

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair  
Councillor Darlene Norman  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Peter Waterman  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Councillor Raymond Fiske  
Councillor Bruce Inglis  
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer  
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk  
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:**

**8.2 Nova Scotia Immigration Summit - Update**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATION(S):**

**3.1 RCMP Monthly Report – September 2015**

Cpl. Doug Brannen was in attendance to give an overview of the September 2015 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

Though the attached report notes zero checkpoint, that is a typo as 49 checkpoints were conducted.

**3.2 South Shore Opportunities cbdc - Climate Data Study – Krista Harding**

Mayor Clarke welcomed Krista Harding, Executive Director, South Shore Opportunities cbdc to Council. Ms. Harding gave a brief overview of the history of South Shore Opportunities cbdc and how the organization assists local businesses. There are 13 offices in Nova Scotia and have been in the Lunenburg/Queens area for 22 years.

Ms. Harding also presented information collected to date from a climate data study by Perennia in 2014, which was considered a test year to gather information for agriculture (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Ms. Harding indicated that their participation in the study will be finished June 2016 and will be formally asking the Department of Agriculture to consider continuing further studies.

3.3 Department of Environment, NS Parks and Protected Areas Plan –  
Sally Steele and Neil Morehouse

Sally Steele, Protected Areas Coordinator – Western Region and Neil Morehouse, Manager of Protected Areas, were welcomed to Council and gave a brief overview of the Parks and Protected Areas Plan for Nova Scotia (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Protected areas include National Parks and wildlife areas, land trusts/easements, certain provincial parks, nature reserves and wilderness areas which is presently at 9.3% and by the end of 2015, there is a potential to increase the percentage to 13.9%. Protected areas conserve biodiversity, provide experiences with nature, support healthy recreation and contributes to local and regional economies.

Mayor Clarke stated that further to a previous meeting with the Minister, and today's presentation, he welcomes the opportunity to work together with the province to find solutions to the significant problems at Carters Beach.

4.0 **TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool

Mr. Robertson asked Mayor Clarke for an update after reading in the press on the Agricultural Society's new regulations on fish farming, and what impact they would have on fish farming in Port Mouton Bay. Mayor Clarke said that he was optimistic of improvements to the situation.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool

Mr. Dagley brought to Council's attention that signage for Mersey Point and Western Head is not visible from Exit 19, nor at the intersection by the Post Office, but can be seen if driving towards town past the Old Town Hall, but no further direction is given and suggested that the Region may want to look at resolving this issue for tourists.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – October 13, 2015

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Inglis:**

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on  
October 13, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

7.0 **DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

There were no issues to come before this meeting.

## **8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

### **8.1 Economic Development Monthly Report – September 2015**

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, reviewed the highlights of the Economic Development Monthly Report for September 2015 (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

### **8.2 Nova Scotia Immigration Summit – Update**

Councillor Fralic attended the Nova Scotia Immigration Summit held at Pier 21 in Halifax on October 26, 2015 and gave an overview of the presentation. Some highlights included:

- redefining the word “immigrants”; new way of welcoming newcomers, whether they come from another province or country; be an open welcoming community,
- looking at qualifications of people, rather than just thinking of field workers/farmers; looking at how newcomers enrich the province and look at the long range benefits,
- having support systems in place to help retain people in the area, and
- have an ongoing process in place; maintain friendships, etc.

Councillor Fralic indicated that he would like to have a representative from the Y Outreach in Bridgewater give a presentation to Council in the near future.

## **9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:**

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

## **10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:**

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

## **11.0 FINANCE**

### **11.1 Water Uncollectible Accounts**

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the write-off of utility accounts totaling \$2,095.59 as follows:**

**#912106 for \$ 213.51  
#912416 for \$ 103.85  
#911712 for \$ 151.63  
#912802 for \$ 64.92  
#911927 for \$ 180.01  
#913431 for \$ 196.20  
#912502 for \$ 97.91  
#913003 for \$ 811.39  
#900892 for \$ 276.17**

Councillor Inglis said that this is part of an annual cleanup of uncollected accounts and these accounts typically come to Council only after staff has made every attempt to locate/contact individuals. A bookkeeping task only as these amounts may still be collected.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 11.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements. A few areas are now nearing the top of the budget or slightly over, one being the Call Center maintenance. Some of the cost centres trending higher than 50% are more seasonal driven. Overall, with such a tight budget there will always be continuous monitoring.

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

### 12.1 Ripple Effect - Presentation

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, gave a presentation on the concept of the "Ripple Effect" volunteer recognition program, an overview of how volunteer recognition has worked in the past and what is proposed going forward. This concept proposes a year round initiative to recognize and celebrate volunteerism in Queens. Whereas in the past, two volunteers were selected from the names submitted once a year.

The Region will now be launching a program within the next two weeks via ads in the newspaper, website, paper copy, email, etc. to begin the process of collecting names of volunteers.

The department is looking for any feedback on the method of selecting members and their recognition.

## 13.0 PLANNING:

### 13.1 Amend Land Use Bylaw – Urban Chickens

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow for up to five (5) urban chickens in the Restricted Residential (R1), General Residential (R2), Mixed Use Rural Residential (R5) and Mixed Use Coastal Residential (R6) Zones, subject to special requirements;**

**AND THAT a public hearing be scheduled for November 24, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road, Liverpool, NS at 8:45 a.m.**

Mike MacLeod, Planner, said that further to earlier discussions with Council, staff members were requested to prepare draft requirements regulating a limited number of chickens in residential zones. Staff found that while some municipalities had stand alone bylaws the majority incorporated domestic chickens in their land use bylaws.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

### 14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre – Forecast October 2015

Steve Burns, Manager, gave an overview of the October 2015 forecast for Queens Place Emera Centre (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

The budgeted revenue is up due to 140 ice rental hours over what was originally budgeted, and concert activities. The challenge is on the overall fitness program which requires improvement; we will need to look at programs offered, marketing, etc.

Expenditures are up by approximately \$25-26,000 and the biggest challenge is the facility maintenance, along with power and fuel costs.

Consultants, Cimco and Siemens, were on site and provided staff training and conducted a system assessment.. They are preparing a follow-up report of the visit and any recommended actions will be shared with Council when available.

#### **15.0 REPORTS:**

Items 15.1 and 15.2 were included in the agenda package for information purposes:

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – September 2015
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – September 2015

#### **16.0 OTHER:**

- 16.1 Tall Ships 2017

**It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Inglis:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:**

- 1. Respond indicating preliminary interest in being a venue for Tall Ships 2017; and**
- 2. Solicit interest from stakeholders including Events Liverpool, Port Mersey Commercial Park, the Regional Enterprise Network, and Government of Nova Scotia.**

Richard MacLellan, CAO, said the organizers of the Tall Ships 2017 Regatta are seeking interest from communities in hosting tall ships. The cost to host a vessel would create a budgetary implication in 2017 but there are no costs involved in making application.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### **17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 11:20 a.m. to discuss the following:**

- 17.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 12:03 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

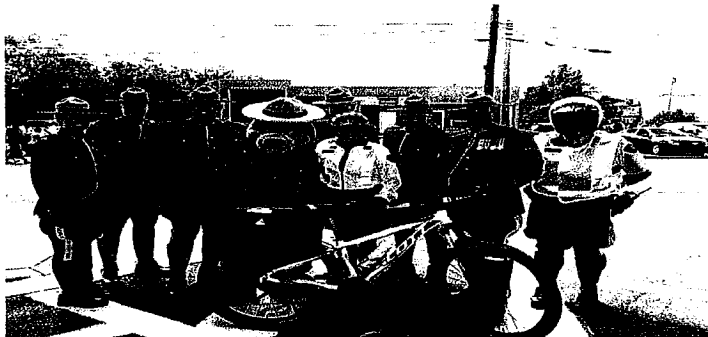
  
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Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: November 10, 2015



**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**  
**Queens District**  
**September 2015 Police Report**



**PERSONNEL:**

The personnel assigned to Queens District consists of the District Commander, two (2) Corporal Supervisor positions, ten (10) Constables and two (2) Detachment Assistants. The total complement for Queens Detachment is fifteen persons. One of the Constables positions remains designated as Crime Prevention/Victim Services coordinator and another Constable as the Residential Policing Officer for the North Queens area. In addition to the fifteen mentioned above, there is one Provincial position designated for South Shore Traffic Services.

**TRANSFERS:**

- S/Sgt. MacDougall's transfer is still pending the sale of his home.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Calls for service in September 2015 have decreased by one hundred and four from the previous month for a total of 323.

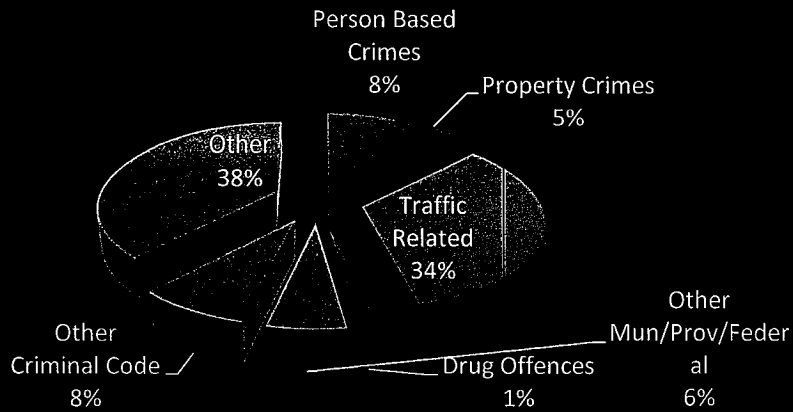
A total of forty nine (49) checkpoints were conducted throughout the Detachment area for September 2015.

There were nine (9) persons lodged in the Queens Detachment cells for the month.

2015 Monthly Count												
File Type	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
911 Act	10	15	17	8	15	15	8	9	11			
Arson	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0			
Assault	9	11	8	9	8	12	9	7	10			
Assist Other Agencies	3	3	1	0	4	0	8	9	6			
Break and Enter	4	3	3	4	13	21	10	4	4			
Causing Animals/Birds Unnecessary Suffering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Checkstop	37	11	28	29	59	27	55	52	0			
Crime Prevention	1	3	4	2	4	9	9	7	10			
CDSA- Possession	1	2	0	3	6	2	3	4	3			
CDSA - Trafficking	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	2			
Criminal Harassment	2	3	2	2	8	2	0	9	6			
Criminal Records Checks	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Disturbing the Peace	2	1	1	3	7	7	6	6	4			
Drive while Prohibited (Criminal Code)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1			

<b>Fail to Comply w/Court Order</b>	1	2	1	3	3	4	4	9	5			
<b>Firearms Act</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2			
<b>Firearms Offences</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
<b>Fraud</b>	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	2	3			
<b>Harassing Phone Calls</b>	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	2			
<b>Impaired Operation</b>	1	5	4	2	6	1	5	5	1			
<b>Liquor Control Act Offences</b>	1	0	1	1	5	2	2	3	3			
<b>Littering</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Lost/Found Items</b>	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	12	5			
<b>Mental Health Act</b>	8	5	9	4	5	7	8	15	3			
<b>Mischief</b>	5	6	4	7	8	16	16	15	18			
<b>Missing Person</b>	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3			
<b>Municipal Bylaws</b>	1	0	1	2	2	4	2	11	1			
<b>Off Road Vehicle Offences</b>	4	3	1	4	12	2	2	11	4			
<b>Property Check</b>	2	0	3	1	3	1	2	0	5			
<b>Provincial Wildlife Offences</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Sexual Assaults</b>	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1			
<b>Theft Under \$5000</b>	2	1	2	5	3	9	11	0	14			
<b>Theft Over \$5000</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0			
<b>Traffic: Moving Violations</b>	42	21	19	27	25	36	72	100	44			
<b>Traffic: Non Moving &amp; Parking</b>	30	32	39	26	28	16	42	54	36			
<b>Traffic: Fail to Remain</b>	1	6	2	1	2	1	1	0	1			
<b>Traffic: Traffic Collisions</b>	10	18	11	6	10	8	13	9	12			
<b>Uttering Threats</b>	8	6	4	3	6	16	6	4	2			
<b>Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Other Calls for Service - Non Offences</b>	33	29	36	29	43	49	48	61	97			
<b>Total File Count</b>	239	198	214	191	299	274	350	427	323	0	0	0

## Queens District 2015 - Year to Date



### Daily and hourly occurrences

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF EVENTS	38	38	55	60	49	48	32	3	323
0:00 TO 3:59	11	5	5	4	3	5	3		36
4:00 TO 7:59		1	2	2	2	1			8
8:00 TO 11:59	7	5	13	10	19	8	10		72
12:00 TO 15:59	7	12	7	18	8	15	2		69
16:00 TO 19:59	10	9	11	16	13	15	6		80
20:00 TO 23:59	3	6	17	10	4	4	11		55
UNKNOWN HOUR								3	3

***Breakdown by month:***

<i>Month</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
January	1	0.3%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	0	0.0%
July	0	0.0%
August	4	1.2%
September	315	97.5%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	0	0.0%
<i>Unknown</i>	3	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100%</b>

***Breakdown by day of the week:***

<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
Sunday	38	11.8%
Monday	38	11.8%
Tuesday	55	17.0%
Wednesday	60	18.6%
Thursday	49	15.2%
Friday	48	14.9%
Saturday	32	9.9%
<i>Unknown</i>	3	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100%</b>

***Breakdown by time of day:***

<u>Time</u>	<u>Number of occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage of total</u>
0:00 - 3:59	36	11.1%
4:00 - 7:59	8	2.5%
8:00 - 11:59	72	22.3%
12:00 - 15:59	69	21.4%
16:00 - 19:59	80	24.8%
20:00 - 23:59	55	17.0%
<i>Unknown</i> 3		<i>0.9%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Community Policing Officer Report: September:**

- 9 days leave, not including 8 days regular time off.
- 1/2 day spent on Personal Health Assessment obligations.
- Met with all 4 school principals and attended staff meetings at Wickwire & Middle School to introduce myself to the staff.
- Conducted traffic duty for Terry Fox walks of SSMiddle School & Dr. Wickwire Elementary.
- Conducted LiDar at the Wickwire twice.
- Conducted 3 radio presentations @ QCCR.
- Attended my first MADD meeting.
- Attended the Cybercrime workshop.
- Worked one general duty night shift to cover the going away party.
- Escorted a prisoner to court in Bridgewater.
- Check point at Port Mouton.
- Conducted sex offender registry checks.
- Off duty sick one day.
- Participated in a Crime prevention breakfast, conducting deliveries.
- Ongoing maintenance of files transferred to me upon arrival @ Queens.
- Drafted a Safe Halloween ppt.presentation.

## **August 2015 Senior Safety Coordinator's Program Report:**

During the month of September, these are some of the activities that took place in the Senior Safety Program:

The SSC was approached by a client concerning a member of her family. I have been dealing with this client, about this concern, since June.

The SSC was approached by a man who was interested in presenting to seniors on all aspects of final arrangements including legalities, forms that need to be filled out, and responsibilities of family members. She has recorded his contact information and may bring him in to speak at a workshop after she finds out more information about his business.

While returning from a trip to Yarmouth, the SSC decided to drop in to a nursing home in Lockeport to visit one of my previous clients. She was surprised to see one of my current clients living there as well. They were both appreciative of my visit.

On Sept. 9th, the SSC was invited to attend a conference with South Shore candidates, who are running in the upcoming election, on affordable housing. It was very interesting to hear what they hope to do about the problem. This session was put on by the South Shore Affordable Housing Authority Coalition. It was held in Bridgewater.

On Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, the SSC gave a presentation to the Milton Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary on the latest scams and then on what the election candidates hope to do about affordable housing along the south shore.

The SSC attended a meeting concerning the hiring of a new Senior Safety Coordinator.

SSC was contacted by a client who needed immediate roof repairs done to her house.

SSC was contacted by an instructor for the St. John Ambulance First Aid to find out if she knew of a way to have the numbers of private lock boxes registered with 911 to be used when an emergency occurs and the person is unable to unlock their door to let the paramedics enter. This would be an easier way for them to enter the home. She has passed along the information she found.

SSC was contacted by a person in the community who was concerned about the legitimacy of a United States company that repaired her computer online.

SSC received a call from concerned children about the welfare of their parents who live in Cole Harbour. She referred them to the Senior Safety Coordinator for HRM.

SSC received word that one of my clients had left a nursing home where she was staying and returned to her empty house, again, and refused to return to the home. She has contacted Continuing Care for them to start their services again. SSC also contacted the Seniors Community Health Team geriatric nurse. She and SSC will visit with this person in October where the nurse will assess her.

SSC received a referral from one of the R.C.M.P. officers about a situation concerning one of my clients. She also received a referral from a concerned citizen.

SSC attended the VON Board of Directors meeting.

SSC made my regular check-in phone calls.

SSC did my regular home/nursing home visitations.

Numbers for the month of September: clients -26; km. driven - 230, reg. hours worked - 70; overtime hours - 2; referrals - 2; check-in phone calls - 30; meetings attended - 3; presentations provided - 2.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS OF INTEREST:**

2015/09/01 13:45 RCMP responded to a report from neighbors that an intoxicated male was outside his residence without clothes causing a disturbance. A forty-nine year old male from Liverpool was arrested and charged with mischief and public nudity.

On 2015-09-06 while on patrol an officer stopped an individual walking in Liverpool, a fifty year old male was arrested and charged for breaching his probation order, not to be in possession of alcohol.

On 2015-09-08 RCMP were dispatched to a mental health complaint in Liverpool. A twenty five year old female was arrested at the scene and is facing numerous charges which include assault on police, uttering threats and resist arrest. The individual was remanded for a thirty day psychiatric assessment.

On 2015/09/10 12:24 RCMP were conducting a check point in Port Mouton, a twenty four year old male was found in possession of a quantity of marihuana and arrested. Charges are pending.

On 2015/09/12 09:33 RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Labelle. A quantity of marihuana, hash oil and seventeen marihuana plants were seized. Charges are pending in relation to two males, age 30 and 51 as well as a 26 year old female all from Labelle for various offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

On 2015/09/19, it was reported that someone shot a deer around 10:00 p.m. near a campground in Bangs Falls. The file is still under investigation.

On 2015/09/21, the fire department requested assistance with a car fire in East Port L'Hebert. No one was injured and the fire was deemed to be accidental.

On 2015/09/22 the golf course at White Point reported damage to the 8<sup>th</sup> hole green and that someone stole a bench, sand bucket and garbage can from the 9<sup>th</sup> hole.

On 2015/09/26 RCMP responded to a complaint of speeding vehicles on Beech Hill Road. A twenty three year old man from White Point was stopped and found to be driving while prohibited, charges are pending.

On 2015/09/26 RCMP responded to a reported theft of a steel prop which was stolen off a boat in Greenfield.

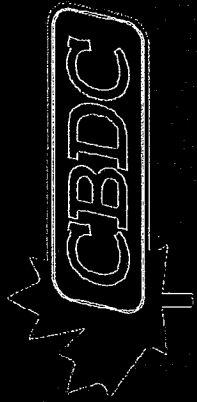
On 2015/09/28 RCMP executed a search warrant on Gorham Street in Liverpool. Thirty seven year old Michael Samuel Fancy was arrested and charged with five counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking. Police seized quantities of marihuana, hydromorphone, valium, oxycodone, percocets and more than five thousand dollars in cash. The accused will be back in court on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2105 to face the charges.

The RCMP in Queens County wish to thank the public for the tremendous turn out and support for Musical Ride Performances in Caledonia.

Paul MacDougall, S/Sgt.

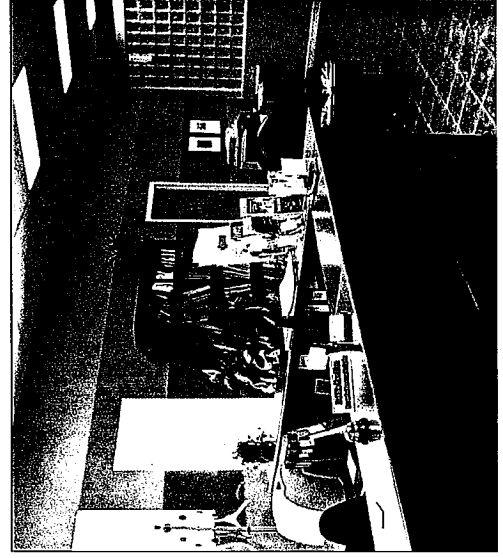
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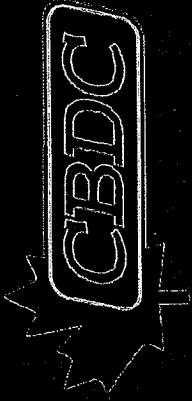


**Connect for Success**

**Who is South Shore  
Opportunities cbdc?**



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**Connect for Success**

**South Shore Opportunities cbdc**

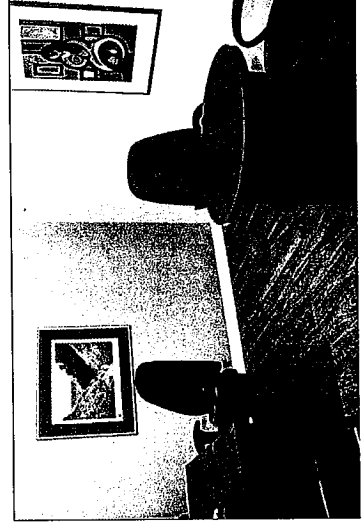
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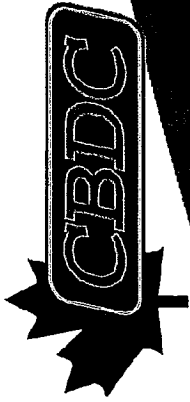
**Community** *(local)*

**Business**

**Development** *(from the idea forward)*

**Corporation** *(not government)*





# What is a ?

- 13 CBDCs in Nova Scotia
- 41 CBDCs in Atlantic Canada
- 269 organizations across Canada



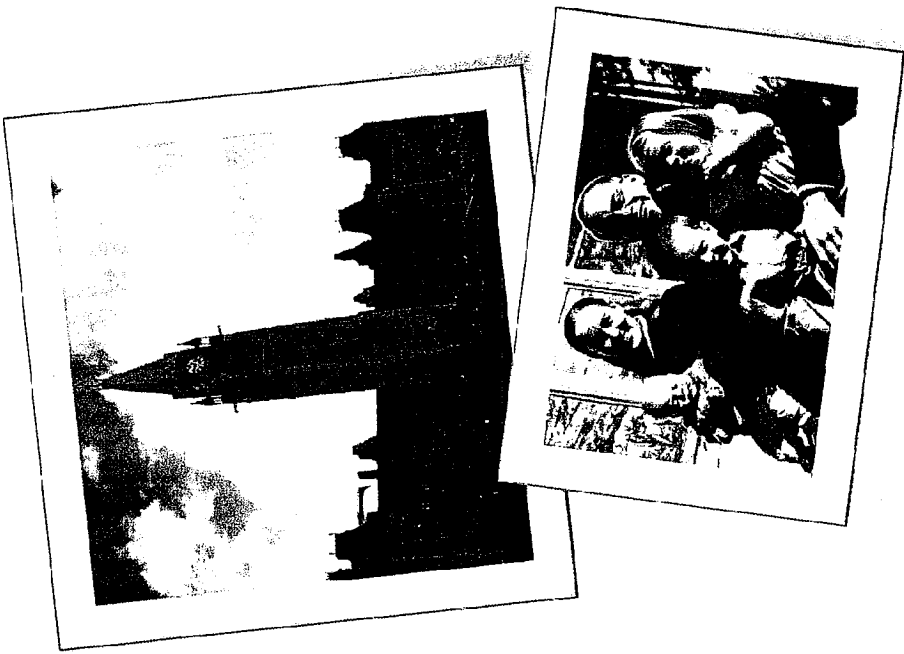
Community Futures has

- ❖ worked in our communities for more than 25 years
- ❖ benefits from the expertise of over 3,500 volunteers
- ❖ employs over 1,600 staff members
- ❖ has assisted over 106,000 clients across Canada
- ❖ has injected more than \$3.6 billion into the Canadian economy
- ❖ has assisted in the creation of over 450,000 jobs

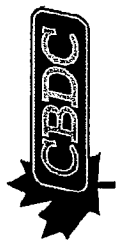
Source: Community Futures Network of Canada Annual Report 2011



## Accountable, Effective, & Successful



- The Federal Government granted \$32.2 million to Nova Scotia CBDCs. CBDCs have used these funds to invest over \$276 million into local businesses.
- Provincial CBDC loans leverage additional investments of 74% from other sources (banks & credit unions).
- *Students in Business* experiences a repayment rate of 93.7%
- Small businesses account for over two thirds of employment in five Canadian industry categories: non-institutional health care, forestry, other services, construction, and accommodation and food.



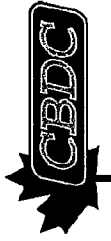




This past year ...

2014-2015 the 13 NS CBDC's

- Assisted 474 businesses
- Disbursed 25.4 Million
- Created/Maintained 1200 jobs
- Counselling 3,100 clients





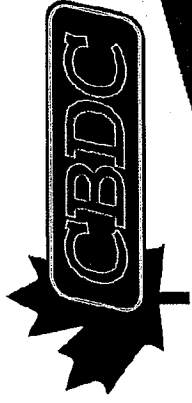
This past year ...

## 2014-2015 South Shore

### Opportunities cbdc:

- 122 new inquiries
- (52 Queens, 70 Lunenburg)
- 30 loan applications, \$1.7 million
- (17 Queens, 13 Lunenburg)
- Committed \$1.4 million financing
- Created 6, maintained 66 fte jobs
- Counselling 242 clients, 1278 sessions





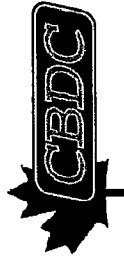
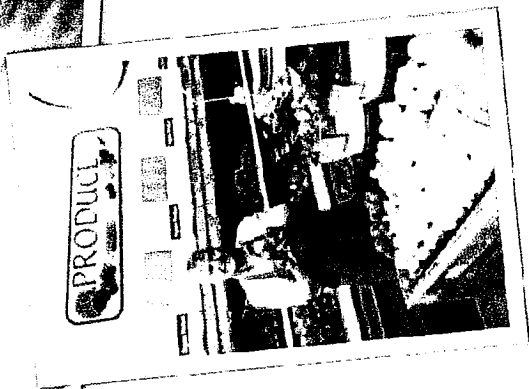
## *South Shore Opportunities cbdc*

- Independent non-profit corporation
- Run by volunteer business people in Queens and Lunenburg counties
- Staff provide confidential, free, help with business:
  - How to start or expand or deal with difficulties
  - Hands on help how to do a business plan
  - Entrepreneurial training
  - FINANCING- decisions made locally.
  - Self Employment Benefits program



## CBDC Loan Products

- No Minimum
- Maximum \$150,000
- Very flexible repayment terms if pre-arranged
- Interest rate sliding scale based on risk





## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### The 2014 “test year”

- Test years are important as they provide a more accurate assessment of a site.
  - Help separate “the wheat from the chaff”.
  - Add confidence to sites that continue to perform well in spite of adverse conditions overall.
- 2014 was a test year overall for frost-free period, heat unit accumulation, and had the lowest winter minima of the study to date.
- Higher weather variability equates to higher risk and can be represented by calculation of standard deviation (SD).



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

Eg. L15: Middlefield

	2012	2013	2014
Frost free start	May 1, 2012	May 19, 2013	May 29, 2014
Frost free end	Oct. 25, 2012	Oct. 29, 2013	Nov. 15, 2014
Frost free duration	176.9	163.89	198.8
Winter minimum temperature	-17.3	-20.93	-19.6
Frost Free growing degree days (10 degree)	1151	1094	1067



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### 2014 winter minima data

- Sites with winter minima below – 23 degrees C have moderate risk threshold; -26 degrees C is a high risk threshold.
- 17 sites below -23 in 2014; 4 sites below -26
  - Mostly sites in deep interior with high standard deviations
  - Highest standard deviations associated with the coldest station in 8 of 10 corridors.
- Still notable interior sites that continue to perform well. Eg. L15 and had winter minima temperatures above thresholds.

### 2014 solar radiation data

- Very little site to site or corridor to corridor variation in 2014
- Little difference between coastal and inland
- Need a test year for this variable

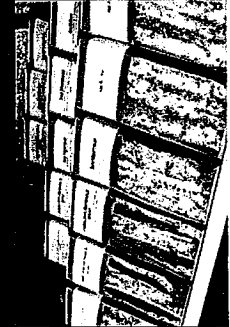


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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### Precipitation data

- Sensors added in spring and summer of 2014
- Incomplete data for 2014 growing season however south shore corridors generally wetter than Yarmouth to Valley corridors for August to November 2014



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### 2014 Summary

2014 was a test year for frost-free period, growing degree day accumulation and winter minima with many sites falling below established thresholds for these variables.

- Many of these sites had previously appeared satisfactory and often the 3 year means were satisfactory.
- Important to have a risk assessment tool (eg. SD) and not rely exclusively on long term means.
- Coastal sites and deep interior sites generally have the highest risk values but there are notable exceptions where excellent suitability data continues to be found:
  - What are the geographic features that account for these sustained good results, even in a test year like 2014?
- A test year is needed for solar radiation.



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### 2014 Summary

2011 to 2014 data helped separate the wheat from the chaff but continues to indicate that the southwest Nova Scotia region has comparable and in some cases superior, climatic suitability for high value crops such as peaches, highbush blueberries and grapes, to the agricultural standard represented by the Annapolis Valley.



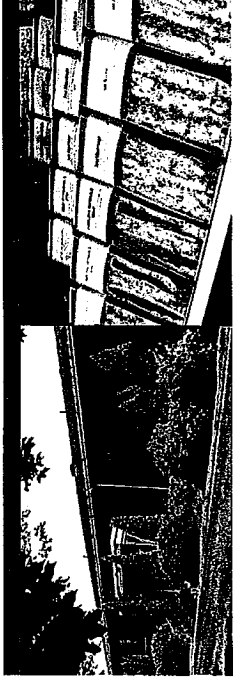
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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

### So what are the climatic advantages of Southwest Nova?

1. Many areas with longer frost-free period (growing season) than the Annapolis Valley.
2. Many areas with milder winter temperatures than the Annapolis Valley.

Agri-investment strategy: Focus on long season and/or winter sensitive crops or varieties that are marginal in the Annapolis Valley but feasible in southwest Nova.



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

Examples of high-value crops/varieties that would benefit from longer growing seasons and/or milder winters:

- Vinifera wine grape varieties
- Day-neutral strawberries
- Primocane-bearing or fall raspberries
- Thornless blackberries
- Winter tender or late season highbush blueberry varieties (eg. Colville)
- Late season cranberry varieties (eg. Late Howes)



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## CLIMATE DATA STUDY EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION 2014 REPORT

Examples of high-value crops/varieties that would benefit from longer growing seasons and/or milder winters:

High value late season vegetable crops:

- Sweet potato
- Artichoke
- Green house and tunnel production systems
- Others

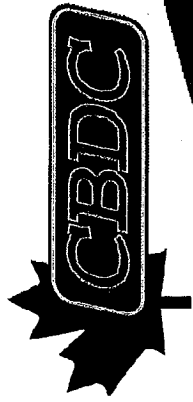


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However, there are other factors also required for success:

- Suitable soils:
  - Good internal drainage
  - Potential rooting depth
  - Check soil maps
  - [https://maps.nsgos.acol.ca/Books-and-Atlases/Soil-Reports/1\\_115\\_-1\\_19.action](https://maps.nsgos.acol.ca/Books-and-Atlases/Soil-Reports/1_115_-1_19.action)
- Site specific microclimates, do your own research for each potential site.

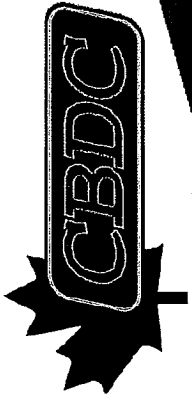


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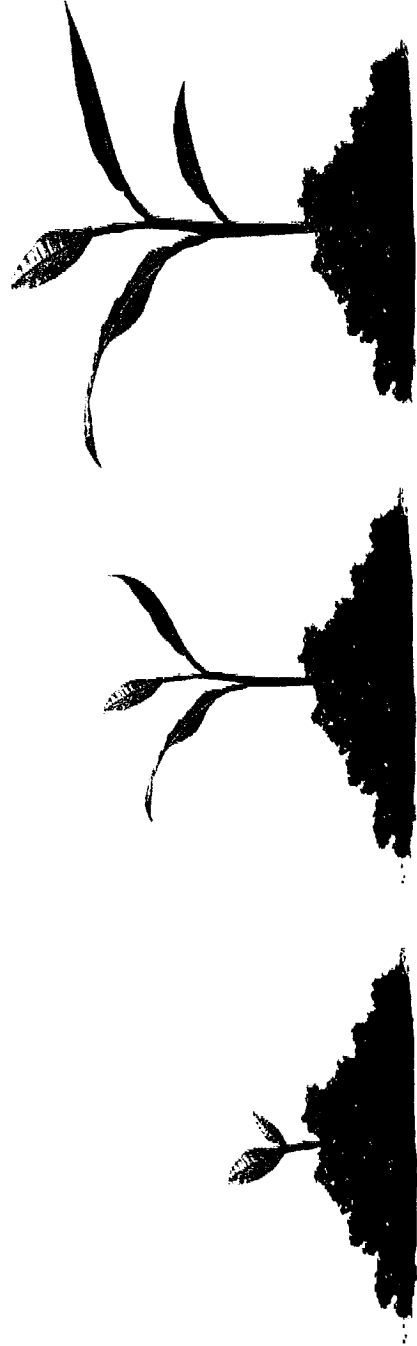
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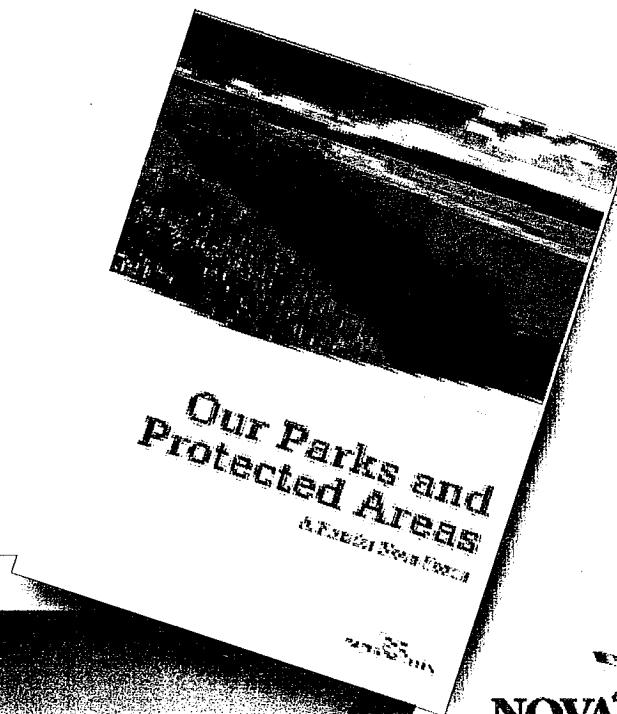
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# NS Parks and Protected Areas Plan



# Why protected areas?

*The world's protected areas are the greatest legacy we can leave to future generations - to ensure that our descendants have access to nature and all the material and spiritual wealth that it represents.*

*IUCN – World Commission on Protected Areas*

- Conserve biodiversity
- Deliver ecosystem services
- Act as benchmarks for science and research
- Provide for spiritual and physical renewal
- Provide experiences with nature
- Support healthy recreation
- Embody cultural values
- Contribute to local and regional economies
- Leave a legacy



# P&PA Plan Approach

## 1. Informed and integrated

- a) Identify lands based on conservation science
  - remote, representative, rich, rare, restoration, re-connection
- b) Provide social and economic benefits
- c) Reduce conflict with other land uses

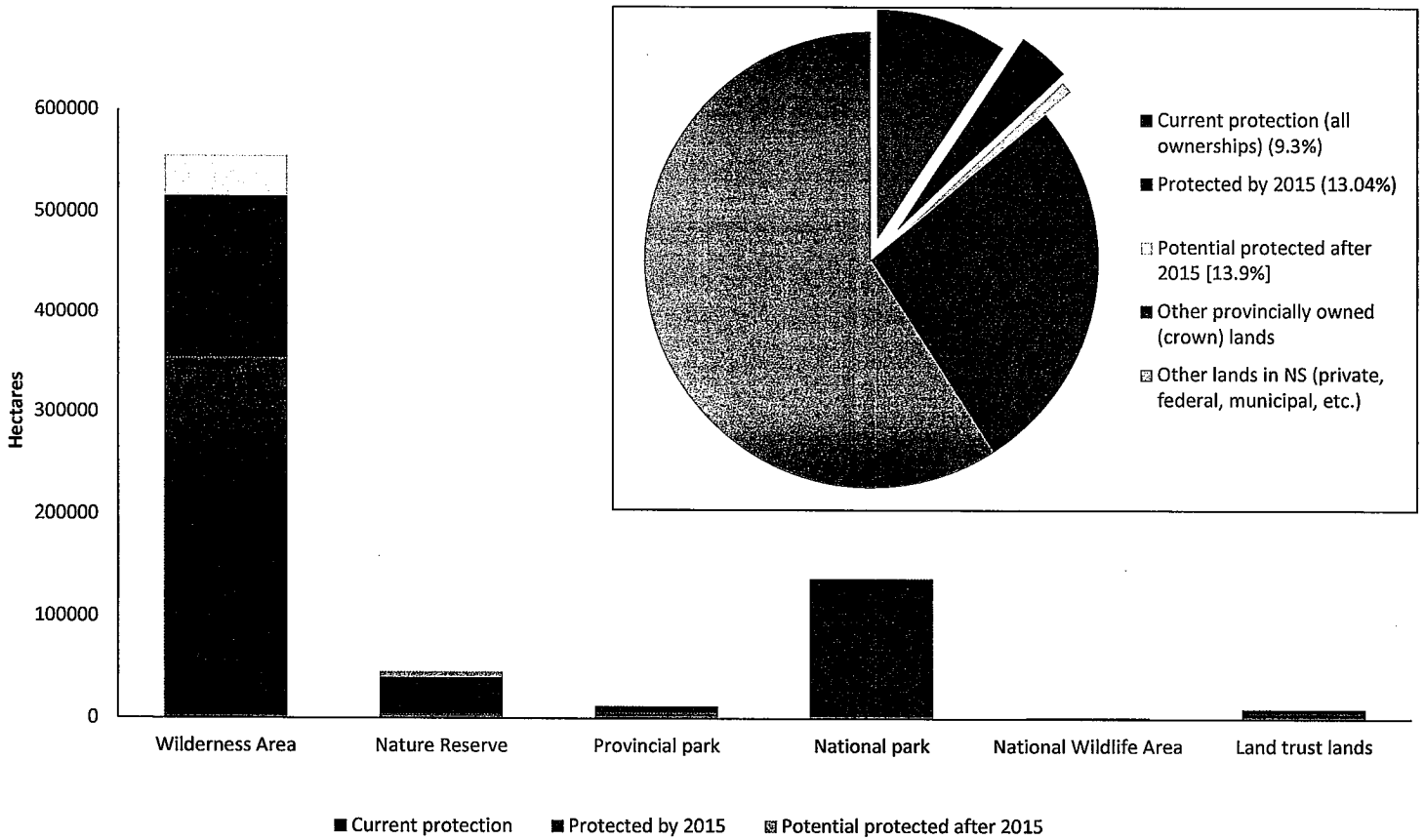
## 2. Broad Consultation

- Mi'kmaq
- Stakeholders & partners
- Public
  - 2011 – 12% lands review
  - 2012 – Provincial Parks System Review
  - 2013 – Proposed Parks and Protected Areas Plan (17 sessions, 1,300 people, 2,000+ submissions)

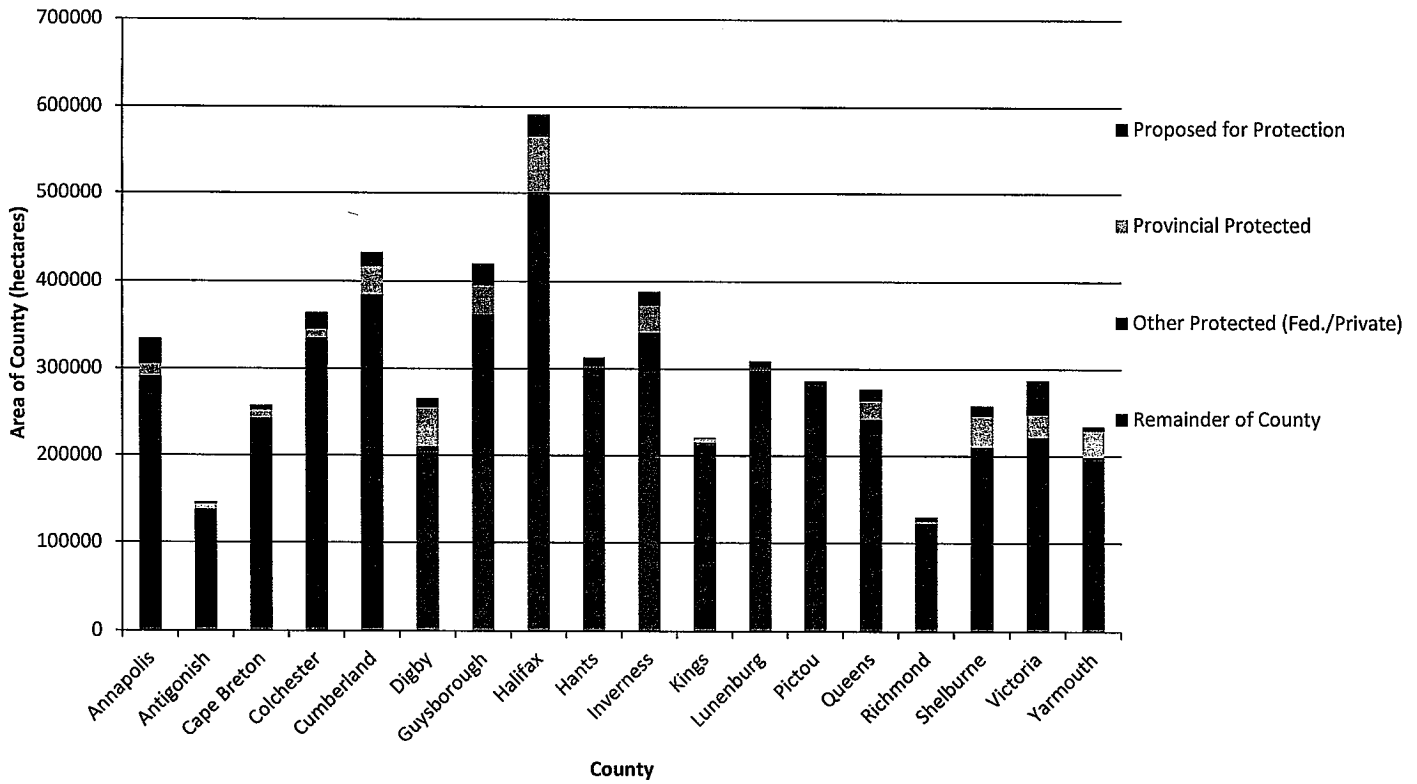
# Protected Areas in NS

Type	Size	Purpose	Human use
National Parks and wildlife areas	Small to large	Conserve and interpret natural heritage	Permitted camping & nature appreciation
Land trusts/easements	Relatively small	Protect exceptional natural areas	Varies by site
Certain Provincial Parks (DNR)	Very small to relatively large	Protect natural/cultural heritage and support recreation and education	Camping, recreation, nature appreciation, no OHV use
Nature Reserves (NSE)	Relatively small	Protect outstanding and unique natural features and rare or endangered species	Science, research, education, light recreation, no OHV use
Wilderness Areas (NSE)	Medium to large	Protect Biodiversity, typical, & outstanding natural features	Science and research, wilderness recreation (including camping, hunting and sport fishing), limited OHV use

# Existing & Potential Protection in Nova Scotia

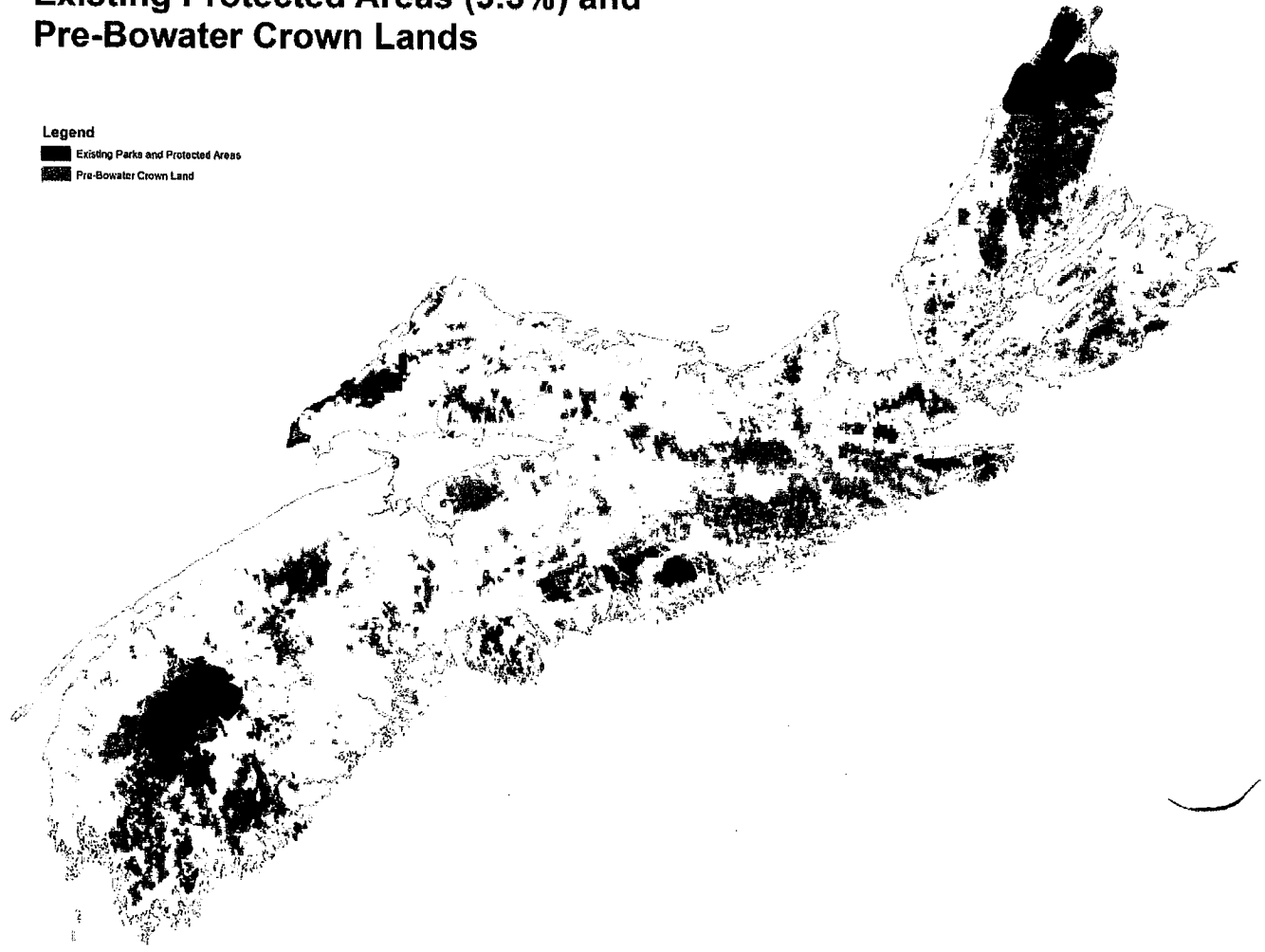


### Protected Land by County



# Existing Protected Areas (9.3%) and Pre-Bowater Crown Lands

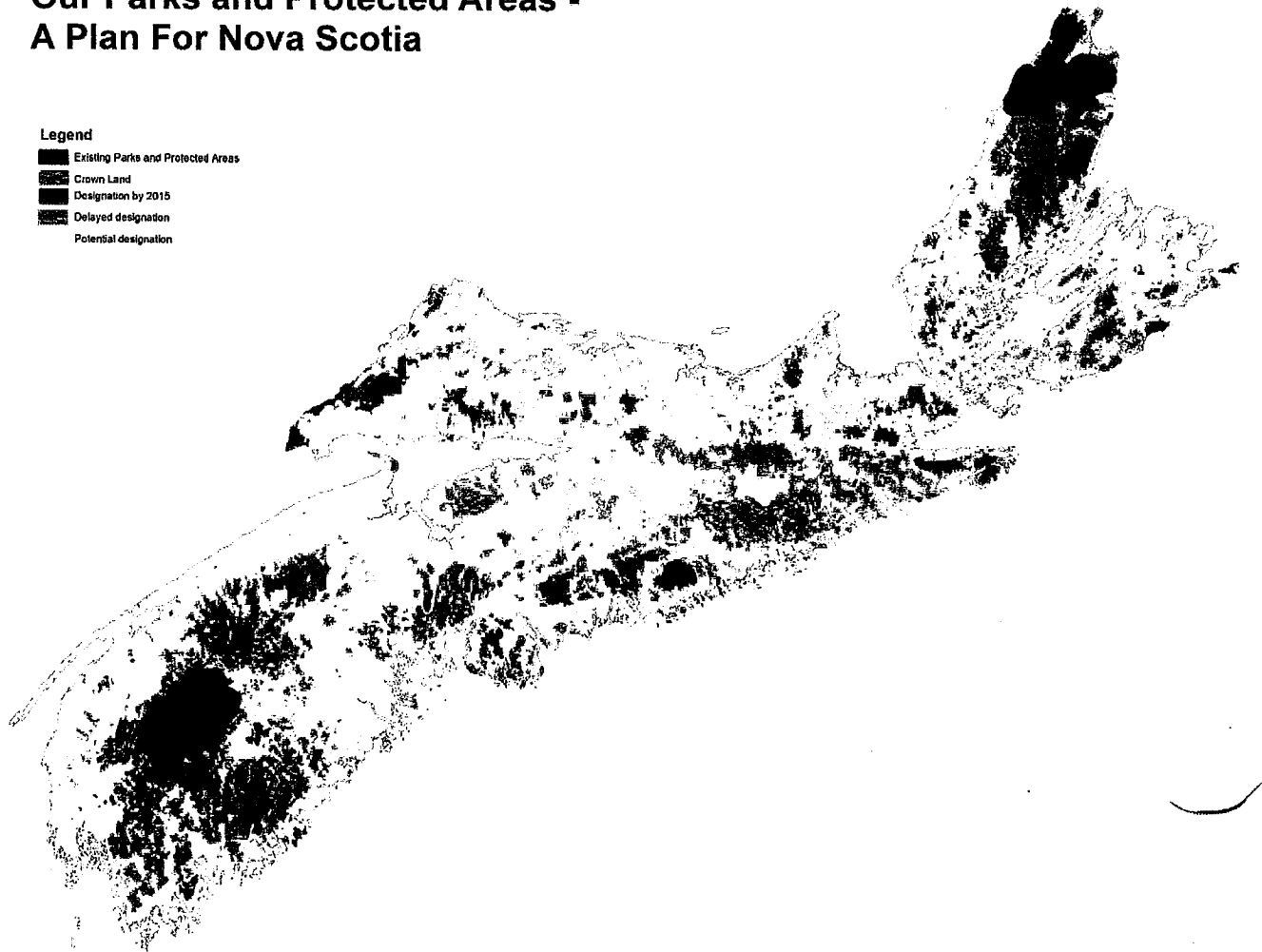
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- Existing Parks and Protected Areas
  - Pre-Bowater Crown Land



# Our Parks and Protected Areas - A Plan For Nova Scotia

## Legend

- Existing Parks and Protected Areas
- Crown Land
- Designation by 2015
- Delayed designation
- Potential designation

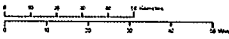


# OUR PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

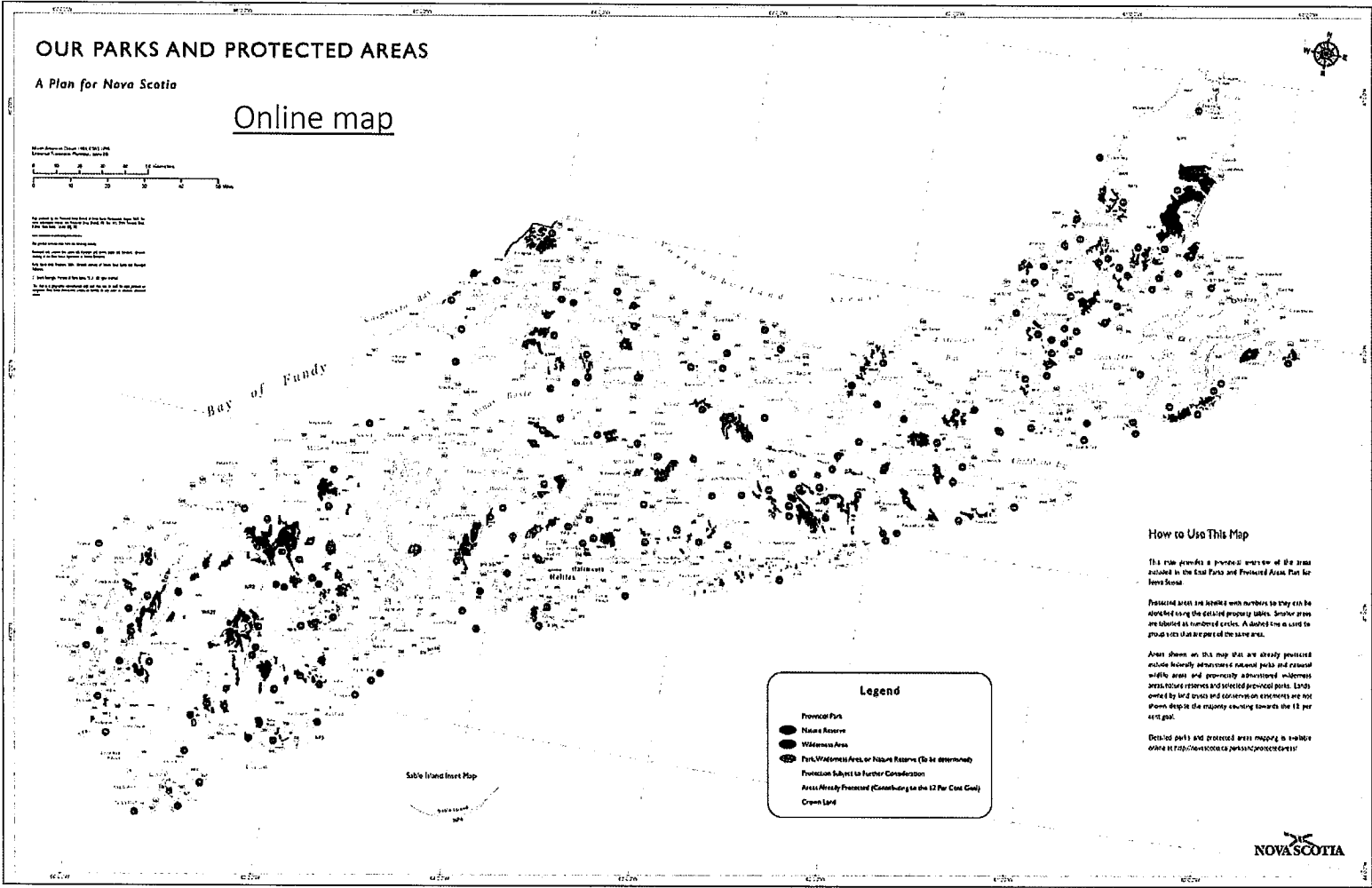
A Plan for Nova Scotia

## Online map

Map of Nova Scotia, 1:100,000  
Scale of 1:100,000, 1:50,000, 1:25,000



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**Legend**

- Provincial Park
- Nature Reserve
- Wilderness Area
- Part, Watershed Area, or Nature Reserve (to be determined)
- Protection Subject to Further Consideration
- Areas Already Protected (Contributing to the 12 Per Cent Goal)
- Crown Land

### How to Use This Map

This map provides a provincial overview of the areas included in the Escal Parks and Protected Areas Plan for Nova Scotia.

Protected areas are shown with numbers to they can be identified using the detailed property tables. Smaller areas are labeled as numbered circles. A dotted line is used to group lots that are part of the same area.

Areas shown on this map that are already protected include federally administered national parks and provincial wildlife areas and provincially administered wilderness areas, nature reserves and provincial parks. Land owned by local levels and conservation easements are not shown despite the ongoing working towards the 12 per cent goal.

Detailed parks and protected areas mapping is available online at <http://novascotia.ca/parks/protectedareas/>



# MEDWAY LAKES WILDERNESS AREA

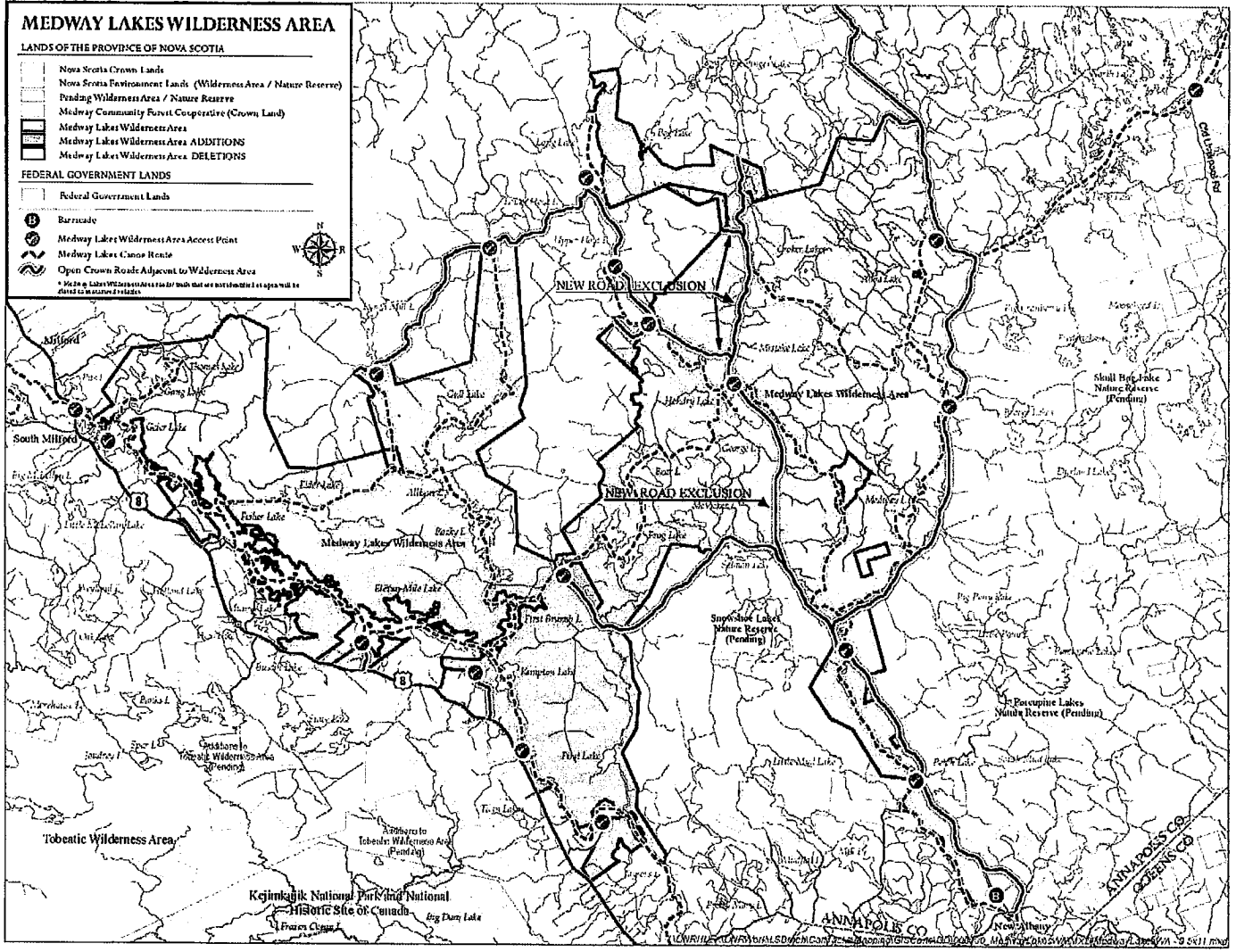
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- Nova Scotia Crown Lands
- Nova Scotia Environment Lands (Wilderness Area / Nature Reserve)
- Pending Wilderness Area / Nature Reserve
- Medway Community Forest Cooperative (Crown Land)
- Medway Lakes Wilderness Area
- Medway Lakes Wilderness Area ADDITIONS
- Medway Lakes Wilderness Area DELETIONS

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDS

- Federal Government Lands
- Barricade
- Medway Lakes Wilderness Area Access Point
- Medway Lakes Canoe Route
- Open Crown Road Adjacent to Wilderness Area

\* Medway Lakes Wilderness Area is a multi-use area not intended to appear on a standard road map.



# Carters Beach Update



- Community meetings
- Beach User Survey
- Planned parking area & walking trail realignment, interpretive signage

# Questions



Neil Morehouse and Sally Steele, Nova Scotia Environment

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
COUNCIL MEETING – October 27, 2015  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**

We are continuing to meet businesses and providing ongoing support, as required. This report is not a complete listing, but gives highlights of some of the things we have been involved with or affect the economic well-being of our community:

**Business Assistance:**

We have worked with 17 businesses this month many of which are being assisted on an on-going basis. Of these, 11 are existing businesses, 4 are new start-up businesses and 2 are potential businesses. Thirteen of these involved visits to the business premises.

**Business Support Meetings/Projects**

**Rural Internet:**

The project continues looking into viable solutions for providing high-speed internet to rural Queens County. There are technical and/or cost issues with all the solutions looked at so far, and a paper is being prepared detailing what those issues are.

Staff attended a public meeting in Lunenburg County, at which details were given of a provincial consultation exercise about to start, which will investigate the issue and make recommendations. The timescale for this report was stated as “after the winter”.

The resolution submitted by Council to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Annual Conference 2015 on this subject was selected to go forward to the Conference.

**Climate Data Study:**

Staff attended the information presentation of the findings of the Climate Data Study in 2014, by the Applied Geomatics Research Group (AGRG), Perennia, and the CBDCs. Staff also took part in a stakeholders workshop exploring potential uses for the findings. The results support the case for certain kinds of agriculture in Queens. There are several sources of information and support for new and expanding agricultural operations, and there are examples of successful implementation on the South Shore. In order to develop existing agricultural businesses and encourage new ones, several potential actions were suggested, including; the creation of a distribution network, more opportunities for hands-on demonstration and education, and conducting research into possibilities for collaborative, co-operative production. The annual ‘Agriculture Day’ was seen as an important event to continue with, to form the focus for development efforts.

As a side note, despite encouragement, no farms in Queens County took part in Open Farm Day 2015. Staff are lending support to Farmworks, the agriculture investment co-op, to host a “Gentle Dragons” event in Queens County, tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2015.

**North Queens Business Centre & Innovation Hub:**

A huge amount of work by volunteers has gone into getting the Business Hub in Caledonia ready for operation. Elections Canada has used the main hall for advanced polling and it will again be used as a polling station for the general election on October 19, 2015. This gives an opportunity for the public to see inside the building, and has generated much interest. The official opening will take place after the election, and there is still a small amount of work to do setting up the boardroom and office facilities but the Business Hub is already seeing bookings and hosting meetings. The Business Hub has a facebook

page at <https://www.facebook.com/NQBusinessHub> which is gaining momentum. The formation of the governing not-for-profit cooperative is still in process, with an interim Board in place.

#### **Highway 103 Signage:**

Staff have worked with Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal to communicate information on signage options to businesses and organizations affected by the recently opened new Exit 22 on Highway 103 at Port Joli. A review of all documentation produced by the Municipality is ongoing to change any references to the highway exits, especially with regards to Kejimikujik Seaside National Park and Thomas Raddall Provincial Park. A similar piece of work is being undertaken in advance of work to develop the Port Mouton bypass which will affect businesses in the area when a new Exit 21 is opened in 2016.

#### **Tourism Business Development**

**South Shore Tourism Team (SSTT):** Staff attended the SSTT Partners Fall Meeting on, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, Shelburne, with special guest Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia (TIANS) Chair, Glenn Squires. The agenda for this meeting is online at: <http://bit.ly/1LLsvMu>  
Full reports of the marketing campaigns, print and digital were presented, showing a tremendous amount of print and digital marketing, leveraging funding and raising the profile of the South Shore within Atlantic Canada. Feedback is sought from partners on whether the SSTT should continue activities into the 2016 season.

#### **Management Without Borders (MWB):**

The project submission to Dalhousie University's MWB program for phase two of a project to promote Route 8 as an Adventure Tourism Destination was accepted and a student work team formed. Initial discussion has taken place to set tasks, deadlines and milestones. Over the summer, RQM Visitor Services staff surveyed ~150 visitors regarding their interest and level of awareness in Queens County and the opportunities for adventure tourism in particular. One task for the MWB group will be to analyze the survey results. The project has to be completed and delivered in early December.

#### **Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards:**

The nomination process for the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards is once again in progress. In order to ensure that Queens County businesses are well represented in the nominations, we encourage everyone to nominate deserving businesses. Nominations close on November 30, 2015. Here is the link: [www.lqbusinessawards.ca](http://www.lqbusinessawards.ca)

#### **Events:**

##### **Mersey Forum**

The fourth event in the Mersey Forum series was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, entitled "On the Verge: Tidal Energy in Nova Scotia" featuring the latest information on tidal power developments in Nova Scotia and highlighting that businesses across Nova Scotia can become part of the supply chain for this exciting industry. Presenters were Dana Morin, Director of Marine Renewables Canada and Anne-Marie Belliveau, Director of Operations for the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE).

The next event is scheduled for November 10, 2015 and will feature "The Future of Electric & Hybrid Propulsion for Boats" presented by Dr. Sue Molloy, Researcher and Adjunct Professor with Dalhousie University. Full details are available on the Mersey Forum facebook page.

**Visitor Services:**

September visitor numbers were very strong, especially at the Visitor Information Centres (VIC's). This may indicate the change of visitor demographic in the period after school vacation ends, with older couples more likely to visit a VIC for information.

Fort Point showed an increase over the same period last year, but only a moderate increase which may have been expected to be higher with the Lighthouse Rally taking place in September. Interest in the Lighthouse Rally was brisk on the Saturday, but was affected by the weather on the Sunday.

Fort Point Lighthouse closed to the public on October 2, 2015, the Liverpool VIC closed to the public on October 9, 2015 and Caledonia VIC closed on October 10, 2015.

**SEPTEMBER**

<b>Location</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Liverpool VIC</b>	1028 -27.9%	979 -4.8%	1310 +33.8%	1447 +10.5%	1750 +20.9%
<b>Caledonia VIC</b>	692 +3.1%	677 -2.2%	566 -16.4%	723 +27.8%	1089 +50.6%
<b>Fort Point Lighthouse Park</b>	1224 +14.5%	1075 -12.2%	1056 -1.8%	931 -11.8%	966 +3.8%

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Cruikshank  
Director - Economic Development

October 15, 2015



Telephone	10,500	3,745	6,755	10,500	35.67%	Cable/ Internet/ facility phone/ Cellphones
Power	222,500	123,219	99,281	232,000	55.38%	Goal stability in back half. Working to identify any additional savings.
Propane	5,500	2,302	3,198	5,000	41.85%	Based on ice hours and equipment use. Manage.
Facility Maintenance					116.29%	Will be upwards of \$35K to run out back end of year. Will communicate.
Fuel Costs	44,950	13,729	31,221	31,000	30.54%	Based on Litres and trend from LY. We have had both Litre and cost saving.
Sewer & Water Fees	9,500	4,311	5,189	9,500	45.38%	Per RQM
	1,196,324	669,005	527,319	1,223,136	55.92%	<b>Expense projected over budget \$26,812. TOTAL Over \$1,459.00 (Expense)</b>