



# MunicipalMATTERS

A proud history... A promising future

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, and restrictions on gathering limits, this issue of Municipal Matters does not contain an Events Listing.

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2020



Though our office and associated buildings closed on March 16 to help in the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Municipality has continued to provide important services to residents. While staff work remotely, we continue to accept building permit applications and conduct building inspections. Council meeting recordings are available at [modl.ca](http://modl.ca), and Public Hearings are available on our Facebook page.

In order to offset the financial impact on residents and businesses during the COVID-19 situation, the Municipality has delayed the interim tax deadline by 90 days. The interim tax deadline is moved from May 31, 2020 to August 31, 2020. If your account includes arrears, daily interest will continue to be applied on those arrears. Interest on the newly issued interim invoice will not be applied until September 1, 2020. We encourage those residents who are able to pay their tax bill upon receipt to do so.

Additionally, the Municipality will offer a deferral of PACE and Straight Pipe Loan payments of up to 90 days upon request.

We hope to reopen in the near future, and look forward to welcoming residents back to the Administration Building and the MARC.

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**Mayor's Corner**

On behalf of Council members, staff, and all residents of the Municipality, we extend our deepest condolences to the people of Colchester County and to all Nova Scotians. The tragic events that occurred in our beautiful province of Nova Scotia are devastating.

There are no words to explain or to try to make any sense out of these tragic events. My heart goes out to all those impacted by these horrific events including the family and friends of Constable Heidi Stevenson, Lisa McCully and to the other victims.

Somehow, somehow, we are connected through family, friends, through our professions or simply as a province to those who needlessly loss their lives in this senseless tragedy. As a lifelong resident of NS, I never thought we would ever experience such horrific acts of violence that have left us all speechless and searching for answers.

My heart is heavy with grief for all who have lost a mom, a dad, a grandparent, a brother or sister, a neighbour, a teacher, a nurse, a RCMP officer, a colleague or a friend. We pray for each of you and please know that, as a province, we mourn your losses and share in your grief. We do not know how to bear this kind of pain, but you are not alone.

As each day passes, may we all find light and love in our hearts again as we begin to heal. Words cannot adequately express how sorry we are for your loss and to all families that are grieving today.

We are reminded of the sacrifices made every day by those working on the front lines: our police officers, paramedics, firefighters, hospital staff, 911 call takers/dispatchers, essential service providers and more. Thank you to all the first responders who answered the call to assist in these horrific crime scenes and to your families. God Bless you all for continuing to keep Nova Scotians safe. I've cried at the senseless loss of life, and for their families. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We are stronger together, and we are crying with you.

## Welcome to **Engage MODL**

While residents continue to follow vital physical distancing guidelines, the Municipality has been working to find creative ways to connect with residents online. We held the first virtual public hearing in Nova Scotia in April, and have continued to hold virtual public hearings since that first one. Residents can watch the meeting on Facebook Live and add their comments, or call in on a conference call.

The Municipality accelerated their planned launch of their new public engagement website, EngageMODL ([engage.modl.ca](http://engage.modl.ca)), and the site is now live with three projects.

“We’ve experienced a noticeable decline in attendance at our public meetings, town halls and other engagement events over the past few years, and an increase in online discussion through our online surveys and Facebook page,” said Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson. “With more than 50 municipalities across Canada using online engagement sites successfully, we felt it would be a welcome addition to our public engagement practices. The plan is not to replace in-person or phone engagement, but to complement it.”

EngageMODL is designed to engage discussion between residents and the Municipality on specific topics. It provides a platform for residents to read summaries or background reports about specific projects, discuss their questions or concerns about municipal projects and initiatives, and stay more informed.

EngageMODL has hosted a number of projects so far, including: Staying Connected during COVID-19, Private Roads By-law, Stonemont Retirement Living Complex, Boulangerie La Vendeenne, and Hemford Forest Plan Adoption.

Future projects will utilize some of the many tools offered by the site, including surveys, stories, Q&A and a mapping tool allowing residents to pin locations and add comments. Projects will be continuously added to the site to keep the community updated on current projects and events.

Our Recreation Department is supporting the recreational and cultural pursuits of residents while showcasing the incredible talent within our communities.

Since the program’s launch on March 24, hundreds of people have taken part in Zumba, kids CrossFit, chair yoga, kids art, cooking and nutrition classes, gardening classes, and music performances.

These courses and classes are led through videos and live classes by local instructors, musicians and organizations.

[https://www.facebook.com/  
LunenburgMunicipalRecreationDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/LunenburgMunicipalRecreationDepartment/)



*Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.*

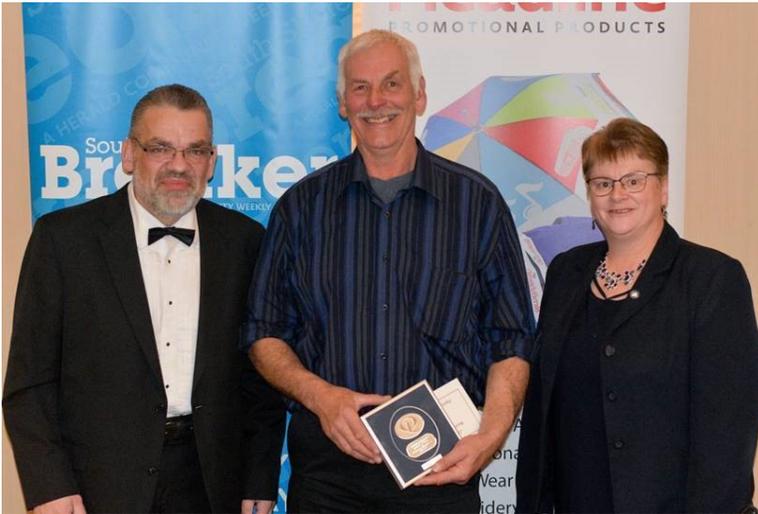
## RECREATION AT HOME

Join us on Facebook from the comfort of your home for daily recreation and cultural opportunities from local instructors and organizations!



**Outstanding Service Award: Darrell Wentzell Carpentry**

L to R: Shawn Allan (Lunenburg-Queens Business Excellent Awards), Darrell Wentzell, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



**Small Business Award: Clark's Carpet & Flooring Depot.** L to R: Jamie Clark, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

**Internet Update**

Access to high-speed internet is of critical importance to the Municipality, and a key priority for our Council.

We have numerous projects underway in the Municipality, which you can read about at [modl.ca/Internet](http://modl.ca/Internet).

Most recently, we have committed to the financial support of two proposed Bell projects in the Municipality. Bell is submitting these projects for CRTC funding. Should the projects be approved, we look forward to sharing more information with residents.



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

# VOLUNTEERS 2020

Barbara Wentzell	Katrina Gallant
Betty Ann MacKay	Lorraine Snyder
Marc LaPointe	Merna Cox
Calvin Wentzell	Nancy Watson
David Ramey	Nathan Moynan
Donna Veinot	Olivia Seamone-Veinotte
Evan Dahl	Peter Mader
Geoff Biddulp	Peter Simpson
Glenys Foster	Releck Simmons
Helen Ferns	Shannon Stewart
Howard Gibson	Sonia Rhodenizer
Jaime Collicutt	Stephen Joudrey
Jessica Hubley	Susan Foote
Jon Allen	Tammy Wentzell
Jonathan Veinotte	Terri Foster
Judy Thompson	Venita Naas

**Art on the Adventure Trail Coming This Summer**

We are pleased to announce that the Art on the Trail selection committee has chosen **Samantha Battaglia**. Samantha is a local artist with a background in landscape architecture focusing on ecological needs. Her art practice has focused on many themes but overall strives to construct dynamic spaces for a viewer or participant to engage in. Samantha hopes to construct an art piece that will create a destination on the trail for the public, to marvel at its unique form, light and natural material.

***Stay tuned for the summer unveiling!***



## Budget 2020/21

This budget continues the Municipality's track record of strong financial management, while continuing to meet the needs of residents. Council continues to be on track to be debt free by 2021 while maintaining stable tax rates and contributions to reserves. We are spending prudently in the areas that are a clear priority to our residents.

The Municipality remains committed to our Five-Year Financial Strategy that establishes a long-term plan for finances, including examination of revenues and expenditures and a review of our reserves and investment plan. Residents will benefit from a more efficient government and an improved ability to maintain stable taxation. Finally, residential and commercial tax rates remain unchanged in this budget.

## Protecting the Environment

### LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Project

- The Municipality has replaced 150 straight pipes in the Wastewater Management District. Our goal is to make the lower LaHave River straight pipe free by 2023.

### Cleanup of Abandoned Schools

- \$1M is included in the budget for the demolition and remediation of Riverport School.

### Flood Mitigation and Planning

- MODL now has completed Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) remote sensing data for the entire Municipality and is in the process of converting the data into elevation maps showing floodplains for a range of storms.
- The floodplain mapping will be necessary to have an informed discussion on the type of development controls in a new municipal-wide Land Use By-Law, and what is an appropriate level of planning in the Municipality.
- The Province has indicated that municipalities will be required to have land-use planning in place across the entire Municipality in the near future.
- Exploring flooding control in Hebbville and the lower Petite Riviere watershed.

### Litter Cleanup Program

- The Municipality has allocated \$10,000 towards a Litter Clean Up Grant for not-for-profit organizations.



## Making Life Affordable

### Clean Energy Financing Program

- The Municipality will continue to offer financing for energy efficiency and cleaner energy retrofits. For more information visit [www.CleanEnergyFinancing.ca](http://www.CleanEnergyFinancing.ca)

### Sewer Tax Rate Reduction

- Municipal Council approved the proposed Sewer Rates of \$0.43/\$100 assessment for those in New Germany, Conquerall Bank, Cookville and Shore Drive, effective April 1, 2020. The Hebbville sewer rate was reduced to \$0.25/\$100 assessment. This is a 41% reduction in the Area Sewer Rates.

### Maintain Tax Rate

- Residential and commercial tax rates remain constant in this budget.

### Interim Tax Deadline Deferral

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### Removing financial barriers for children and youth

- Continue to contribute to Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (PRO Kids). This program strives to remove financial barriers to ensure every child and youth has an opportunity to participate in sport, recreation and cultural activities in the Municipality.

### Property Tax Rebate for Low Income Households

- The Municipality will continue to offer a property tax rebate of up to \$500 for property owners who have a total household income under \$29,999. An application must be completed to qualify for the rebate. Please call (902) 541-1348 or visit [modl.ca](http://modl.ca) to obtain the application. The application deadline is August 1, 2020.

### Debt Free in 2021

- When the Municipality becomes debt-free in 2021, it will be only the second municipality in the province to be debt-free.



## Investing in our Community

### Tick Awareness and Lyme Disease

- Lyme Disease is a growing problem in Lunenburg County. The Municipality is in the final year of the three-year bait station research project and educational campaign.

### Open Space Strategic Plan

- Continue to implement the Open Space Strategic Plan by investing in our parks, including River Ridge Common.
- Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The proposed 2020/21 budget includes funding for trails and active transportation, as well as \$138,000 for construction in River Ridge Common.

### 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

- Council has included \$40,000 in funding for recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Through the hard work of Council and Fire Services Representatives, MODL now provides consistent comprehensive life insurance to all volunteers in the fire service. The new program doubles the average level of coverage that had been provided individually by fire departments. Council is investing \$40,000 annually in WCB premiums and Personnel insurance costs for the volunteers.

### Accessibility

- The Municipality has formed a Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide advice to the municipal councils in Lunenburg County on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities.
- A new, fully accessible Municipal Services building will be completed on municipally-owned land at Osprey Village. 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.

### Community Investment

- The creation of a \$150,000 Community Facilities Fund. Additional details about this fund will be available later this year.



## 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 now provide fixed wireless internet services for Big Tancook Island, and for areas surrounding the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Facility. The Municipality contributed \$80,410.
- We're happy to see better Internet will be coming to Caledonia, Chelsea, New Germany and New Ross as part of Develop Nova Scotia's mandate to improve Internet in the province.

### Rural Roads

- A total of \$1.8 million will be spent on the maintenance, operation and improvement of roads in our Municipality.
- The proposed 2020/21 budget includes \$1.1 million in funding for paving of cost-shared provincial roads, should provincial approval be granted.
- An additional \$833,000 will be spent on maintaining and operating municipally-owned and J class roads.
- Council is reviewing a Private Roads By-law that seeks to remove barriers faced by the landowners on private roads.
- 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 and Investment Attraction

- 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.

# Accessible Lunenburg County

## Let's Talk Accessibility

### Are you a person with a disability?

The municipalities in Lunenburg County are creating an Accessibility Plan to improve accessibility in our region.

To help us write this plan, we need to hear from people with disabilities of all kinds.

There are many ways you can share your thoughts and ideas with us.

1. Complete our online survey
2. Leave us a voicemail at (902) 530-2088
3. Send an email to: [AccessibilityCoordinator@modl.ca](mailto:AccessibilityCoordinator@modl.ca)
4. Attend an upcoming event.  
Visit [accessiblelunenburgcounty.ca](http://accessiblelunenburgcounty.ca) for a list of events.



## Property Tax Exemptions

Homeowners with household incomes under \$29,999 are eligible to receive up to \$500 relief from their property tax bill, based on their household income. Please note: For the 2020-21 fiscal year, you do not require a Commissioner of Oaths to sign your Statutory Declaration. An unsworn Statutory Declaration will be accepted for the 2020-21 fiscal year only.

The Province of Nova Scotia offers a Property Senior's Rebate. To find out more information visit <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>

Household Income	Maximum Exemption Value
Under \$9,999	Up to \$500
\$10,000 - \$14,999	Up to \$400
\$15,000 – \$19,999	Up to \$250
\$20,000 - \$24,999	Up to \$150
\$25,000 - \$29,999	Up to \$100

## Elections 2020

Recently, Minister Chuck Porter announced that the Municipal Election would go ahead as planned on Saturday, October 17, 2020. This election may be a bit different due to the NS Health Authority guidelines regarding COVID-19 and Election staff are currently planning accordingly.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on running for office and/or how to do this, you may contact the Returning Officer, Leah Zinck, by email at [elections@modl.ca](mailto:elections@modl.ca) or by phone at 902-527-8151.

More information regarding the election will be posted as it becomes available on the MODL website at [modl.ca](http://modl.ca).

## Osprey Village Development

Council approved a proposed 150-unit retirement home next to the new Municipal Building in Osprey Village, facing Highway 10. The proposed development may include a dining hall, a games room, an assembly hall with periodic cultural events, a screen golf course, as well as a shuttle service to the Exit 12 shopping mall, the South Shore Regional Hospital, and the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre.

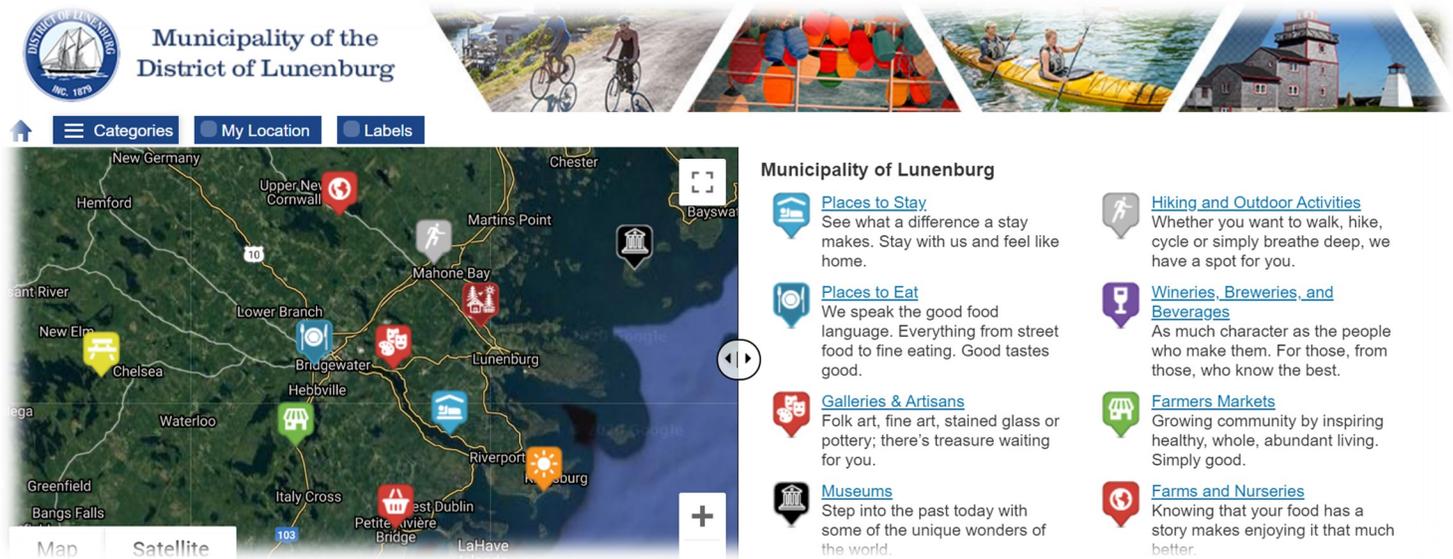
This includes independent and full-service lifestyle options, including an array of meals, housekeeping, laundry, recreation, 24HR staffing and emergency response, transportation, health checks, etc.

We're excited to be moving towards our goal of developing the Osprey Village area. The construction of Nathan Cirrilo Drive, the new Municipal Services building and the new proposed retirement home are excellent developments in this area.

## MODL Launches Digital Map

Are you interested in discovering what the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has to offer?

Explore our trails, seek out a place to eat, or travel to one of our many parks! Visit [www.exploremodl.com](http://www.exploremodl.com) to plan the itinerary for your next day trip!



**Municipality of Lunenburg**

- Places to Stay**  
See what a difference a stay makes. Stay with us and feel like home.
- Places to Eat**  
We speak the good food language. Everything from street food to fine eating. Good tastes good.
- Galleries & Artisans**  
Folk art, fine art, stained glass or pottery; there's treasure waiting for you.
- Museums**  
Step into the past today with some of the unique wonders of the world.
- Hiking and Outdoor Activities**  
Whether you want to walk, hike, cycle or simply breathe deep, we have a spot for you.
- Wineries, Breweries, and Beverages**  
As much character as the people who make them. For those, from those, who know the best.
- Farmers Markets**  
Growing community by inspiring healthy, whole, abundant living. Simply good.
- Farms and Nurseries**  
Knowing that your food has a story makes enjoying it that much better.

For questions pertaining to our municipal map contact Economic Development Officer Ruth Wawin by email at [ruth.wawin@modl.ca](mailto:ruth.wawin@modl.ca)

### COVID-19 Supports for Business

The provincial and federal governments have implemented programs and initiatives in order to assist businesses during these challenging times. To learn about the Provincial supports for available for businesses, visit:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/support/#support-for-business>

To access Government of Canada's supports for businesses visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

#### Municipal Economic Development

To learn more about our Municipality's supports for local businesses, contact our Business Development Officer, Mark Strickland at 902-530-2325 or by email [mark.strickland@modl.ca](mailto:mark.strickland@modl.ca).

District  
of Lunenburg

INSPIRING BUSINESS, RIGHT HERE

## Meet the Summer MODL Recreation Management Team

Our summer Recreation Management team members are all super excited to be part of the Recreation Department this upcoming summer, and to be part of a virtual recreation platform, something that hasn't really been done before. They hope to see all your friendly faces before the summer is over.

**Victoria**



Victoria Burgoyne is the Summer Manager. This will be her fourth summer working for the recreation department, but her first time holding the position of Summer Manager. She previously was the Special Events Manager for the last two years and has been involved with recreational sports and activities throughout her life. That is why she is so excited to be able to provide that amazing experience for others! She cannot wait to see what this summer will bring.

Ben Chisholm is this summer's Sports and Camps Manager. He has been involved in just about every recreational program available for as long as he can remember. This will be his first summer working with the MODL, and he could not be more excited for what is bound to be a unique and fun summer.

**Ben**



**Kylee**

Kylee Graven is working as the Special Events Manager this summer, and this will be her first time working with MODL. She is super excited to still be able to provide fun activities for all ages to do at home!

Mariah Kelley is the PR/Office Manager. This is her second summer working in this position, and she is very excited to be back. Now more than ever, recreation is so important for all of us, so she hopes everyone will continue to stay active, healthy, and safe throughout these challenging times.

**Mariah**



Check out the District of Lunenburg Recreation Department's Facebook page to stay up to date on all the virtual programming they have going on.

## Enjoy the Trails ... Responsibly

*We are fortunate to have diverse trail opportunities which offer something for many different users. Proper trail etiquette helps to keep all users safe by using common sense, safety and respect.*

*Here are a few of the **common rules of courtesy and respect** while using a trail.*

### For all

- Be aware of other trail users – stay alert
- Travel at reasonable speed, and slow down when approaching other trail users
- Do not block the passage of other users. Maintain a six foot distance between yourself and others whenever possible.
- No one is entitled to trail access – we all must share the space!

### Pedestrians

- Walk on the right-hand side of the trail, with the flow of traffic
- Wear reflective clothing
- If walking a dog, always keep them on a leash and scoop their poop

### Cyclists

- Cyclists must ride on the right-hand side of the trail, with the flow of traffic
- It is the law to have your bike equipped with a bell or horn. Use it to let others know you are approaching
- Ride in single file
- Lower your speed when around other trail users – do not startle pedestrians

### Off Highway Vehicles

- Rider's must stay on the right-hand side of the trail, with the flow of traffic
- It is the law to have your OHV registered and insured to use on public trails
- Ride in single file
- Lower your speed when around other trail users and nearby homes
- Do not use trails after 11pm at night or before 7am in the morning



## Coping with COVID-19 Physical Activity in the Outdoors!

For the Hopper Family, COVID-19 has posed many challenges. But there have been some benefits. One of the benefits has been the ability to spend more time outside together as a family. Busy work, volunteer and extra curricular schedules often meant little leftover time for being physically active together.

“When you can’t leave your neighbourhood, you might as well make the most of it and enjoy the time with your family. We have definitely seen an increase in our activity level!” says Louise.



“This has been an especially challenging time for the kids so we try to make our time outside as engaging as possible,” says Mathieu Hopper. “The kids have even learnt how to play safely with their friends, staying on opposite sides of the road.”

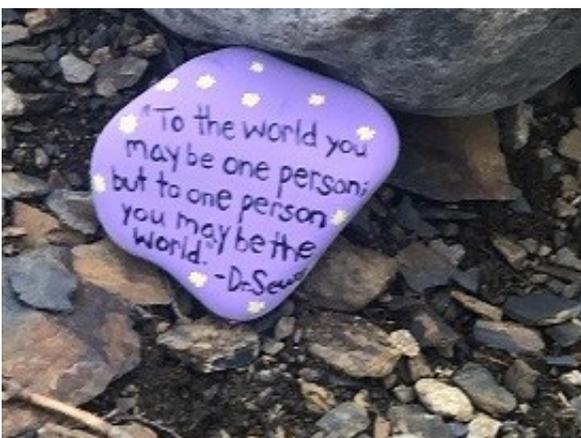
“I like having more time to ride my bike,” says Sophie, 10. “Going for walks is nice also because I get to see animals like woodpeckers, turtles and muskrats.”

Amelia, 7, has enjoyed staying connected with friends. “I mostly like playing with my friend across the road, we play games but stay in our own yards,” she says.



Katie Cochrane, Hebbville resident, says walking and biking the trails daily has been a daily inspiring routine during these challenging times.

“Spreading fun rock messages along the way to put a smile on the face of fellow walkers and bikers has been a NS maritime thing to do!”



## Bi-Weekly Bulky Landfill Collection Quick Guide

Bi-weekly bulky landfill pickup started with the collection of one item in April, transitioning into collection of two items. Landfill items can weigh up to 100 kgs (220 lbs) and measure up to 1.8 m (6 feet).

Landfill items collected every two weeks include:



**Fall Wood and Metal collection will take place on your regular collection day October 5-16, 2020. Wood and metal items will only be collected in the fall, not bi-weekly.** Items collected during Fall Wood and Metal Collection include:



**Household waste and bulky items must be curbside by 7:00 am on pickup day.** Wood and metal can be dropped off at the Community Recycling Centre, 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement. A fee is charged for wood, metal is free. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).

## Paper Leaf & Yard Waste Bags

Residents will be required to use paper bags for leaf and yard waste by Fall 2020. Plastic bags will no longer be accepted. Paper bags are sold at local grocery, hardware and department stores.

Switching from plastic to paper leaf bags will reduce plastic contamination in the organics stream. Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).



## Garbage Bag Reminder

The Municipality has a clear garbage bag program. Clear bags help to improve recycling and composting rates. They also allow waste collectors to see if hazardous wastes have been put in the garbage.

One non-transparent bag (black) is permitted per household, apartment or business every collection day.

Non-transparent bags must be properly sorted - no food waste, recyclables or paper. All garbage must be loose inside clear garbage bags. Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).



R6RECYCLES

Never miss collection day! Download the free **R6RECYCLES App** on the app store.

**No computer or smart phone? Call (902) 543-2991 to sign up for reminders about collection day.**

Find us on Facebook! [facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre](https://facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre)

The Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre is located at 908 Mullock Road in Whynott's Settlement. Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).

## Important Numbers

<b>General Inquiries</b>	<b>902-543-8181</b>	Planning General Inquiries	902-541-1325
Mayor's Office	902-541-1326	Civic Addressing Inquiries	902-541-1325
Taxes	902-541-1329	Recreation Registration	902-541-1343
Purchasing	902-541-1324	MARC Facility Bookings	902-541-1343
Dog Control Officer	902-543-2022	Solid Waste Inquiries	902-543-2991
Engineering Department	902-541-1351	Solid Waste Collection Issues	1-855-530-3324
Building Inquiries/Inspection	902-541-1325		<b><a href="http://communityrecycling.ca">communityrecycling.ca</a></b>

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