



Protecting the Environment

Climate Change Action Plan

We are investing over \$1 million dollars into climate change projects, including:

- \$200,000 for a 100KW solar array for the Municipal Services Building;
- \$100,000 for a 10KW Solar system at the Conquerall Bank Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- \$220,000 to investigate the feasibility of a community solar garden in collaboration with other municipal units;
- \$250,000 to purchase an electric bus;
- \$25,000 for an EV charging infrastructure study;
- \$120,000 to install EV chargers in the fleet lot at the Municipal Services Building.

Water, Wastewater & Environmental Protection Projects

- The Municipality has replaced 357 straight pipes in the Wastewater Management District and met our goal to make the lower LaHave River straight pipe free by 2023.
- MODL will invest \$800,000 in improvements at the New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$750,000 for expansion work at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The budget includes \$925,000 for the first phase of the construction of a water storage tank which will allow for new high density commercial and residential development in Osprey Village.

Coastal Protection and Land Use Planning

- Through significant dedicated staff resources, MODL develop and implement a Coastal Protection Land Use By-law.
- MODL2040, our municipal-wide land-use planning project, is also underway. Learn more at engage.modl.ca/MODL2040.



Making Life Affordable

Property Tax Rebate for Low-Income Households

- The Property Tax Rebate program offers a rebate of up to \$570 for those households with incomes of less than \$40,700. An application must be completed to qualify for the rebate. Please call (902) 541-1348 or visit modl.ca to obtain the application. The application deadline is August 1, 2023.

Removing financial barriers for children and youth

- The Municipality will contribute \$50,000 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.

Clean Energy Financing Program

- The Municipality will invest \$500,000 and expand the program that offers financing for energy efficiency and cleaner energy retrofits. The program is designed to ensure residents save as much or more in energy and heating expenses than the cost of a low-interest rate retrofit loan, which can be paid back over a 15-year period. For more information visit www.CleanEnergyFinancing.ca.

Household Water Supply Improvement Loan Program

- The Municipality has committed \$50,000 and will develop a lending program for homeowners to invest in wells, cisterns, or other systems to replace dry wells.



Investing in our Community

Anti-Racism and Inclusion

- This budget includes \$87,000 for anti-racism and inclusion work in the municipality.

Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces

Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The 2023/24 budget includes \$1.8 million for trail development, and nearly \$1 million for parks and open spaces. This includes:

- \$800,000 for the Multi-Use Connector Trail through Osprey Village;
- \$800,000 for the first phase of an Active Living Park in Osprey Village including six pickleball courts;
- \$700,000 for the first phase in the Osprey Village Active Transportation Connection Pedestrian Bridge;
- \$163,000 to mitigate the grub issue at the MARC ballfields;
- \$150,000 for earmarked for Active Transportation paved shoulders;
- \$90,000 for Indian Falls Trail upgrade;
- \$68,000 to trail groups.

Fire Services

- Council has included \$45,000 in funding for recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Grants and services to Fire Departments have increased by 13%.
- \$100,000 has been set aside for the development of a regional Fire Services training facility.

Accessibility

- Council is invested in making our buildings, facilities, trails, park washrooms and other facilities more welcoming, user-friendly, and accessible. The budget allocates \$500,000 for accessibility upgrades throughout the municipality.

Community Grants

The Municipality offers \$487,000 in various grants and donations to individuals, and non-profit and charitable organizations. This includes:

- \$150,000 in annual operating and capital grants, an increase of \$50,000 over previous years;
- \$40,000 to community groups maintaining public spaces;
- \$65,000 to Lunenburg County Wheels;
- \$50,000 donation to local hospital expansion.



Building the Local Economy

Internet

- This year will see \$450,000 invested by the Municipality to connect residents to high-speed Internet.

Rural Roads

- A total of nearly \$1.2 million will be spent on the maintenance, operation, and improvement of roads in our municipality.
- The 2023/24 budget includes \$493,100 in funding for paving of cost-shared provincial roads, should provincial approval be granted, \$350,000 for municipally owned road maintenance, and \$350,000 contribution to the province to maintain Municipal J Class Roads.

Osprey Village

- The Osprey Village expansion will include more than 500 new residential units in the area, including agreements for affordable housing.
- The Municipality has partnered with Lumia Health, to develop a Community Hub and collaborative health centre. The budget includes a \$300,000 commitment for the Community Hub project for including the development of a farmers market space, café, and commercial kitchen.
- Council has also included \$20,000 for a feasibility study on an Osprey Village Food Hub.