



Building the Local Economy

Improvements to our infrastructure is necessary to ensure that we maximize the opportunities to build our economy. This budget makes key investments that will help to stimulate growth in our community.

Internet

- Council is pursuing multiple avenues for expanding internet service, with a total investment from all levels of government and Internet Service Providers of \$3,791,000 expected over the next two years, affecting up to 2,000 households:
 - One project with EastLink and the Federal Government will see approximately \$1.48 million invested in the Municipality, with a municipal share of \$233,486 in the work being done.
 - One project with TNC Wireless and the Federal Government will bring a new solution to the northern areas of the Municipality. Of the \$2.15 million total program cost, the Municipality is contributing up to \$193,857.
 - Two new Internet towers will provide fixed wireless internet services for Big Tancook Island, and for areas surrounding the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Facility. The Municipality is contributing \$80,410.
 - Continuing to develop relationships with Develop Nova Scotia and possible Internet Service Providers who have interest in expanding in Lunenburg County.

Rural Roads

- A total of \$1.8 million will be spent on the maintenance, operation and improvement of roads in our Municipality.
 - The proposed 2019/20 budget includes \$1.1 million in capital funding for paving of cost-shared provincial roads, should provincial approval be granted.
 - An additional \$738,000 will be spent on maintaining and operating municipally-owned and J class roads.
- Council has reviewed the existing petition bylaws and staff are preparing an options report on revisions that will make passing petitions easier for residents. In conjunction with this policy work, engineering staff are completing assessments and preparing pre-design work for possible upgrade and paving projects on existing municipal roads in the 2020 construction season.

Tourism

- The Municipality has increased the promotion and awareness of the Municipality's tourism sector with improvements to the Lunenburg Region website, upgrades to the Agri-Tour and Lunenburg Region maps, new online mapping project and Highway 103 signage.

Investment Attraction

- The Municipality is moving into the fourth year of the Investment Attraction Strategy that has seen a significant increase in the number of inquiries from both small businesses and new residents interested in moving to the Municipality.