



Investing in our Community

Tick Awareness and Lyme Disease

- Lyme Disease is a growing problem in Lunenburg County. The Municipality has committed to funding and working in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada on a three-year bait station research project, and with Nova Scotia Public Health on an educational campaign.

Open Space Strategic Plan

- Continue to implement the Open Space Strategic Plan by investing in our parks, including River Ridge Common.
- Council received the Sherbrooke Lake Park concept plan, which will enable Council to develop the park in phases.
- Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The proposed 2019/20 budget includes funding for trails and active transportation, as well as \$320,000 for construction in the lower portion of River Ridge Common. The Sherbrooke Lake Water Quality report has been received by Council, and testing on the lake will continue in 2019/20. A concept plan has been received by Council.

Active Transportation

- We will continue to provide support to the six rails to trails groups, ATV clubs and the Lunenburg County Mountain Bike Association. A focus will be on developing trails that provides connectivity to other trails, recreation facilities and amenities such as gas stations, restaurants and hotels, parks and to other communities.

Fire Services Recruitment and Retention

- Volunteers are the backbone of our Fire Service, and recruiting and retaining active volunteers is a significant challenge for our Fire Service. Council has included \$58,800 in funding for the implementation of recruiting and retention tactics, which is on track to be implemented in 2019/2020.

Accessibility

- The Province has passed accessibility legislation which will create higher standards for accessibility for all public facilities, websites and other services. The legislation requires municipalities to establish accessibility committees with expertise and at large members representing communities with different accessibility requirements. MODL successfully led the creation of a county-wide committee, to make best use of resources and ensure we are able to adequately populate and support the committee. Partner units are in the process of nominating members, and staff will remain engaged as implementation of the Act begins.
- A new, fully accessible Municipal Services building will be constructed on municipally-owned land at Osprey Village, and will cost \$7.2 million to construct. Previous and current Councils have set funds aside for this project for many years, which means the Municipality will not incur debt or raise taxes to build the new Municipal Services building. The Municipality continues to be on track to be debt-free by 2021.