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opportunities before the province today and into the future. Invest Nova Scotia makes it easier for entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes and stages to access the tools, resources and advice they need to grow, thrive and contribute to a new economy. Build Nova Scotia manages and develops strategic provincial infrastructure to propel the province and economy forward. It leads important projects such as Nova Scotia's high-speed internet initiative, environmental remediation work and healthcare infrastructure redevelopment. Ministerial oversight for Build Nova Scotia is shared between Colton LeBlanc, Minister responsible for healthcare redevelopment projects, and Public Works Minister Kim Masland, who oversees the organization's other projects and priorities.

### National Funders selected to support charities and non-profits

The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia will distribute the Community Services Recovery Fund to charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies. On December 01, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced the Community Foundations of Canada alongside Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada have been selected to distribute funding to help a broad and diverse range of charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies adapt and modernize, so they can support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million which will help charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies to acquire the tools they need to adapt and modernize so they can better support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

Funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund will enable charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies to invest in their own organizational capacity to: adapt the way they deliver services to support the needs of their staff and volunteers; buy equipment such as computers and software; create new ways of working, such as developing new fundraising approaches; provide support for staff and volunteers, such as staff training, supports for mental health and wellbeing; and develop plans to receive funding from diverse sources.

As a result of the investments provided by the Community Services Recovery Fund, charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies will be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process is will launch on January 6, 2023. For more information visit: [www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca](http://www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca)

### Satellite Program Expands to Ensure Internet for Everyone

The Satellite Internet Service Rebate program is expanding once again to help more Nova Scotians get access to internet service faster. Starting, November 30, the program will accept applications from any resident or business owner who currently does not have access to wired or wireless internet service.

"Our government is committed to extending internet access to every household and business in Nova Scotia," said Economic Development Minister Susan Corkum-Greek. "This program expansion will bridge the gap for those currently without high-speed internet and allow them to gain access sooner as we work to achieve internet for everyone."

The rebate covers the one-time costs for eligible homes and businesses to set up satellite internet, including hardware, shipping, installation and tax, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Previously, the rebate program only applied to homes or businesses where there was no other planned internet service solution or where access to high-speed internet was not expected until 2024 or later.

Nova Scotians interested in the rebate should confirm they are eligible before purchasing satellite equipment. They can do so by visiting <https://internet.developns.ca/satellite> and entering their home or business address.

Once people confirm eligibility and purchase the satellite equipment and service, they can submit applications electronically or by mail.

Qualified satellite service providers for the program must meet or exceed the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Committee minimum speed targets of 50 Mbps download / 10 Mbps upload. Currently, only Starlink has indicated it can meet or exceed these speeds, but if other satellite providers can meet these speeds, they may also be included in the program.

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# Community Development – Services

By Paul Smith  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Development Officer continues to be busy with increases in permit applications and subdivision plans, marking a 25% increase over the previous year. Inquiries from developers and the public are ongoing and form a large part of the day-to-day activities.

### PROPERTY INFORMATION / GIS SERVICES

GIS staff have increased focus on enhancing the integration of Public Works data with the rest of our spatial database content. Solutions have been explored for managing assets and infrastructure. Prototype mapping tools are being developed, both for collection of data in the field, and for dissemination of data, for maintenance task

planning and budget management. After initial testing of the recently implemented Enterprise GIS Portal and the first generation of data layers imported to it, opportunities for refinement of the content and better formatting for consistent end user experience have been identified. Plans for applying these improvements and importing a second generation of authoritative data layers are underway; further iterations will continue as needed. Further steps have been taken on updating existing web mapping applications, data management processes, and documentation of maintenance procedures and best practices. Custom coding and data modelling solutions are being developed to improve efficiency of data

processing and map production. A new template for public-facing map products is being developed for use in future projects. Civic Addressing and property information processing is managed on a daily basis and continues to be effective and efficient as we have moved into a busier time of year for new developments and permitting processes. Additional support is now being provided to assist with subdivision application processing as well. Similarly, many smaller-scale tasks and bespoke projects are routinely prioritized and handled by GIS staff, as requests for data updates or mapping products are received from other departments.

# Community Development – Inspection

By Paul Smith  
Building Inspection

David Henderson has obtained his Level One qualification and is now working towards Level Two. Mitchell Bates has one more course to obtain his Residential Qualification which will not be offered soon, so he is likely to challenge the exam. This Qualification will allow him to issue permits and carry out inspections for one- and two-family dwellings as well as accessory buildings. He should have the Residential Qualification early in the new year.

Fire Inspection Services will be resuming early in the new year. Animal Control: The SPCA continues to carry out animal control services for the County. This new service agreement is working out very well. The Animal Control Officer provides staff with monthly reports and is quick to respond to questions or concerns that may arise. The Dog By-law has been updated and approved by Council in November. This will provide the Animal Control Officer with several new enforcement options, especially for dangerous and/or repeat offences.

### Construction Value:

2022 has been a record year for construction in Colchester. From January 1st, 2022, until November 30th, 2022, the Municipality has seen \$85,000,000 in construction values with a predicted value of close to 100,000,000 by December 31st, 2022. A new blueberry processing plant in Glenholme has an estimated construction cost of \$10,000,000 and will be part of the December value as well as a \$2,000,000 commercial addition in Truro Heights should also be a part of the year end construction value.

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