



Making Life Affordable

Council has increased the Property Tax rebate budget by \$550,000 to \$753,400. This offers rebates ranging from \$250 to \$650 on household incomes under \$51,840. The property tax rebate is a targeted tax relief strategy that provides a rebate to those homeowners who need it the most. Rebates for 2024-25:

- Under \$28,560 – maximum rebate value up to \$650
- \$28,561 - \$39,984 – maximum rebate value up to \$450
- \$39,985 - \$51,840 – maximum rebate value up to \$250

New PRO Fund Program - Adult Recreation Subsidy Program.

- This program provides financial assistance to adults from the Municipality who, due to lack of funds, are not able to participate in sport, recreation, and cultural activities.

Re-Create Parks

Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces

Council continues to aggressively pursue expansions to the network of public parks and trails. The 2024/25 budget includes more than \$3 million dollars for parks and open spaces. This includes:

- \$870,000 for Active Transportation paved shoulders.
- \$800,000 will be placed in reserve for a future Pickleball Court project.
- \$425,000 for wayfinding and directional signage.
- \$330,000 for the replacement of the stairs at Indian Falls.
- \$260,000 for park accessibility upgrades.
- \$195,000 for improvements to various parks and trails.
- \$190,000 for the development of an accessible vault washroom at Mush-a-Mush Beach Park.
- \$187,836 for grants to trail groups.
- \$47,000 for Parasport equipment and trailer. 96% funded by Sport Nova Scotia.
- \$41,000 to expand the equipment load program to include bikes and e-bikes. Expected to be 75% funded by a grant program.
- \$38,700 to complete the Community Plan for Sawpit Wharf.



Osprey Village Growth Centre

- \$4,000,000 in expansion work at the Cookville Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase our capacity to treat waste, allowing for high-density housing and commercial development. 73% of this amount is funded by grants from the federal and provincial government.
- \$800,000 for the site design and prep for the construction of a water storage tank which will provide increased fire flow to support new high density residential and commercial development in Osprey Village. 73% of this amount is funded by grants from the federal and provincial government.
- \$300,000 for the initial design and start of the fit up for the Community Hub project, including the development of a farmers market space, café, commercial kitchen, and more.
- \$100,000 to design and begin construction on backup power for the Nathan Cirillo pump station.
- \$75,000 for an Osprey Village enhancement and beautification plan.

MODL 2040

Land Use Planning and Coastal Protection

- Through significant dedicated staff resources, MODL continues to work on coastal protections.
- MODL2040, our municipal-wide land-use planning project, is underway. Learn more at engage.modl.ca/MODL2040.

Service Improvements

- \$150,000 will be spent to develop an e-permitting platform, making it easier for those renovating or building new homes to obtain and pay for necessary permits.



Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030

We are investing over \$645,000 dollars into climate change projects, including:

Community Solar Garden

- In the 2024/25 fiscal year, \$500,000 is allocated for preparing to apply to the Provincial Community Solar program to construct a 7MW community solar garden in MODL. This project will be jointly owned by MODL, District of Shelburne, District of Argyle, Town of Shelburne, and Town of Lockeport. MODL will fund and own 50% of the project, equivalent to a 3.5MW system. The total project will provide clean, renewable solar electricity to approximately 1,000 homes in Nova Scotia, avoiding 6,000 tonnes of carbon emissions. If the application is approved, construction of the solar array will commence next year. MODL will sell energy to Nova Scotia Power Inc. through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), and homeowners can subscribe to the solar garden, saving on their electricity bills.

Public Transit

- \$65,000 to support the transit services provided by Lunenburg County Wheels.

Clean Energy Financing Program

- \$500,000 for our 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 CleanEnergyFinancing.ca.

Household Water Supply Improvement Loan Program

- \$50,000 for the low-interest lending program for homeowners to invest in wells, cisterns, or other systems to replace dry wells.

Wastewater Treatment Projects

- \$1,375,000 to wastewater treatment projects outside of the Osprey Village area. This includes:
 - \$900,000 for inflow & infiltration mitigation in New Germany.
 - \$350,000 for required upgrades to the caustic soda system at Conquerall Bank.
 - \$60,000 for portable backup up power for pumpstations.
 - \$50,000 for the inflow & infiltration study in Conquerall Bank.

Food Security

- \$60,000 for a feasibility study for a Food Hub.