable, multi-use gravel trail connecting to the recently completed gravel trail to a proposed picnic area. The scope also included the addition of three lookoff bench sites.

The capital project summary for Indian Falls Trails included the addition of a singletrack trail within the allocated budget for this fiscal year. This was not included in the RFP scope of work.

The only submission received by the advertised closing time on July 8, 2022 was from Gerald DeLong Construction and Trucking with a bid price of \$57,280, plus net HST.

Administration is requesting approval from Council to proceed with the construction of a riverside trail at Indian Falls Park and discuss the addition of a singletrack trail when capital budget planning for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Budget implications

The approved 2022/23 Capital Budget allocates \$90,000 for Indian Fall Trails, an anticipated \$45,000 from grants and \$45,000 from general operating reserves. An application to the Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Recreation Trails Grant has been approved for \$23,000. General operating reserves will be used to fund the remainder of the project. As mentioned above this total did include both a riverside and singletrack trail. Financial implications for this project are anticipated as follows:

Expenditures		Funding Source	
Project Management (anticipated)	\$6,800.00	CCTH Rec Trails Grant	\$23,000.00
Trail Construction Contract	\$57,280.00	General Operating Reserves	\$68,512.23
Tree Removal (anticipated)	\$7,000.00		
Park Amenities (anticipated)	\$9,000.00		
Contingency ~10%	\$8,000.00		
Net HST	\$3,432.23		
Total	\$91,512.23	Total	\$91,512.23

Snow Owl Consulting has been retained to provide project management. Renumeration for this service has been approximately \$3,900 to date.

Alternatives

1. THAT Council direct administration to award the RFP 2022-05-400 *Design and Build Services Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail* contract to Gerald DeLong Construction and Trucking in the amount of \$57,280 net HST.
2. THAT Council direct administration to not proceed with the RFP 2022-05-400 *Design and Build Services Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail* contract as the entire project exceeds the allocated total in the approved 2022/23 Capital Budget.

Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that Council direct administration to award the *Design and Build Services Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail* contract to Gerald DeLong Construction and Trucking in the amount of \$57,280 net HST.

Report Preparation	
Department	Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Report Prepared by	Marta Selassie
Report Approved by	
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	



Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC)

Presentation to the Mayor and Council

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL)

Uniform Signage Initiative

Tuesday July 26, 2022

Presenters:

Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, Beautification Committee, MBTCC

George Anderson, President, MBTCC

Topic: Uniform Signage @ Exit 10 entrance to Highway #3

Introduction:

As you travel down Highway 103 and take the turn off at Exit # 10 which takes you to our beautiful town of Mahone Bay, often referred to as the “Cape Cod of Nova Scotia,” you may become quite overwhelmed. Not from the beauty, but the hideous number of signs, at the entrance to Highway # 3, in Oakland.

In September of 1965 the Highway Beautification Act was signed into law by then President Johnson. Though it was his wife Lady Bird Johnson who spearheaded the effort to clean up and beautify the nations interstate system, by preventing or reducing the number of billboards and planting wildflowers along roadsides.

Here we are decades later, 2022 and in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and all over Nova Scotia, services providers/owners, tourist related, and other businesses have erected non-permitted advertisement signage, on provincial right of ways and private properties. Including Highway # 3 entrance point which leads to the Town of Mahone Bay. For years, many in the town have felt that the confusing array of signs at Exit 10, is not the best

way to greet visitors and a general clean up is needed. It is our hope to have only uniform signage at that sight and install a wild flower garden behind the new provincial signs and up the hill in the back.

Background Information:

These illegally erected signs have the effect of obscuring and detracting from many of the provincial signs which offer directions to travellers. A few have been knocked down or have fallen, either from age or poor installation. Others are advertising businesses as far away as Chester and Lunenburg. This is similar to litter on the ground, when signs are nailed to poles, derelict or the sign owner's enterprise no longer exists.

This takes on more urgency and possibilities now that the move has been taken up by the province to put up standard signage. You may have noticed that the Province has put up new signs at Exit 10. This development has opened up the conversation about the private signs in that location, once again. The Municipality of Chester (MOC) have already done this with their Uniform Signage and are well into a successful pilot project. The MBTCC has formed a Beautification Committee and have asked the committee to work on aesthetic improvements to the area of Exit 10.

Like the Municipality of Chester, The Mahone Bay Chamber wishes to improve advertising along Highway # 3. By doing so, it will provide the travelling public with clear directional information, promote tourist-related and other businesses in our town. It is not the projects intention to ban these signs but a means of controlling their placement on private property, with signed permission of the owner and by permit. This will enhance the highway appearance, allow visitors and residents to enjoy our scenic beauty, and provide the travelling public with clear directional information. We do not plan to "invent the wheel" but would like to follow a program similar to MOC's Uniform Signage Project.

I have been in contact with Emily Statton, Planner for MOC and current lead of the Uniform Signage Project, to collect information and to acquire a better understanding of the process they created.

In our conversations with the Town of Mahone Bay, (TOMB) they indicated that they have no jurisdiction over by-laws or approval of this initiative, and directed our committee for approval to you. (MODL) The Chamber has a proposal before the Town, to allow uniform signage on the Visitor Information Center (VIC) property for those who wish to have uniform advertising space within the Town. (*The MBTC has recently signed a long-term lease with the TOMB)

I have had discussion and encouragement from Mike Croft, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Road Safety, *Provincial Traffic Authority*, Department of Public Works and Logan Webb, Area Manager, Department of Public Works. Both have indicated that the current signs were erected without permits. Also, the distraction of signage has caused accidents and near accidents. They also favour the planting of a wild flower garden at the Exit #10 site.

Also, I contacted District 8 Councillor, Kacy Peterson-Delong to inform her of the Chamber's intentions and to discuss this proposal.

It would be ideal for current sign owners in this location to voluntarily remove their signs and the Chamber plans to periodically ask for sign owners' cooperation in removing their own signs. However, in the end, any decisions about removal of the signs will have to be made by MODL and the Province. It is likely to be a lengthy process involving a by-law change. Before we can move forward with this initiative, we need a partnership with MODL Planning Department to develop/change a by-law, to remove derelict and neglected signs, enforce the by-law and consult the public. This could benefit MODL's Wayfinding Strategy as well, by having uniform signage at Exit 10 and throughout the municipality.

Our Ask:

A Uniform Advertising Signage Program provides tourist businesses with a clear and effective means to advertise their services. Tourist-related businesses include accommodations, attractions, eating establishments. Tourism is a growing industry in Nova Scotia, communities such as Mahone Bay relies heavily on tourism for income and vitality. Evaluating, Improving and creating new the

tourist-related experiences and infrastructure is a goal of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is asking the Council for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to consider and approve a Uniform Signage Initiative, which will clean up the area where exit 10 meets Highway #3 in Oakland, Lunenburg County. Should Council wish to pilot a Uniform Signage Project, the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce would gladly be a test organization for the Town of Mahone Bay and area communities.

“We love the beauty around us and welcome you to share it”

Mahone Bay founded 1754

FAQs

Q: Why are you asking us to support this initiative?

A: Because the area of signage most affected is in MODL’s jurisdiction and it could compliment MODL’s Wayfair Strategy.

Q: Will there be a cost to MODL?

A: Yes, there could be because the area affected falls in the MODL’s jurisdiction, the municipality would be responsible for removal of owner neglected signs and enforcement of by-law on illegally placed signs on private property. (A by-law could make removal at the cost of the sign owner.) Signs on the DOT right of way would be enforced by DOT.

Q: What will uniform signage cost sign owners?

**A: We are not sure, but here are the fees being charged in MOC
\$150.00 Application fee for each new uniform advertising sign**

\$100.00 Fee payable for a change on an existing sign

\$40.00 Annual renewal fee, due January 1st annually

References:

<https://chester.ca/uniform-signage-program>

www.voicesandchoices.ca/uniform-signage

Emily Statton, Planner for MOC, Uniform Signage Project lead

Logan Webb, P.Eng, Area Manager, Department of Public Works

**Michael Croft, P.Eng, Manager Traffic Engineering and Road Safety,
Department of Public Works**

Document Library

- [Uniform Advertising Signage By-Law & Program.pdf \(11.2 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Uniform Advertising Signage Factsheet \(286 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Presentation to Business Associations \(847 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)



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Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Council

Item: #10.1

Date: July 26, 2022

Authorization: T. MacEwan

To Her Worship, the Mayor Bolivar-Getson and Councillors
of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Dear Mayor and Councillors;

The Internal Transportation Committee, in session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, made the following recommendation to Council:

- 1. The Internal Transportation Committee recommends that Municipal Council grant \$30,000 plus HST and delivery charges to Senior Wheels for the purchase of a used accessible vehicle for the purpose of expanding transportation services in MODL.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson and Members
Internal Transportation Committee

/jh
Attachment

Senior Wheels Association - Current situation and potential options for expansion
July 12, 2022

The Senior Wheels Association intends to expand their service territory to include the entire MODL. Currently, there are two constraining factors inhibiting incremental expansion:

Vehicular capacity:

- Currently, SWA has one 8 passenger bus
- Application has been made to the Federal government for four additional vehicles. Approval is anticipated for the fall of 2022. Given the current supply situation, those vehicles would not likely be available until at least spring 2023 and most likely fall of 2023
- There is some, but limited, potential for volunteer drivers to use their own vehicles

Driver capacity:

- Currently SWA has 10 dedicated voluntary drivers
- Paid staff drivers would need to be recruited
- UARB and DVA requirements complicate driver recruitment

Considerations

- Current vehicle capacity will not serve area on a daily basis (incremental scheduling will be required)
- Limited to no options exist in case of vehicle breakdown, given current vehicle capacity
- The Province of Nova Scotia will not entertain vehicle funding until the Federal government makes its decision

Options

- Wait until vehicles are approved and sourced before expanding, likely fall 2023
- Purchase a second vehicle, perhaps used, to allow for expansion to take place sooner

Potential scenario

A second vehicle may allow for incremental expansion. This could include:

- Expansion of the daily service to allow for geographic expansion up to 15 kms from Bridgewater, including service to Osprey Village and the towns of Mahone Bay and Lunenburg. The demographic would expand to include all those who face barriers, not just seniors and those with mobility challenges
- Introduction of scheduled but not daily service to more rural areas on a predetermined basis.
- Establishment of a MODL wide zoning system to determine itinerate service

This would require increased management capacity and staff driver recruitment

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July 14, 2022

Council

Item: #10.2

Date: July 26, 2022

Authorization: T. MacEwan

To Her Worship, the Mayor Bolivar-Getson and Councillors
of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Dear Mayor and Councillors;

The Sustainability Committee, in session on Thursday, July 14, 2022, made the following
recommendations to Council:

**“That Municipal Council approve the final list of action items of the Local Climate Change
Action Plan as discussed.”**

At the July 14, 2022, meeting of the Sustainability Committee, the committee directed staff to
add the action item, ‘Council-led advocacy’ to the final list of action items of the Local Climate
Change Action Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson and Members
Sustainability Committee

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Council
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Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report to: Municipal Council
Submitted by: Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner
Date: July 26, 2022
Re: Local Climate Change Action Plan's Final List of Action Items

RECOMMENDATION

Motion:

That Council accept the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee and approve the final list of action items of the Local Climate Change Action Plan as presented, at the July 26, 2022, Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg declared a climate emergency and joined the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) in 2019. The Municipality committed to navigate the PCP five-milestones framework by developing and implementing a Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP). This report concerns 3rd milestone of the PCP program: approving the final list of action items of the LCCAP.

At the June 28, 2022 meeting of the Municipal Council, the Council unanimously passed the motion to set a community greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 30% below the 2019 baseline emissions level by 2030, 65% below the 2019 baseline emissions by 2040, and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Based on the energy modeling of the proposed action items, it is assessed that a reduction of 18% in total community emissions will be achieved in 'Business as Usual' scenario and more than 12% of emissions reductions can be achieved through implementing the proposed actions summarized in the Table-2 below.

DISCUSSION

At the Sustainability Committee on July 14, 2022 the Committee reviewed the staff recommendation and passed the following motion:

"approve the final list of action items of Local Climate Change Action Plan as discussed."

At the July 14, 2022 meeting of the Sustainability Committee, the committee directed staff to add the action item no. 22, 'Council-led advocacy' in the Table-2 below. To achieve the set target, the Sustainability Committee recommend the Municipal Council to approve the final list of action items of LCCAP as presented in the Table-2 below.

PCP program, from ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, consists of a five-milestones framework that guide municipalities to act on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilient communities. The five-milestones of the PCP framework and what milestones MODL has achieved are shown in the Image 1 below.



Image 1: Five-milestones of PCP Framework and the milestones that MODL has achieved

Milestone 1 requires municipalities to conduct an inventory and establish a greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions baseline. In 2019, MODL achieved its Milestone-1 by creating a community and corporate baseline emissions inventory. A community inventory includes buildings (residential, and industrial commercial, and institutional), transportation, and solid waste sectors. A corporate inventory includes municipal buildings, fleet, street lighting, water and wastewater treatment, and corporate solid waste. In 2021, MODL achieved Milestone-2 for the corporate sector by setting a corporate emissions reduction target of 40% below the 2019 baseline level by 2030. In June 2022, MODL also achieved Milestone-2 for the community sector by setting a community emissions reduction target of 30% below the 2019 baseline emissions level by 2030, 65% below the 2019 baseline emissions level by 2040, and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Table-1 below captures MODL’s GHG emissions profile and its status.

As part of Milestone 3 for the corporate sector, the Municipal Council has already approved the list of actions needed to achieve the 40% emissions reduction target. This report concerns Milestone 3 for the community sector where the Council need to approve the list of actions needed to achieve 30% emissions reduction target by 2030.

Table 1 - Municipality of the District of Lunenburg GHG Emissions Profile

Community Emissions		
2019 Community Baseline Emissions 314,346 tonnes CO ₂ e per year	2030 GHG Emissions Reduction Target	Expected Annual Emissions by 2030
	30%	220,042 tonnes CO ₂ e
	2040 GHG Emissions Reduction Target	Expected Annual Emissions by 2040
	65%	110,021 tonnes CO ₂ e
	2050 GHG Emissions Reduction Target	Expected Annual Emissions by 2050
	Net-zero	Net-zero tonnes CO ₂ e
Corporate Emissions		
2019 Corporate Baseline Emissions 1,190 tonnes CO ₂ e per year	2030 GHG Emissions Reduction Target	Expected Annual Emissions by 2030
	40%	714 tonnes CO ₂ e

Milestone 3 – Local Climate Change Action Plan’s Final List of Action Items

MODL is currently developing a Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP), a 10-year plan that will set the direction for reducing local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and supporting a climate resilient, healthier, and lower-carbon future. The draft plan has identified 10 Main Categories and proposed 27 key action items. Table 2 below shows the proposed final list of LCCAP’s action items.

Public engagement for LCCAP was conducted to gather community feedback on the proposed action items in a variety of ways including online community engagement survey, two virtual engagement sessions, a discussion forum on EngageMODL project site, and internal and external stakeholder presentations. The feedback received from all engagement activities was largely in support of the proposed action items. The public feedback was incorporated in assigning LCCAP Priorities for the respective items. The LCCAP Priority legend under Table-2 depicts how the priorities were assigned to the respective action items.

The Table-3 below captures the specific goals and targets set for the corresponding action items. To achieve the set community emissions reduction target, the Sustainability Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the final list of action items as presented in Table-2 below.

Table 2 - Local Climate Change Action Plan's Final List of Action Items

	Main Categories and Proposed Action Items	LCCAP Priority	Key Areas	Lead Department	Investment	Year of Implementation										
						2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		
Mitigation	Category 1: Energy Efficient Homes and Buildings															
	1	Retrofit existing residential buildings	High	Financial	Planning	\$\$\$										
	2	Energy efficiency standards for new construction	High	Bylaw/MODL 2040	Planning	\$										
	3	Retrofit existing commercial buildings	High	Education	Planning	\$										
	Category 2: Low-Carbon Transportation															
	4	Electric vehicles charging infrastructure	Medium	Financial	Planning & Engineering	\$\$\$										
	5	Electric vehicles promotion and education	Low	Education	Planning	\$\$										
	6	Anti-idling policy	Low	Bylaw/MODL 2040	Planning	\$										
	7	Carshare program	High	Program	Planning	\$\$										
	8	Bikeshare program	High	Program	Planning	\$										
	9	Public transit service	High	Financial	Planning & Economic	\$\$\$										
	10	Active transportation strategy	High	Financial	Planning & Recreation	\$\$										
	Category 3: Waste Reduction, Recycling and Composting															
11	Waste management and educational programs	High	Education	Region 6 & MJSB	\$											
12	Join in bring your own promotion and subsidy	Medium	Program	Region 6 & MJSB	\$											
Category 4: Renewable Energy Generation																
13	Community renewable energy project	Medium	Financial	Economic	\$\$\$											
Adaptation	Category 5: Natural Environment Protection and Conservation															
	14	Tree planting program	Medium	Program	Recreation	\$										
	15	Land conservation	High	Financial	Planning & Recreation	\$\$\$										
	16	Annual No Mow May event	N/A	Advocacy	Planning & Recreation	\$										
	Category 6: Sustainable Land Use Planning															
	17	Mixed land use bylaw development	Low	Bylaw/MODL 2040	Planning	\$										
	Category 7: Local Food Security															
	18	Community vegetable garden	High	Program	Economic	\$										
	19	Food security programs	High	Program	Planning	\$										
Category 8: Emergency Preparedness and Response																
20	Dry hydrants	Medium	Financial	Fire	\$\$											
21	Education on the impacts of climate change	High	Education	REMO	\$											
Capacity Building	Category 9: Community Engagement															
	22	Council-led advocacy	N/A	Advocacy	Municipal Council	\$										
	23	Community pledges	Low	Advocacy	Planning & Recreation	\$										
	24	Youth engagement	N/A	Advocacy	Planning & Recreation	\$										
	25	Region-wide climate working group	N/A	Advocacy	Planning & Recreation	\$										
	26	MODL environmental and resilience champion award	Low	Program	Planning	\$										
Evolution	Category 10: Research and Innovation															
27	Advance research and innovation	N/A	Financial	Planning	\$\$											

Legend	
Investment	
\$	less than \$10,000
\$\$	\$10,000 - \$100,000
\$\$\$	more than \$100,000

Legend	
LCCAP Priority	
High	Action is supported by more than 75% of the survey respondents
Medium	Action is supported by 60% to up to 75% of the survey respondents
Low	Action is supported by less than 60% of the survey respondents
N/A	Public support unknown

Table 3 - Goals and Targets for Proposed Action Items

	Main Categories and Proposed Action Items	Goals and Targets	
Mitigation	Category 1: Energy Efficient Homes and Buildings		
	1	Retrofit existing residential buildings	Retrofit up to 1,400 homes by 2030 through Municipal CEF program, EfficiencyNS HomeWarming, as well as other available programs
	2	Energy efficiency standards for new construction	Adopt higher tiered efficiency standards from National Building Code of Canada 2020
	3	Retrofit existing commercial buildings	Promote EfficiencyNS's commercial retrofit programs
	Category 2: Low-Carbon Transportation		
	4	Electric vehicles charging infrastructure	Conduct feasibility study to install more electric vehicles public charging stations
	5	Electric vehicles promotion and education	Develop educational programs to support and promote transition to electric vehicles
	6	Anti-idling policy	Create an anti-idling policy for the municipality
	7	Carshare program	Conduct feasibility study for relevant carshare program options
	8	Bikeshare program	Conduct feasibility study for relevant bikeshare program options
	9	Public transit service	Expand MODL public transit services
	10	Active transportation strategy	Support cycling and pedestrian friendly infrastructure
	Adaptation	Category 3: Waste Reduction, Recycling and Composting	
11		Waste management and educational programs	Develop waste management and educational programs to reduce annual solid waste disposal rate to below 300kg/person from current 487kg/person by 2030
12		Join in bring your own promotion and subsidy	Launch 'Join In Bring Your Own' program to reduce single use plastics
Category 4: Renewable Energy Generation			
13		Community renewable energy project	Conduct feasibility study to develop up to 5MW renewable energy generation project (wind, hydro or solar).
Category 5: Natural Environment Protection and Conservation			
14		Tree planting program	Plant up to 10,000 trees by 2030
15		Land conservation	Purchase and/or accept land donations, as well as assess other mechanisms such as conservation easements, to protect and/or conserve up to 20% of the identified land and water mass in the Municipality by 2030
16		Annual No Mow May event	Launch the no mow may event every year
Category 6: Sustainable Land Use Planning			
17		Mixed land use bylaw development	Develop land use bylaws to support sustainable development by reducing sprawl & energy consumption
Category 7: Local Food Security			
18		Community vegetable garden	Build community vegetable garden as part of Community Hub
19	Food security programs	Investigate and develop local food security programs or strategy to improve access to and increase production of local food to achieve 20% consumption of local food by 2030	
Capacity Building	Category 8: Emergency Preparedness and Response		
	20	Dry hydrants	Restore and install more dry hydrants in the Municipality to ensure availability of adequate water resources during fire related emergencies
	21	Education on the impacts of climate change	Develop programs to provide education on emergency events preparedness and response
	Category 9: Community Engagement		
22	Council-led advocacy	Municipal Council advocate to persuade decision-makers and leaders in other levels of government to act in the best interests of MODL communities	
23	Community pledges	Initiate community pledges to enable community members to pledge to reduce emissions at individual level	
24	Youth engagement	Partner with local schools, institutions, or organizations to support youth engagement for climate action	
25	Region-wide climate working group	Form a region-wide climate working group	
26	MODL environmental and resilience champion award	Launch the award to honor individual, businesses, and community groups for their contribution towards climate	
Evolution	Category 10: Research and Innovation		
27	Advance research and innovation	Support research & technological innovations to address climate change	

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In regard to approving the final list of action items, financial implications of the respective action items are shown in the 'Investment' column of Table-2 above. A preliminary five-year financial plan (2022-2026)* for implementing the LCCAP's capital projects/actions is presented below.

*Preliminary 5-year financial plan (2022-2026) presented below is for informational purposes only, to provide Municipal Council with high-level cost estimates. The financial plan shown below does not identify funding from other levels of government or personnel implications (i.e., staff resources to support plan's implementation). Through the municipal budget process, business cases will be prepared for specific actions at the time of implementation, which will provide an opportunity to evaluate these actions with the most up-to-date costs, resource requirements, available grants, and other identified funding sources, to allow Municipal Council to make an informed decision.

Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) - Preliminary 5-year Financial Plan (2022-2026)*								
Action Item No.	LCCAP Priority	Funded Action Items (included in Municipal budget)	Budget Type	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
			Operating Capital					
1	High	Retrofit existing residential buildings	✓	\$200,000				
4	High	Electric vehicles charging infrastructure study	✓	\$25,000				
Total Funded Action Items:				\$225,000				
Action Item No.	LCCAP Priority	Unfunded Proposed Action Items (not included in Municipal budget yet)	Budget Type	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
			Operating Capital					
1	High	Retrofit existing residential buildings	✓		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
7	High	Carshare program feasibility study	✓		\$25,000			
9	High	Public transit service	✓		\$125,000	\$100,000		
15	High	Land conservation study	✓				\$50,000	
20	Medium	Dry hydrants	✓			\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Unfunded Proposed Action Items:				\$0	\$650,000	\$1,115,000	\$1,065,000	\$1,015,000
Change in Funding Requirement Over Prior Year:				-	\$650,000	\$465,000	-\$50,000	-\$50,000

ALTERNATIVES

In regard to approving the LCCAP's final list of action items, the Municipal Council has the following alternative options to choose from:

- Direct staff to revise the action items lists; or
- Recommend to the staff with suggested changes to the final list of action items as necessary.

CONCLUSION

LCCAP plays a crucial role in guiding MODL towards a climate resilient, healthier, and low-carbon future. Approving the final list of action items will allow the municipality to achieve its emissions reduction target, strengthen its climate resilience, transition to a green economy, and foster sustainability. The Sustainability Committee recommends to the Municipal Council to approve the final list of action items as presented in Table-2 of this report.

Report Preparation	
Department	Planning & Development Services
Report Prepared by	Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner
Report Approved by	Jeff Merrill, Director
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	

Tina Robichaud-Bond

From: Martin Bell
Sent: July 21, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Tina Robichaud-Bond
Cc: Jeff Merrill
Subject: FW: nomination committee report

Council
Item: #10.3.1
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan

From: Martin Bell
Sent: July 21, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Tissy Bolivar <Tissy.Bolivar@modl.ca>
Subject: nomination committee report

Good morning, Ms. T. Bolivar.

I wish to advise you that the nomination committee would like to recommend to the MODL Council that Mr. Ronald Renz be appointed to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee.
After discussions, a motion by Councillor Haysom, 2nd by Councillor Greek, that, "***The nomination Committee recommends to Council that Mr. Ronald Renz be appointed to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee.***" Motion passed.

Can you take action to forward this recommendation to the next Council agenda?

Regards,

Martin

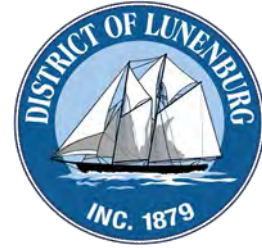
Councillor Martin E. Bell, CMG, PCPr, District #2
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
10 Allée Champlain Drive
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Tick checks and quick tick removal remain among the best defenses against Lyme disease

Council
Item: #11.1.1
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Memorandum

To: Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson and Municipal Council
From: Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Date: July 26, 2022
Re: Proposed Fire Tax Rates for 2022- 2023

Fire Tax Rates for 2022/2023

Attached are the requested fire tax rates from Municipal Fire and Emergency Services providers for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The areas that have been highlighted denote those departments that have requested a change in their rates for this fiscal year.

One Department proposed a rate increase to 0.15, after the department's budget presentation, the ratepayers voted against the increase at the annual ratepayers meeting. Therefore, the rate will remain at 0.12 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Also of note, one department requested a rate reduction. This is the result of a consolidation of the Wileville and Tri-district Fire Rescue Departments.

These rates are being recommended to Council for approval for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and, if council agrees the following motion would be necessary:

Motion:

“That Municipal Council approves the fire tax rates per \$100 of assessment for the year ending March 31, 2023, as attached”.

Chris Kennedy, Fire service Coordinator



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Fire & Emergency Services

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
 Fire Tax Rates per \$100 of Assessment
 For the year ending March 31, 2023

Fire Department	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Name	Rate	Rate	Proposed
Big Tancook Island ERA	0.10	0.15	0.15
Blockhouse FD	0.142	0.142	0.142
Clearland Fire Protection (MAB)	0.11	0.11	0.11
Conquerall Bank FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Cornwall and District FD	0.10	0.10	0.10
Dayspring & District Fire Protection	0.15	0.15	0.20
District 1 and 2 Fire Commission	0.07	0.07	0.07
Hebbs Cross FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Hebbville FD	0.11	0.11	0.11
Hemford & District FD	0.16	0.17	0.17
Indian Point FD	0.10	0.10	0.12
Italy Cross/Middlewood FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Lahave FD	0.13	0.13	0.13
Lapland and District FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Maders Cove Fire Protection (MAB)	0.11	0.11	0.11
Martins River FD	0.20	0.20	0.20
Midville and District FD	0.17	0.17	0.17
New Germany Volunteer FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Northfield and District FD	0.14	0.14	0.14
Oakhill and District FD	0.17	0.17	0.17
Oakland Fire Protection (MAB)	0.11	0.11	0.11
Petite Riviere FD	0.17	0.17	0.17
Pleasantville and District FD	0.13	0.13	0.13
Riverport FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Tri District Fire/Rescue	0.15	0.15	0.134
United Communities FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Walden FD	0.15	0.15	0.15

Shaded area denotes a change in fire tax rate.

In addition to the above noted rates all Fire Departments have a rate of .01 per acre for forestry land assessment class code 06 and 07.

Council
Item: #11.2.1
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Report to Council

REPORT TO: Municipal Council
SUBMITTED BY: Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator
DATE: July 26, 2022
RE: Sponsorship Ad Grant: NS Ground Search and Rescue

RECOMMENDATION

That Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the **Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association** for a ¼ page black and white ad for **\$310**, to support their 11th Annual Wilderness Survival Guide.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association is a volunteer organization which represents the interests of the 23 member teams in Nova Scotia. They are seeking a Sponsorship Ad Grant to support the publication of their 11th Annual "Wilderness Survival Guide" which distributes more than 10,000 free copies to schools, libraries, and other facilities throughout the province.

The NS Ground Search and Rescue Association use a third-party campaigning organization to seek sponsorships for the publication. A percentage of funds raised pay for their services. The NS Ground Search and Rescue would not be able to carry-out this valuable fundraising effort without this external support.

DISCUSSION

The work of the Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association is to support the 23 teams in the province to be able to provide the best response when someone is lost or missing in a wilderness environment. This includes liaising with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the province of Nova Scotia, and the Emergency Management Office. They also provide funding for training and equipment and ensure that teams have the tools they need to meet a professional standard of training. The Association is made up of a representative from each team across the province and resources are allocated evenly amongst them. Our local Lunenburg Chapter

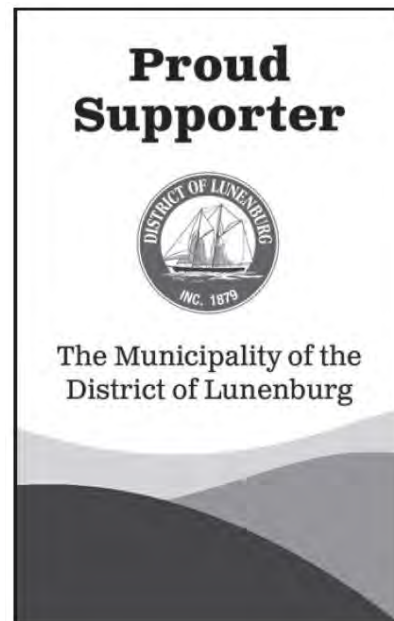
benefits directly from the Association through the purchase of new equipment, training for members, and software fees for their search and rescue system.

The Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association will be printing their 11th Annual “Wilderness Survival Guide” this year. This publication is available free of charge throughout the Province of Nova Scotia and is filled with important information on what to do if you become lost in Nova Scotia’s many wooded areas.

Proceeds raised from this project will be used to provide support services and training for the over 1,000 volunteer members of Nova Scotia’s Ground Search and Rescue who search for lost or missing people, the majority of which are children, help with community evacuations, search for plane crash debris, and conduct evidence searches to assist local police.

Each year they distribute a minimum of **10,000 Copies** of this unique publication to schools, libraries, and other public facilities throughout the province.

MODL supported this request in 2019, 2020, and 2021. A sample of the ad produced is attached.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Sponsorship Ad Grant budget is \$6,000 for 2022/2023. To date, \$700 has been awarded.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Not to award the Sponsorship Ad Request to the NS Ground Search and Rescue
2. Award a Sponsorship Ad Grant in another denomination based on the rate sheet (attached)

CONCLUSION

The application put forward by the Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue meets required criteria for the Sponsorship Ad Grant and it is recommended by staff to approve the request of \$310 towards their 11th Annual Wilderness Survival Guide.

Department: Recreation

Report Prepared By: Tissy Bolivar

Date: July 19, 2022

Report Approved By:

Date:

Reviewed By CAO:

Date:



NOVA SCOTIA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE

“Wilderness Survival Guide”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the **Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association**. Please consider this our written request for your support as per our recent telephone conversation.

The **NS Ground Search and Rescue Association** is very pleased to be printing our 11TH annual **“Wilderness Survival Guide”**. This guide will be filled with important information on what to do if you become lost in Nova Scotia’s many wooded areas.

We would like to have your organization’s support for this important project for the **NS Ground Search and Rescue Association** by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **“Wilderness Survival Guide”**. Copies of this unique publication will be available free-of-charge throughout the Province of Nova Scotia in May 2023.

The proceeds raised from this project will be used to provide support services and training for the over 1,000 Volunteer Members of **Nova Scotia’s Ground Search and Rescue** who search for lost or missing people, the majority of which are children, help with community evacuations, search for plane crash debris, and conduct evidence searches to assist local Police.

Please find enclosed a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact our Campaign Office toll free at **1-877-859-7790**.

Thank you for your consideration and/or support.

Sincerely,

**Sherry Veinot
President
Nova Scotia Ground Search & Rescue Association**



NOVA SCOTIA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE

“Wilderness Survival Guide”

ADVERTISING PRICES

AD SIZE (measurements in inches)	SUB TTL	HST	Total
Outside Back Cover (Full Colour)	\$1,200.00 +	\$180.00 =	\$1,380.00
Inside Front/Back Cover (Full Colour)	\$1100.00 +	\$165.00 =	\$1,265.00
Full Page 5” X 7.75” (Full Colour)	\$800.00 +	\$120.00 =	\$920.00
Full Page 5” X 7.75”	\$647.83 +	\$97.17 =	\$745.00
½ Page 5” X 3.8” (Full Colour)	\$534.78 +	\$80.22 =	\$615.00
½ Page 5” X 3.8”	\$426.09 +	\$63.91 =	\$490.00
¼ Page 2.4” X 3.8” (Full Colour)	\$378.26 +	\$56.74 =	\$435.00
¼ Page 2.4” X 3.8”	\$295.65 +	\$44.35 =	\$340.00
1/8 th Page 2.4” X 1.8” (Full Colour)	\$226.09 +	\$33.91 =	\$260.00
1/8 th Page (Business Card)	\$195.65 +	\$29.35 =	\$225.00

H.S.T. Registration # 835872 847 RT0001

All typesetting and layout charges are included in the above prices. Electronic ads can be emailed to nsgs@fenety.com.

The publication will be printed in an 5.5” X 8.5” format. All cover spaces should include a ¼” bleed. Acceptable digital formats include: .tiff, .eps, .pdf, .jpg, .bmp. Compatible applications are Illustrator, Photoshop, and Quark Express. Minimum resolution for all digital ads should be 200 dpi.

An ad will be created with the information available to the publisher if ad copy is not received by the time of printing.

A Complimentary copy of this year’s guide, along with a certificate of appreciation, will be received by all advertisers purchasing a 1/8 page and up graphic ad.



Mail Cheque or Money Order to:

NSGS Campaign Office
PO Box 182 STN Central
Halifax, NS
B3J 2M4



Council
Item: #11.2.2
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Memorandum

To: Municipal Council

From: Tissy Bolivar, Acting Director of Recreation, Parks and Tourism

Date: July 26, 2022

**Re: Designated Community Project Fund –
Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery**

RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Municipal Council grant the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery \$1,240.00 as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund Policy – MDL-48.

BACKGROUND

Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery are raising capital funds to cover costs to restore, preserve and maintain the Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery. Recently, there were four donations totalling \$1260.00. The amount of \$1240.00 is being recommended as \$20.00 (\$5.00 per contribution) will be retained by MODL for administrative charges as per Policy MDL-48.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There would be no implications to the budget.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative would be to not issue the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery this grant.

CONCLUSION

The Designated Community Project Fund was developed and approved by MODL to aid non-profit groups in raising capital funds for projects.

Council
Item: #11.3.1
Date: July 26, 2022
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report to: Council
Submitted by: Elizabeth Carr, Planner I
Date: July 21, 2022
Re: Letter of Support for Petite Riviere Watershed Wilderness Area

Recommendation

That Council write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change in support of designating the Crown lands within the Petite Riviere watershed as a protected Wilderness Area.

That Council refer the potential divesture of PID 60293669 to Staff and that staff report to the Policy & Strategy Committee.

Discussion

Background

The Petite Riviere watershed is a rich, natural area in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people¹. A portion of the watershed supplies drinking water to MODL and the Town of Bridgewater². Three lakes make up the watershed including Hebb Lake, Minipsigate Lake, and Minamkeak Lake. Several rare species have been identified in the Petite Riviere watershed including the Atlantic Whitefish, a species protected federally and provincially under the *Species at Risk Act* and the *Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act*, respectively². The Petite Riviere watershed is the

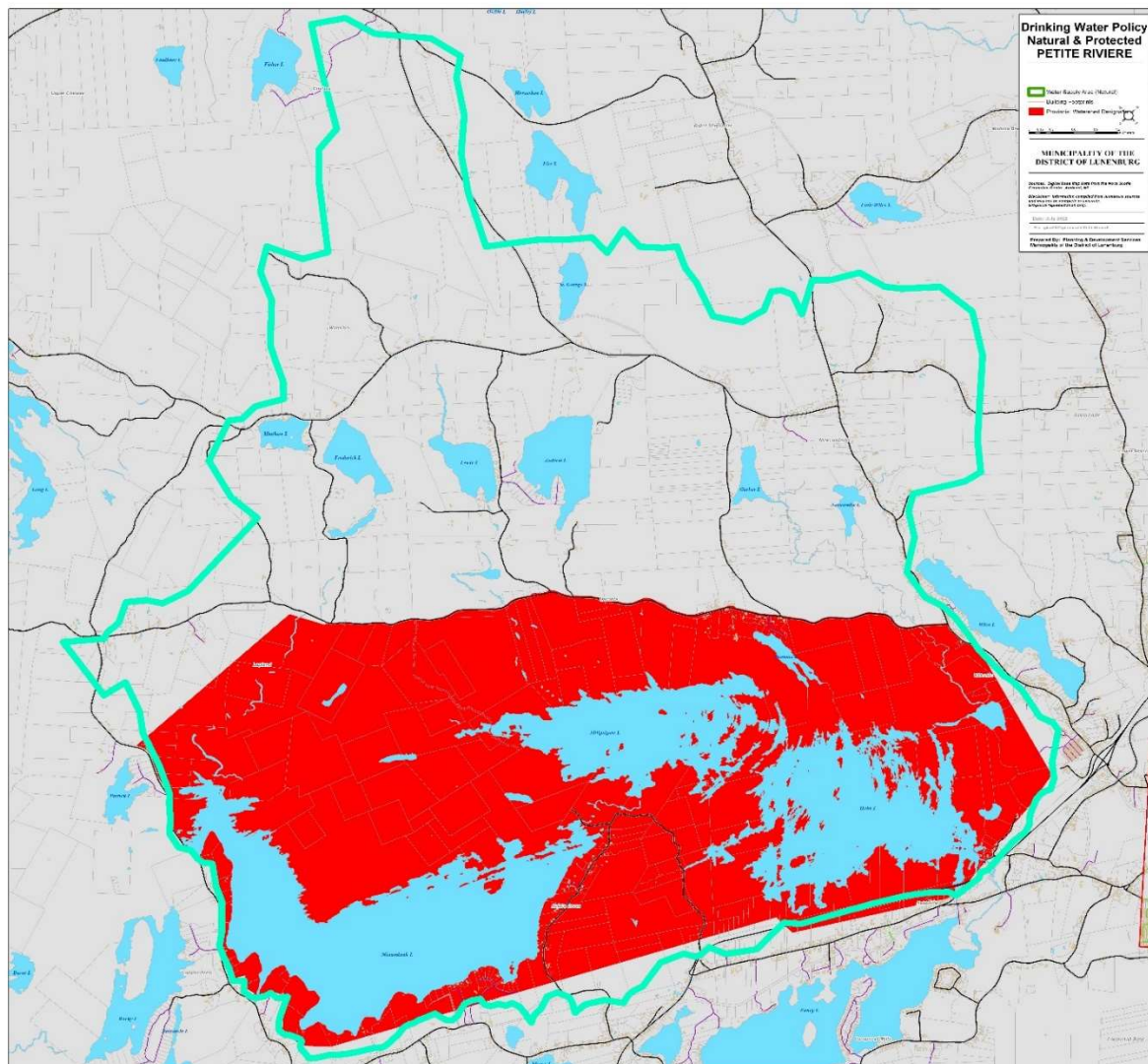
¹ Native Land. (2022). *Native Land Digital*. Retrieved from <https://native-land.ca/>

² Bridgewater Watershed Protection Alliance. (2022). *Submission to the Honorable Tim Halman Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding Wilderness Area Designation for Public Lands in the Petite Riviere Watershed*.

only known habitat left for the Atlantic Whitefish, which makes the area an ideal candidate for conservation².

Bridgewater's Watershed Protection Alliance (BWPA) has requested that MODL's Council provide a letter of support to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change asking that the Crown land located within the Petite Riviere watershed be protected as a Wilderness Area. A portion of the Petite Riviere watershed is already considered a protected water area by the province of Nova Scotia because the watershed supplies drinking water to neighboring municipalities³.

Figure 1. Map of Provincially Protected Water Area in the Petite Riviere Watershed.



³ Nova Scotia Environment. (2009). Protected Water Areas of Nova Scotia. [Map].

The purpose of designating the Petite Riviere watershed as a Wilderness Area is to protect the natural environment; provide opportunities for appropriate recreation such as hunting and fishing; and deter activities such as forestry and agriculture that may harm the ecology of the area⁴. Supporting the Wilderness Area designation is a step toward meeting the sustainability goals outlined within the MODL2040 plan as well as the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

Wilderness Area Designation Process

The land within the Petite Riviere watershed that is eligible for protection as a Wilderness area is Crown land. Crown land in Nova Scotia is owned by the province and regulated by the Minister of Natural Resources^{5 6}. In 1992, the province of Nova Scotia began the process of identifying and protecting environmentally, socially, and culturally significant areas across the province⁷. Several Crown lands were selected to be designated as protected wilderness areas resulting in a collection of 31 parks and green spaces that represented Nova Scotia's natural diversity⁸. The process of classifying the selected 31 Crown lands as protected wilderness areas took almost 10 years of planning and required an inventory of natural assets, assessments of the land, as well as public approval⁷. There are now more than 70 designated Wilderness Areas across Nova Scotia but only one, the Pu'tlaqne'katik Wilderness Area, is located within MODL⁹.

⁴ Government of Nova Scotia. (2013). Our Parks and Protected Areas: A Plan for Nova Scotia. Retrieved from <https://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/pdf/Parks-Protected-Plan.pdf>

⁵ Government of Nova Scotia. (2012). Crown Lands Act. Retrieved from <https://www.canlii.org/en/ns/laws/stat/rsns-1989-c-114/latest/rsns-1989-c-114.html>

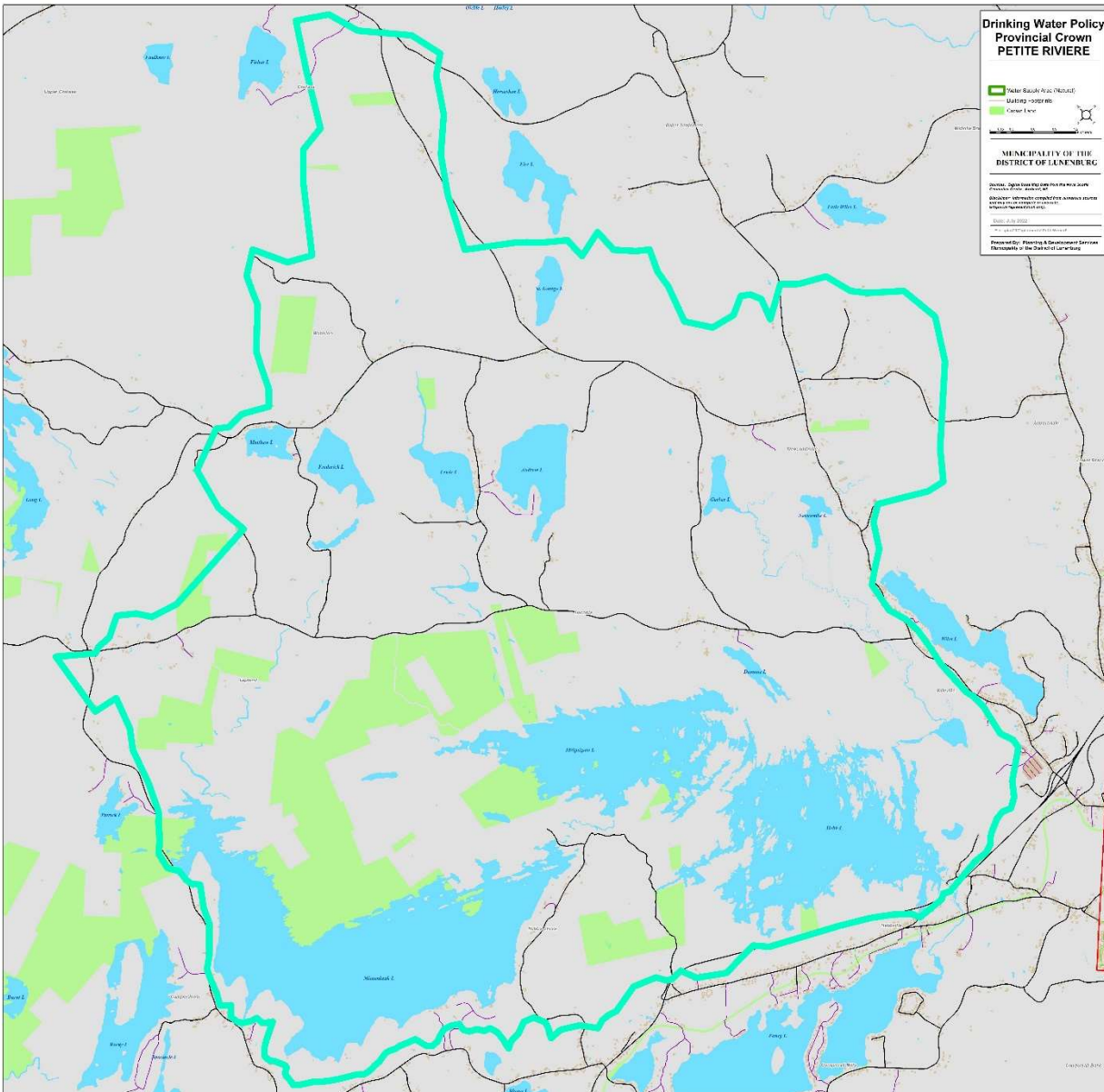
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⁸ Government of Nova Scotia. (2010). Protecting Wilderness: A Summary of Nova Scotia's Wilderness Areas Protection Act. Retrieved from https://novascotia.ca/nse/protectedareas/docs/Wilderness_Act_Sum.pdf

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Figure 2. Map of Crown Land in the Petite Riviere Watershed.



The process for acquiring the Wilderness Area designation begins with a request to the Department of Environment and Climate Change. Once a protection request is received by the Department of Environment, a consultation process must be completed. The consultation process includes 60 days of public consultation as well as an analysis of the socio-economic impact of applying the Wilderness Area designation to the area¹⁰. As part of the Wilderness

¹⁰ Nova Scotia Environment. (2020). Summary Report: What we heard during Nova Scotia Wilderness Areas Consultations. Retrieved from <https://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/docs/Wilderness-consultations-report.pdf>

Area designation, there are restrictions on forestry, agriculture, road construction, and recreational activities due to the sensitive nature of the lands and the species within them. The Minister of Environment is responsible for deciding the types of activities that will be permitted within the Wilderness Area as well as where certain activities such as camping, or fishing can take place within the protected area¹¹.

Justification

The Atlantic Whitefish is not the only rare and endangered species that has been identified in the Petite Riviere watershed. Several species of endangered lichen as well as other animals have been documented in the area and would benefit from additional protection². The action plan for recovering the population of Atlantic Whitefish includes designating the selected Crown lands as a Wilderness Area². A Wilderness Area designation for the Petite Riviere watershed would protect it as a source of drinking water and would support the rare and endangered species residing in the area.

Budget implications

There is currently no budget for this request as the responsibility of designating Wilderness Areas falls to the province.

Strategic plan

In 2019, MODL's Municipal Council declared a climate emergency and committed to forward thinking policy and sustainable development efforts¹². MODL is in the process of creating and implementing its Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP), which will outline emission reduction targets as well as methods for community-level environmental protection and climate change mitigation. The LCCAP has a section on sustainable land use that the Wilderness Area protective designation could fall under. Furthermore, MODL's 2010 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) emphasizes that there should be efforts focused on creating a strategy to reduce the amount of untreated wastewater entering watersheds as well as supporting

¹¹ Government of Nova Scotia. (2019). Wilderness Areas Protection Act. Retrieved from <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/wilderness%20areas%20protection.pdf>

¹² The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. (2020). MODL2040 Background Report Topic 3 – Climate Change. Retrieved from <https://engage.modl.ca/modl2040/widgets/59312/documents>

community initiatives to improve the quality of local watersheds¹³. Supporting an extra layer of protection through a Wilderness Area designation may contribute to the goals of the ICSP.

MODL is also working on updating its Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) via the MODL2040 project. Per the *Municipal Government Act*, municipalities within Nova Scotia are required to consider the five Statements of Provincial Interest when developing new planning documentation, one of which concerns drinking water¹⁴. Acquiring a Wilderness designation for Petite Riviere is a prime opportunity to incorporate sustainability and conservation efforts into the new plan and to exceed our original goals for drinking water protection. The intent of the MODL2040 plan is to incorporate ideas and goals of past planning documents such as the ICSP into the MPS and LUB to create a comprehensive guide for MODL over the next 20 years. Dedicating efforts toward protecting more of MODL's watersheds will not only enhance water quality but also the quality of life for residents.

Accessibility Considerations

Designating Wilderness Areas within MODL will make nature experiences generally more accessible to residents. Regardless of physical ability, everyone should be able to reap the benefits that experiencing nature provides.

Work plan

Council is encouraged to discuss the land owned by the municipality within the Petite Riviere watershed area and whether Council would be willing to sell, donate, or transfer ownership of that land to have it included within the Wilderness Area (See Figure 3). Council should consider the letter and report provided by the Bridgewater Watershed Protection Alliance and to back the initiative by providing a letter of support for the Wilderness Area designation for the Petite Riviere watershed area. Council may also decide to include the decision on the municipally owned land and whether it too could be included within the Wilderness Area designation within the letter of support.

¹³ The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. (2010). Municipality of the District of Lunenburg 2010 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. Retrieved from https://www.modl.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=6695-icsp-mar9&category_slug=planning-documents&Itemid=102

¹⁴ Government of Nova Scotia. (2022). Municipal Government Act. Retrieved from <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/municipal%20government.pdf>

Figure 3. Map of Municipally owned properties in the Petite Riviere watershed.

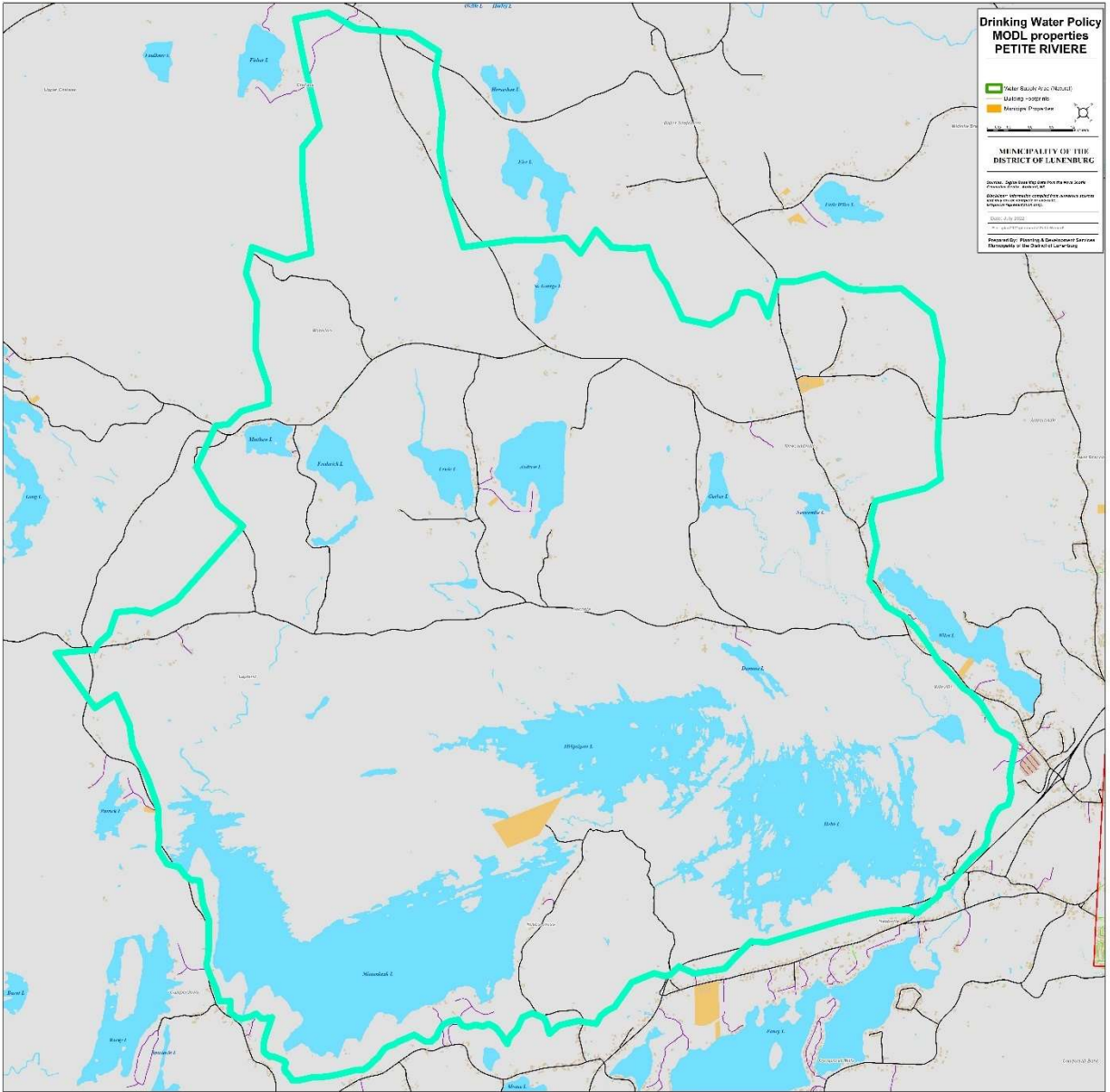


Figure 4. Map of Protected Water Area, Crown Land, and Municipally owned Land in the Petite Riviere Watershed.

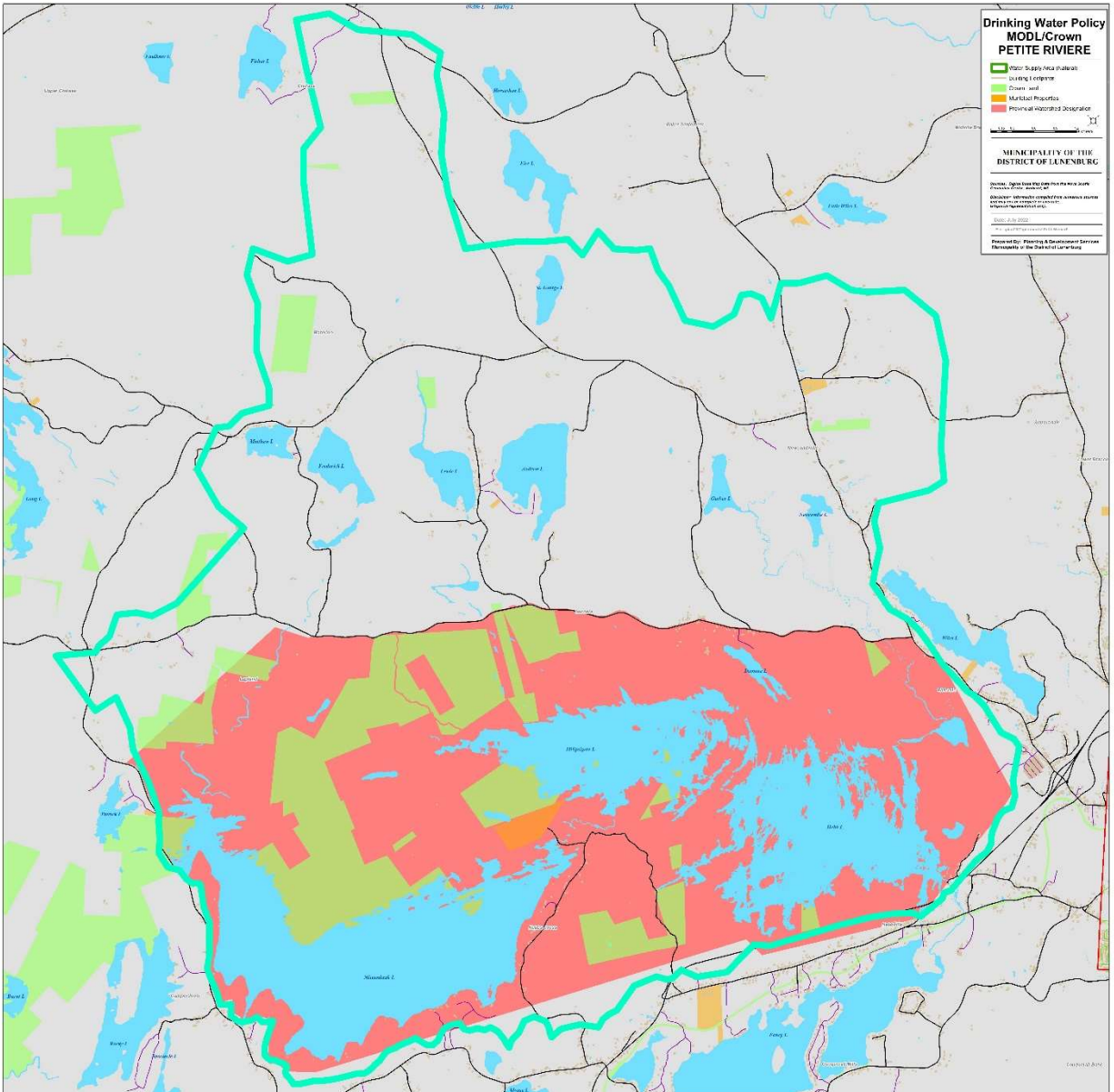


Figure 5. Map of all Crown lands eligible for Wilderness Area (in purple) designation in Petite Riviere watershed.



Conclusion

Based on MODL’s goals for the MODL2040 project around drinking water and the critical habitat contained within the Petite Riviere watershed area, planning staff recommends that the Policy & Strategy Committee approach Council for a letter of support of designating the Petite Riviere watershed as a Wilderness Area. The letter will be sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and will start the process of acquiring the Wilderness Area designation for the Petite Riviere watershed.

Report Preparation	
Department	Planning & Development
Report Prepared by	Elizabeth Carr, Planner I
Report Approved by	Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	

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