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MLA Community Newsletter

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Dear Residents of Lunenburg West,

As your MLA one of my key responsibilities is to understand the needs of our community and to work to deliver positive change. Through conversations at events and in homes and offices around Lunenburg West, many of you have shared concerns and suggestions about healthcare, services for seniors, affordability, and the environment.

I am pleased to report that the Province has responded and is delivering solutions. Some programs that are making a difference here in Lunenburg West include:

- New Primary Care Clinic at the Bridgewater Guardian Pharmacy treating patients with common illnesses like strep throat and people who are on medications for chronic diseases like diabetes, and cardiovascular and lung disease.
- New Physician Assistants providing care to patients at the emergency department at the South Shore Regional Hospital.
- Virtual Care access for anyone who does not have a family doctor and is on the Need a Family Practice Registry.
- New Seniors Care Grant to help eligible Nova Scotians aged 65 to stay in their own homes longer.
- Increasing and expanding eligibility to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) to help more Nova Scotians than ever with rising home heating costs.
- Reducing childcare fees by an average of 50%, and increasing the Nova Scotia Child Benefit (NSCB) to help with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.
- Supporting emergency services providers with significant investments including more than \$1 million to help first responder organizations purchase safety equipment, \$3.5 million to help recover from fundraising losses during the COVID-19 pandemic and the addition of 13 types of cancer to the province's workplace injury insurance (from six to 19).
- Designating Cherry Hill Beach Nature Reserve as a protected ecological site.

In this newsletter you will find information on additional programs and initiatives to support you, your family and our community.

I want to thank you for continuing to share your challenges, and your ideas. Please know that with the support of my staff, I am available to meet, listen and advocate on behalf of our community. I am truly honoured to serve as your MLA for Lunenburg West.

Becky Druhan
MLA for Lunenburg West



I was thrilled to participate in the grand opening of the Bridgewater Guardian Pharmacy Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic, which will deliver care for common illnesses and a number of chronic diseases. Guardian is one of only 12 pharmacies across Nova Scotia selected to pilot this program.



The Province designated beautiful Cherry Hill Beach as a protected Nature Reserve in December 2022. Located between Broad Cove and Voglers Cove, this 2km long barrier beach and dune system is a nesting refuge for endangered piping plovers and used as a staging area by other shorebirds.



It was a pleasure and an honor for the Premier and I to meet with the crew at the Italy Cross, Middlewood and District Fire Department. The Province has made significant investments in emergency services and has improved access to Workers' Compensation coverage for emergency services providers.



The Recreational Facility Development Grant supports recipients like Broad Cove Community Association. The \$37,000 grant to repair and enhance the Broad Cove Hall has been used to bring the outside in, improve accessibility and provided enhanced spaces for people to enjoy this spectacular location by the sea.



On December 15, 2022, I had the honour of awarding sixteen outstanding members of our community with the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal at an investiture ceremony held at the Bridgewater Legion - Branch 24. Congratulations and thanks to each of the recipients.

Solutions for Nova Scotians

Helping You and Your Family

- Seniors: Senior Care Grant, Senior Citizens Assistance Program and Parent Apartment Program
- Energy & Affordability: Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP), HomeWarming Program
- Housing: Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program, Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Programs (RRAP), Down Payment Assistance Program and the Canada-Nova Scotia Targeted Housing Benefit (Rent Supplement Program)
- Internet: Satellite Internet Service Rebate Program and the expansion of high speed internet to households across rural Nova Scotia.

Helping Our Community

- Healthcare Recruitment and Retention - Health Services Foundation of the South Shore - \$75,200; South Shore Multicultural Association - \$34,470
- Rural Transportation – Senior Wheels Association of Bridgewater - \$36,000
- Rink Revitalization Fund - Bridgewater Curling Club - \$15,000
- Public Transit Assistance Program - Town of Bridgewater - \$25,000
- Emergency Service Provider Funding - \$10,000 to each Fire Department with additional funds allocated in the amount of \$100,679
- Recreational Facility Development Grant - Lunenburg County Life Centre - \$150,000; Bridgewater Tennis Club - \$20,870; LaHave River Yacht Club - \$5,000
- Community Generator Program - Michelin Social & Athletic Club - \$50,000; Petite Riviere Volunteer Fire Department - \$15,028; and Hebbs Cross Fire Department - \$50,000

In Our Community



Congratulations to Lunenburg County Wheels (previously Senior Wheels) for expanding access to community members of all ages, and on their ongoing expansion of routes throughout Lunenburg County. I'm proud of the continued Provincial contribution for this pre-booked, door-to-door service.



Premier Houston and I had the pleasure of touring the Bridgewater Michelin plant. It was great to meet with staff and see the changes that have taken place in the Bridgewater Michelin plant since I worked there 20 years ago. The plant is set to expand thanks to a provincial tax credit, enabling it to produce in-demand, energy efficient tires and the creation of 70 new jobs!



Congratulations to the South Shore Multicultural Association who received funding for settlement materials and community events to integrate and connect newcomer healthcare professionals to our community.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
Professional Health Advice	811
Provincial Road Conditions	511
Directory Assistance	411
Community and Government Programs	211
Access Nova Scotia	1-800-670-4357
Mental Health Crisis Line	1-888-429-8167
Domestic Violence	1-855-225-0220
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868 / Text CONNECT to 686868
Nova Scotia Department of Seniors	1-844-277-0770
Pharmacare Program	1-800-544-6191
Continuing Care	1-800-225-7225
Public Works (Potholes, Culverts, Ditching)	1-844-696-7737
Housing Nova Scotia	1-844-424-5110

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