



# MunicipalMATTERS

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## Share your vision for the future of MODL

More than 270 people have completed the MODL2040 survey so far - have you?

The MODL2040 project is underway with the goal of imagining where the Municipality will be in twenty years and how we should best prepare for that future. We need your opinion on the issues that face us, from a municipal perspective, as an individual household, and as a community.

In the first MODL2040 survey, we start with questions to hear more about your community priorities, followed by specific questions on how you interact with your communities.

The MODL2040 project page and survey is now live at [engage.modl.ca](https://engage.modl.ca).

Complete the survey by March 31, 2021 to be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards to Little Red Barn. Local government works best when all voices are included, and we hope you'll share your thoughts.

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**Mayor's Corner**

Last month, we raised the Pan-African flag at our Municipal building.

Guests in attendance were: Vernon Simms, the African Nova Scotian Representative on the former South Shore Regional School Board; Tracy Mulder, SSRCE's African Nova Scotian Coordinator; Patricia Watson, a member of the Bridgewater Anti-Racism

Task Force and MODL resident; and Paul Ash, Regional Executive Director at SSRCE.

I hope residents, businesses, and community groups participated in the activities and celebrations for African Heritage Month.

COVID-19 safeguards continue, and the Municipality has awarded a second round of funding support for not-for-profit organizations that operate community facilities and fire departments impacted by COVID-19 cancellations.

In the first round of funding awarded in July of 2020, 44 community organizations that operate community facilities received a total of \$83,658 in funding. Additionally, \$32,500 in emergency assistance funding was given to MODL fire departments. In this round of funding, 55 organizations that operate community facilities received a total of \$81,165.

We continue to see staggering revenue losses by these important community organizations. Since introducing this program, the Municipality has donated a total of \$197,323 to our community organizations that operate community facilities. We hope this emergency funding will help these organizations during this challenging time.

Do you know a volunteer in your community that deserves to be recognized? Nominate them today! Anyone can submit a nomination for the volunteer(s) of their choice. Download the nomination form at [modl.ca](http://modl.ca). The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2021.

Have you signed up for MODL Messenger, our monthly email newsletter? Visit <https://modl.ca/communication.html> to sign up today.





**Meet Your Council!**



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## Raffle raises funds - and spirits - for local fire departments

By Aliyah Myers-Stein

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges into all of our lives. Businesses have had to shut their doors, people have had to take time off of work, and we've all learned some difficult lessons about keeping our heads - both financially and emotionally - above water. But what about those who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe?

Fire departments across the province rely on fundraising events such as Bingo, Chase the Ace, and fire hall rentals for dances or dinners to help cover the costs associated with the maintenance or procurement of equipment and vehicles. Because of the hands-on nature of these events, nearly all fundraising activities have been put on hold due to the pandemic - but the need for funds has not gone away.

Enter Andrew Wallis, firefighter for over 20 years with the Amherst Fire Department and organizer of the Nova Scotia Firefighters' 50/50 Raffle. In an effort to raise the much-needed funds for his department during the pandemic, Andrew decided to look into doing a 50/50 raffle online through Rafflebox, a Calgary-based software company that specializes in virtual fundraisers. Little did he know, he had stumbled upon an opportunity to not only help his department generate revenue, but to spread much-needed funds to fire departments across the province.

When Andrew first started the raffle in late May, eight fire departments were participating. Now, more than 220 departments from across the peninsula are actively benefiting from the raffle and over \$100,000 is given away weekly to a lucky participant. Paula MacDonald, Chief of Blockhouse & District Fire Department, says that's exactly how the raffle is a win-win situation for everyone involved: "Not only has our department been able to get consistent revenue, but it's so exciting that a Nova Scotian gets to win the raffle every week too."

At the heart of the initiative, Andrew recognizes the impact that the raffle has made, especially on smaller fire departments. "Some [departments] aren't doing any fundraising right now at all, so the money they raised through the raffle might be the only thing they have for revenue this year. The great thing is that the funds can be used on whatever the departments need [whether it's] renovations, supplies, or a new truck."

Several local fire departments are participating in the 50/50 draw, including Blockhouse, Hebbville, Hebb's Cross, Big Tancook, Dayspring, and Tri-District, among others. Paul Hayes is Chief at Tri-District Fire Department, and he says that since their fire hall is closed due to the pandemic, they haven't been able to do any fundraising. For his department, taking part in the raffle has allowed them to look at buying new emergency extraction equipment. Paul states: "Kudos to Amherst. [The raffle] has helped a lot of fire departments, including our own, to continue through the pandemic and beyond." Blockhouse Chief Paula echoes Paul's sentiments and encourages everyone to participate in the raffle if they can: "Purchase a ticket, it doesn't matter which department you support. You're helping people out there keeping communities safe."

For more information about the Nova Scotia Firefighters' 50/50 Raffle or to buy a ticket, visit [www.firefighters5050.com](http://www.firefighters5050.com).



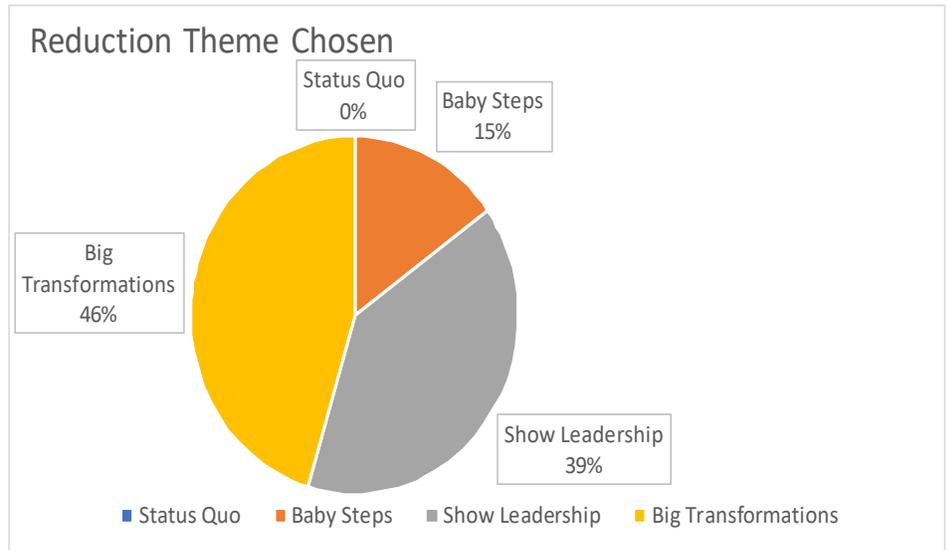
## Climate emergency update

MODL has now formed the Sustainability Committee and will begin work on the Partners in Climate Protection (PCP) milestone 2, which involves setting a community greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target. After the target is set, the Committee will begin to work on milestone 3, which will involve the creation of our Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) to outline MODL's plan to reduce community emissions.

Sign up to our Engage MODL site at <https://engage.modl.ca/local-climate-change-action-plan> to stay up to date with the latest plans and to find out when meetings will be so you can share your thoughts on climate change.

## GHG reduction survey

The results are in from the MODL GHG reduction survey. MODL recently asked residents how strong of an action we should take on reducing community emissions by asking them to choose from four emission reduction themes for future action. The themes ranged from taking strong action "Big Transformations" to maintaining our current actions "Status Quo".



The results were overwhelmingly in favour of strong GHG reduction action, with 85% of responses favouring the two strongest mitigation scenarios, "Big Transformations" or "Show Leadership."

This feedback will now be used to help develop our community GHG reduction target. Thank you to all who participated either online or by mailing back their survey from the previous newsletter.

## Summer Employment Deadlines



We are looking for strong, creative leaders with energy, motivation and communication skills to deliver our summer recreation programs in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

Our summer programming spans across the District of Lunenburg encompassing all ages and abilities. We welcome applications from all who feel their knowledge and skill sets align with the goals of our department.

**March 12, 2021** (Manager Positions, 13 to 17 weeks)

**May 3, 2021** (Program Leaders/Swim Instructors, 8 to 9 weeks)

**Job descriptions are available on the Municipal website:**  
[www.modl.ca](http://www.modl.ca)

**Mail or drop off your resume to:**  
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**Notes:**

1. Some positions may be filled by returning staff
2. All positions require access to a vehicle
3. There are some evening and weekend hours
4. Part time/casual positions may be available
5. The summer office is located at the MARC, Dayspring



District 7 Councillor Michelle Greek, District 4 Councillor Pam Hubley, and MODL Planner Byung Jun Kang volunteering at the Bridgewater Covid-19 pop up.

## Provincial volunteer representative—Jon Allen



Jon Allen has been selected our Provincial Volunteer Representative. Jon has been volunteering for 26 years with South Shore Players. He is the president of the organization and spends a lot of his time directing, writing and acting. His positive approach is contagious!

He also volunteers on different Committees and Council groups. Jon and his wife offer the Sarah K. Allen Memorial Bursary (\$1,000) each year to a person pursuing post secondary education in theatre arts. Under his leadership, the South Shore Players produced and presented free entertainment during one of our lowest periods when COVID hit. He always volunteers with a big smile and heart.

Thank you for your contributions to our community Jon!

## Economic Development



### Business Spotlight:



## Old Black Forest Restaurant

Schnitzel, Bratwurst, and Black Forest Cake made with Barelling Tide Cherry Liqueur are just a few traditional German dishes the team of talented Chefs at The Old Black Forest Restaurant are serving up!

Located at 10117 Nova Scotia Trunk 3, this restaurant has recently been coined the “New” Old Black Forest Restaurant, as new owners took over the restaurant in March

of 2020. The exciting opportunity of new business ownership quickly turned into the ongoing challenge of operating a business during the pandemic.

With dreams of owning a community-driven restaurant very much alive, Chef Nathan Guggenheimier and his talented team are looking to revitalize the restaurant. The Old Black Forest Restaurant recently launched a Kickstarter campaign to draw on community support to help fund improvements to their building and its exterior. Plans include a new patio for improved accessibility, a pergola, new patio furniture, and a fresh coat of paint. To draw in cyclists and other trail enthusiasts utilizing the Bay-to-Bay trail, they will install public picnic areas, bike racks, fix-it stations, and an ice cream machine!



Pictured above: Semmelknödel, Currywurst and Brezel

If you are interested in reading more about their Kickstarter campaign go to:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/greatestlittlepatio/lunenburgs-greatest-little-patio/description>

The Old Black Forest restaurant is currently offering take-out and dine-in services,. It is recommended to phone ahead to

book a reservation due to reduced seating capacity.

For more information visit: Website: [oldblackforest.ca](http://oldblackforest.ca) Facebook: [facebook.com/OldBlackForestRestaurant](https://www.facebook.com/OldBlackForestRestaurant)

Instagram: [instagram.com/theoldblackforest](https://www.instagram.com/theoldblackforest) Phone: 902-634-3600.

### Do You Have an Event Coming Up?

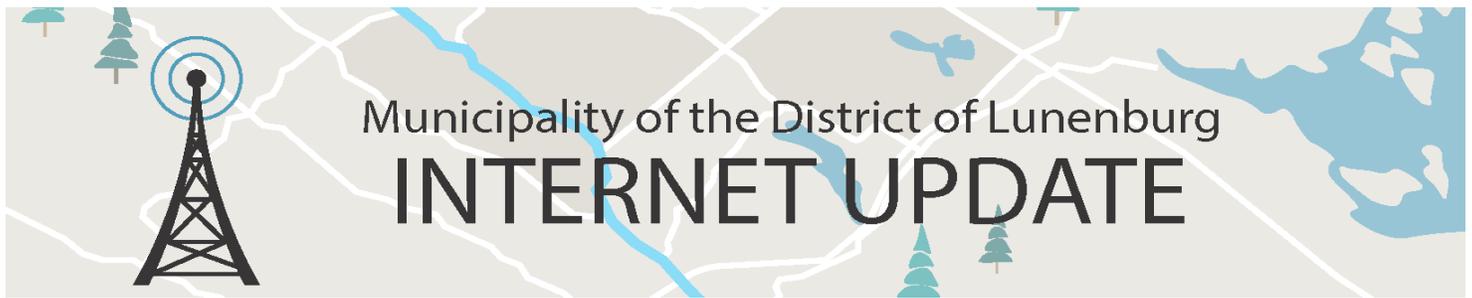
Send your event details to [ruth.wawin@modl.ca](mailto:ruth.wawin@modl.ca) so that we can share your event on our Lunenburg Region Facebook page!



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## MODL Invests \$2,336,765 with Bell Aliant and Eastlink

**This investment brings Fibre Based Internet to over 98% coverage in the District by the end of 2023.**

### Eastlink

- ◆ Hemford Forest, parts of Hemford, and parts of Bakers Settlement – **Complete**
- ◆ Cherry Hill – **Complete**

### Bell Aliant

**(Note that these are project names—projects may cover more communities than the project name indicates)**

Phase One Expected Completion April 14, 2021	Phase Two Expected Completion Dec 31, 2022	Phase Three Expected Completion Dec 31, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ New Germany</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Branch LaHave</li> <li>◆ Bridgewater Area</li> <li>◆ LaHave</li> <li>◆ Lunenburg Area</li> <li>◆ Lunenburg County North</li> <li>◆ Lunenburg County NW</li> <li>◆ Mahone Bay North</li> <li>◆ New Elm Road</li> <li>◆ Springfield</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Tancook Islands</li> <li>◆ Camperdown East</li> <li>◆ Crouses Settlement (East LaHave)</li> <li>◆ Newcombville</li> <li>◆ Petite Riviere</li> <li>◆ Masons Beach</li> <li>◆ Blue Rocks</li> <li>◆ Clearland</li> <li>◆ Voglers/Broad Cove</li> <li>◆ Bayport/Kingsburg</li> </ul>

**Work on phase two is well underway. Fibre Internet has five milestones:**

Milestone 1A – Field detailing or collection of data from the project

Milestone 1B – Engineering package development with detailing and fibre ordering

Milestone 2 – Permits with Department of Lands and Forestry and make ready with NS Power

Milestone 3 – Tree Trimming and fibre construction

Milestone 4 – Commissioning of fibre network

**Internet Questions**—Please contact Dave Waters Director of Business Development, Tourism and Infrastructure at [dave.waters@modl.ca](mailto:dave.waters@modl.ca) or 902-521-5945.

## Our Walk to School

By MODL Active Living Coordinator, Karen Geddes-Selig

Have you ever heard the phrase, “Back in my day, I had to walk miles in all kinds of weather to get to school”? Or maybe you can personally remember a time when there were no school buses and walking to school was your only option. At one point, Nova Scotia was dotted with small community schools.



On November 16, 2020, four students from Park View Education Centre decided to walk to school to raise money for PRO Kids, a District of Lunenburg charity which provides financial assistance to youth in the Municipality to participate in sport, recreation, and culture. They covered a distance that would impress even their great grandparents. What they learned from this 28km walk to school was more than just how to raise money, but also that aside from the distance covered, that walking to school today can present many challenges in our rural area.

Students Adam Culbert, Finn Kimball, Drew Bolivar and Callum Corkum started their 28km trek from Crescent Beach at 3:30am so they could finish their walk to attend Park View Education Centre’s 9:30am start time.

In selecting the route, they chose the one which most people do when using active transportation, the shortest route available. Due to the darkness of such an early morning, the youth needed to take flashlights, headlights, and safety vests, as well as have a parent in a support car. “The first three hours were dark and quiet,” said one, as it was on the Huey Lake Road, which is a rural secondary road with no streetlights. Once they joined up with the main road, Highway 331 which follows the LaHave River to Bridgewater, the speed limit ranged from 50km to 70km. This is a two-way single lane road with no sidewalks and some sections of paved shoulders. Drew said, “the most dangerous part of the walk was the Michelin traffic in Conquerall Bank where there were no paved shoulders and an overgrowth of thornbushes that they had to walk in to avoid the vehicles.” This is where the youth were happy to have their support vehicle that accompanied them along their walk. Once they were in the Town of Bridgewater, Adam said, “he did not know he liked sidewalks so much.”

Callum, an athlete, “recognized they come from privileged backgrounds but know friends that would not be playing sports if not for the youth subsidy” that charities like PRO Kids provide. Finn said, “it was all worth the effort and they were amazed the support they received coming to the school, with cars honking and people waving.” With a matching sponsorship by Mike Anderssen of TD Wealth Investments, the youth raised a total of \$7,200 for MODL PRO Kids which will directly impact youth in the Municipality to participate in a variety of activities.

All in all, many lessons were learned by these four energetic young men. As a community, we have also learned from them several important lessons like the importance of providing financial accessibility to all our youth for recreational and sporting opportunities. Also, the importance of providing our community with safe, accessible active transportation that encourages people to walk and bike. We also learned that maybe our great-grandparents were not exaggerating and that walking to school could be a safe, healthy, and fun option for many of today’s students. All lessons learned are critical as we work towards providing the infrastructure to make the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg a community where active transportation is the norm.

## Active Living Profiles

Submitted by MODL Active Living Coordinator, Karen Geddes-Selig

### Vicki Trenholm, Hebbville

Vicki understands the importance of physical activity, determination, and a positive attitude to help make yourself feel better. It was 6 years ago when Vicki was walking her dog that she felt severe pain in both her knees which eventually led to a diagnose of osteo arthritis. This meant Vicki had limited mobility, which at the time meant she was unable to enjoy her previously active life. After a few years of waiting, Vicki was able to get both knees replaced, and it was suggested by her health care provider “to get back into physical activities.” Vicki turned to the water with aquafit and swimming. Vicki says, “I really love aquafit as it is easier than land fitness on my joints. I really want to do everything I can for my health and to be more physically fit.” When it comes to improving one’s health and longevity, Vicki enthusiastically proclaims, “I am a true believer in physical activity can save one’s life.” Nowadays, Vicki is at aquafit twice a week at the LCLC, has started yoga and loves being able to walk her dog.



### Margie Knickle, First Peninsula



Margie is active every day. “My father paid me 25 cents to sit still when I was little. I did not earn many quarters, so I guess moving is part of my personality! I also love to be outside, so I find reasons to get out and enjoy the day. I go outside every day no matter what the weather. We have a family saying, “No bad weather just bad clothing!” I also have also grown up with dogs my whole life. They always are up for a daily stroll too. I like to experience the changes in seasons like smells, sounds, colours, length and type of day light, different wildlife, temperature, prevailing wind, etc.”

On a personal note, Margie feels the benefits of being physically active are “connecting with nature on a holistic level. I find being outdoors very spiritual. I know if I go out for a walk when the sun is setting, I will most likely see an eagle flying home and or hear the owls or see a fox come out. I also sleep better, over all feel better, love going to different places to experience different landscapes and water vistas.”

Some of Margie’s favorite ways to move include gardening, biking, fat biking, hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, rowing, kayaking, sailing, and swimming. As a rural resident, Margie has experienced a few challenges being active “Biking has its challenges on main roads if there are no bike lanes or in the summertime when the roads are busy with traffic.” But Margie says that really there are not too many challenges, “you just need to get out and go for a walk!”



## Spring compost giveaway

Join us for our annual free compost giveaway at the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre. May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> 8am – 4pm and May 15 8am - 1:30pm.

Each household can fill two feed bags of compost, weighing 50 lbs each. Bag quantities will be limited. Those with a truck or trailer can take a half cubic yard of compost.

Trucks and trailers will be loaded for residents.

Extra bags of compost may be bought for \$2 each. Be prepared, bring containers in case bags run out. Residents must bring their own shovels and gloves to fill their bags.

The giveaway is subject to weather conditions. Physical distancing and other Public Health guidelines will be followed at all times.

The Recycling Centre is located at 908 Mullock Road in Whyntott's Settlement. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991.



## Wood and metal collection reminder

Wood and metal is collected during a special fall pick up only. Bulky landfill items such as couches, rugs, toilets and vacuum cleaners can be collected every two weeks on your garbage day. Wood and metal pick up will take place September 20 – October 1, on your regular collection day. For more information, visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).

## Paper leaf and yard waste bags

Don't forget to buy paper leaf and yard waste bags for yard clean up. Plastic leaf bags will no longer be accepted this spring.

Plastic bags cause a lot of contamination in the organics stream. It's very hard to remove plastic once these bags are shredded during the first stage of compost processing. Paper grinds easily and does not create landfill waste as plastic bags do.

Questions? Call (902) 543-2991.



Plastic contamination in compost pile.

## Waste Collection Information

There are lots of ways to find out about waste collection. Visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca) to find updates. Sign up for collection notifications using **R6Recycles waste app**. You can download the app on your mobile device. It's free and easy to use.

If collection is canceled, check the website listed above. You may also call **1-855-530-3324** or **902-543-2991** or tune into **CKBW 98.1 fm**. Also check the **Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page**.



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)

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## 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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