



Premier Tim Houston and Dr Stephen Ellis, MP, Cumberland-Colchester met with Robert and Ashley McCabe, following release of the Mass Casualty Commission final report in Truro. (Contributed)

## East Hants to Receive \$1,123,728

East Hants' growing population will soon be supported by municipal enhancements thanks to an investment from the Houston Government, Hants East MLA John A. MacDonald said on April 6. The Municipality of the District of East Hants will receive \$1,123,728 which can be used to improve the community in a variety of ways.

This funding can be used for projects such as: the creation of services, accessibility, housing and improvements to transportation services. The Municipality will have until March 31, 2025 to spend this

funding and demonstrate the positive impact it has on the community.

This local development is part of a broader \$31.9 million investment through the Sustainable Services Growth Fund (SSGF), which helps eligible municipalities grow their communities by aiding them with capital infrastructure needs.

On April 6th similar funding was announced for West Hants Regional Municipality, Town of Berwick and Municipality of the County of Kings.

On April 6 Hants West MLA Melissa Sheehy-Richard said West Hants Regional Municipality

will receive \$1,047,633 which can be used to improve the community in a variety of ways.

Kings West MLA Chris Palmer said Town of Berwick and Municipality of County of Kings will receive a total of \$2,298,889 to improve their communities in a variety of ways. Town of Berwick will receive, \$326,419, while Kings was awarded \$1,972,470

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## Permanent Memorial Planning Underway

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Councillor Victoria Lomond, District 10. The committee also hopes to get the Federal Government and Province of Nova Scotia involved, because the size and price of the permanent memorial will be larger than the municipalities

can handle if the project is to be "DONE WELL".

During discussion it was noted \$50,000 of \$90,000 held "in trust" by County of Colchester from the wind-up of Nova Scotia Legacy was designated for memorial.

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exciting opportunity for residents to help shape the vision for the future of their communities. Plan It Colchester will rely heavily on feedback from the community to help shape the vision, guiding principles and policies that will determine how the Municipality grows and develops.

**What is an MPS? How is it different from an LUB?**

An MPS is the primary planning document for the Municipality which establishes the vision, goals and policies for growth and development. In other words, it's the roadmap that helps to guide decision making relating to what we build, where, and what intensity. An MPS looks at many different aspects of life in the community including (but not limited to) housing, economic development, agriculture, drinking water, and infrastructure. It also looks at important environmental considerations in our community, like the effects of climate change, coastal erosion and flooding and the impacts that these have on development.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is the companion document to the MPS, and puts the vision, goals, and policies into action through specific regulations that have to do with development activities. The LUB sets out things like: the land-use zones, permitted uses for these zones, standards for development, performance standards, developments to be considered by development agreement, developments to be considered by site-plan approval process, among other things.

**How Can I Participate?**

The Municipality is launching public consultation for Plan It Colchester and we want to hear from residents about their vision for the future! This is an exciting opportunity to help co-design the evolution of growth and development in communities throughout Colchester County. There will be multiple opportunities to participate and share your vision for the future of your community throughout late Winter and early Spring.

**Open House Events:**

The Open House events will be an opportunity to learn a bit more about the planning process and the project more generally, and to talk directly with the project team and ask questions. The Online Open House Presentation will be recorded for those who cannot attend in person and will be uploaded to the municipal website for viewing on demand. The Pop Up Events will be held at public locations throughout the Municipality

and will be a casual opportunity to share feedback with the project team.

There are also a number of online activities, two are available now - a Public Survey and an Online Interactive Mapping Activity. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to fill out and asks a variety of questions about your community, what you like, what the challenges are and what you'd like to see in the future. The Online Interactive Map allows you to leave comments about your community on the map - letting the project team know about area specific issues and concerns, as well as what you love and value about your community. These online activities will be open for the duration of the engagement period and residents can participate at their convenience.

**Online Group Discussions:**

The Online Group Discussions will be an opportunity to delve deeper into specific issues, such as agriculture, coastal issues, and housing. Dates to be determined.



**Colchester**  
be centred here.

Presentation Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2 @ 6pm  
(call ahead to confirm)

Council Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 11 @ 6pm

Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23 @ 6pm

Municipality of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro  
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The  
**Shoreline**  
Journal

Deadline for the  
June issue is  
May 23

## Looking for an opportunity to serve your community and build your professional network?

People from diverse backgrounds and communities are needed to serve on Nova Scotia's agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs). Participating on an ABC is an opportunity to have input on issues that matter to you and to help unite communities through public service.

Applications for the adjudicative boards are due by Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Non-adjudicative board positions are open for applications year-round.

To learn more and to apply, visit [NovaScotia.ca/abc](http://NovaScotia.ca/abc) or call 1-866-206-6844 (toll free).



The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy. We welcome applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians, other racially visible people, persons with disabilities, women, and other employment equity groups. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

