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Mayors/warden look forward to 2026

The South Shore Bulletin covers six municipal areas – Municipality of the District of Chester; Municipality of the District of Lunenburg; Region of Queens Municipality and the Towns of Lunenburg, Mahone Bay and Bridgewater.

The South Shore Bulletin posed five questions to each of the heads of these areas, asking to look at the highlights of 2025 and what is exciting for 2026.

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS:

1. If you could sum up 2025 in five words or less, what would they be?
2. What are some of the highlights of 2025?
3. What were some of the challenges in 2025?
4. What are some of the things that didn't quite get done in 2025 that you had hoped (if any) but will be worked on in 2026.
5. What are a few of the big highlights happening in your area in 2026?

New Year's Eve
Ball Drop
Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 3/8 cup finely cut citron peel
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup dates
- 1/4 cup gumdrops
- 1/4 cup maraschino cherries cut in half
- 8 green cherries cut in half
- 3/4 cup coconut
- 1/2 cup walnuts

DIRECTIONS

1. Cream butter
2. Mix in sugar
3. Add beaten eggs.
4. Sift flour, then measure.
5. Add soda, spices and dry ingredients with sour cream.
6. Mix cut chopped fruits, nuts, and coconut
7. Stir into mixture.
8. Drop by spoonful on cookie sheet.
9. Bake at 350° for 12 to 15 minutes.

Have a recipe you'd like to share?
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Mayor of the District of Lunenburg, Elspeth McLean-Wile

1. If I had to choose five words to describe 2025, they would be: listening, learning and building relationships.

Serving as mayor is a new role for me, as is working within municipal government. This first year has been about confirming what I heard from residents during the campaign and deepening my understanding of the issues and the approaches needed to address them. I've also had to learn the processes and procedures that guide our work, especially those set out in the Municipal Government Act, which shapes the decision-making processes of council.

Just as important has been the work of building strong relationships — with councillors, with our municipal staff, and with our neighbouring municipalities. We didn't choose each other; our residents chose us, with the expectation that we would work together to get things done. And we can only meet that expectation if we take the time to understand one another and stay engaged, even through challenging conversations.

Our council worked diligently together to improve the communication with our residents and find new ways to increase access to information about decisions made at council. This included the development of a municipal app (which can be downloaded).

2. This past year has been one of working on finding practical solutions together. As I reflect on my first year as mayor, a few moments stand out — not only for what was accomplished, but for what it says about the community we live in.

One of the first groups to meet with me after the election was the local pickleball club. For several years, the club had been working with the municipality on plans for new pickleball courts, but rising



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile

construction costs required council to pause the project. Early this year, we rolled up our sleeves together to look for creative, more affordable ways to make it happen. I'm pleased to say we found them.

Council approved a cost-effective plan that allows the municipality to finance construction while the club repays the investment through a long-term lease. By working with a community group we were able to reduce the original estimated cost from over \$1 million dollars to an anticipated \$600,000.

The courts, to be built at the Municipal Area Recreation Center (MARC), will be managed and maintained by the club, with daily access available for non-members. This partnership model is a great example of what can happen when residents and the municipality collaborate toward a shared goal.

Another major highlight was finalizing the conservation easement for Cape LaHave Island with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. The work on this agreement began many years ago under previous councils, and I'm proud that council was able to bring it across the finish line in 2025. This conservation easement ensures the island's natural beauty and ecological value will be protected for generations to come.

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Social Column

Enjoy this "social media of yesteryear" excerpt from the Bridgewater Bulletin.

December 31, 1947

LaHave

Christmas Sunday was fittingly observed by the churches of New Germany with appropriate services. On Sunday evening a Communion service was held in the United Church with the minister Rev. S. G. MacQueen, conducting the service and preaching an inspiring sermon in keeping with the Christmas theme. The male choir under the direction of Mrs. George Zwicker rendered special music. The church was fittingly decorated for the Christmas season and a large congregation was present for this service.

New Canada

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. Russell Jordrey, and the choir. With Mrs. Harris Cook as organist, presented a fine Christmas program in the Baptist church. At the close of the program, the children received candy and oranges, and other gifts were distributed to young and old. The electric lights, which have been recently installed, were greatly enjoyed. There is to be a dedication service as soon as arrangements can be made. Offering received, \$12.30.

Chester

A gayly decorated Christmas tree and well presented concert where highlights to St. Stephen's Anglican Sunday school pupils and teachers on Tuesday evening. The chairman was the rector, the Rev. G.F. Seymour. The entertainment took place in the Parish Hall and was well attended.



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Those were the days

Take a trip down memory lane with this vintage ad from the Bridgewater Bulletin, December 31, 1947.

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"Ghost and Mrs. Muir"
Shows Mon.-Tues., 8.00

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Mayor David Mitchell, Town of Bridgewater

1. A Very Busy Construction Year!

2. The completion of Empire Street as well as the record amount of roadwork we did (and now don't have to do for a long time) is great and a highlight (now that it's done). Short-term pain for long-term gain! Another highlight for 2025 would be the working relationship between all the municipalities across the region. This is a huge plus for the residents and businesses on the South Shore that I'm confident will yield impactful results. Our National award for Energize Bridgewater from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is a huge win for the program and community and a highlight we should all be proud of. Becoming president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is a personal highlight of course but I'm also proud to take on this role as mayor of the Town of Bridgewater and represent our province at the national level as well! Transit continues to grow and reinforces just how great a decision it was to bring public transit to the community.

3. The congestion caused by the amount of construction work was a challenge. I know a lot of people were asking for road improvements and that unfortunately requires disruption but there are clearly things we need to work on as a town but also with our contractor partners. The good news is the ones that are done don't need to be done for a very long time! The extremely dry summer while not a large challenge for the town, it was definitely a concern for our region and one we hope doesn't repeat next year. The taxation challenges for all municipalities brought



Town of Bridgewater Mayor David Mitchell

on by the assessment of CAP continue to create issues not just in Bridgewater but across the province and if not addressed soon, it will create another housing crisis on various levels. With over 70 per cent of homes now capped, it means that less than 30 per cent of homeowners are carrying a disproportionate tax burden while simultaneously forcing higher tax rates across Nova Scotia. This is a challenge that must be addressed somehow in 2026. Of course, wastewater infrastructure continues to be our largest

challenge but one we are working through. As we do generational upgrades we will be able to better serve the needs of our community. No surprise to most but the continuing issues around the John Howard Society and increasing concerns from citizens remain a challenge and one we are hoping local provincial staff will acknowledge is a problem and work with us to address.

4. The Veinot Bridge on King Street (provincially owned) was one we had hoped might be moved to 2025 but it does look to be completed in 2026 which will be great news for everyone. There were a few approved developments we had hoped we'd see started in 2025 but should move forward in 2026 which will create more housing opportunities. This year council worked hard on policies to address affordable housing and how town owned lands are used to help address that while recognizing that housing is a provincial (not municipal) responsibility.

5. 2026 looks to be another busy year for Bridgewater with infrastructure renewal and developments. We will see land sales begin at Exit 12A that will lead not only to property tax revenue for the town but a lot of employment opportunities which is a huge plus. Exit 12A will continue to help us attract national and international corporations to our area. I think people will be very pleased with a few announcements in conjunction with our municipal neighbours in 2026 but I'll leave that there for now – 2026 is shaping up already to be a great year for our town and beyond and I'm excited for what the year has in store for us all.

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Without the support, we would also not be able to throw our support behind some incredible local causes such as Souls Harbour Rescue Mission, penny auctions or the local sports teams since our re-start.

We look forward to the year 2026 as we celebrate moving into our third year of operation under the current management and the 150th year for the Bulletin.

Watch for some great contests and a massive celebration this summer. We wish you all the best and we look forward to covering everything that has to do with the South Shore of Nova Scotia in 2026.

*Kevin McBain
Publisher
South Shore Bulletin*



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Mayor of the District of Lunenburg, Elspeth McLean-Wile

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We continue to invest in improvements to our parks. Accessibility to our park toilets does not meet the required provincial standards. Recognizing that traditional vault-toilet structures were becoming costly to build, council asked staff to explore alternatives. The result was an impressive local solution. Our staff worked with Walls Metal Roofing, a company based in Blockhouse, to design and build an accessible toilet that meets provincial standards at just 25 per cent of the original estimated cost. This innovation is not only a win for our parks and our taxpayers — it has also given the company a prototype they can now market to other municipalities.

3. One of the biggest challenges we faced in 2025 was advancing our district-wide Municipal Planning Strategy. Mandated by the province, this work began in 2020, with coastal protection emerging as a key priority for the previous council. With a new council in place, we continued the work — but the first draft of the plan was not well received by residents. It became clear that significant revisions were needed and that we needed to restart our consultation process.

Throughout the spring, we held pub-

lic meetings and community sessions to hear directly from residents. We held meetings in each district throughout the municipality along with six weekly meetings at the MODL office; more than 800 people attend our public meetings. We learned how important small-scale agriculture, homesteading, and home-based businesses are across MODL. We also heard the importance of preserving farmland while ensuring that new homes and businesses are built in the right places.

The process is complex, and some conversations were difficult — but they were invaluable. The feedback has strengthened our understanding of the appropriate revisions that are necessary to create Draft #2 which will be released for more public discussion in February 2026.

4. Work still underway

One project I had hoped would move faster is the expansion of public transit. Our initial goal was to have a new system in place by spring 2026. In hindsight, this was optimistic — a reminder of the realities of government timelines and perhaps my naivety!

MODL is partnering with the Town of Bridgewater to connect surrounding communities — including Hebbleville, Wileville, and Osprey Village —

with public transit. We are fortunate to benefit from Bridgewater's experience in route planning, bus procurement, and rider education. However, the timeline for acquiring new buses is about one year, which means service will not begin before 2027. Both partners remain committed to bringing this important service to residents.

5. Looking ahead to 2026

One of the most exciting developments on the horizon is the opening of the Well-Tide Health building, located just behind the Municipal Services Building. This facility will provide community gathering space for meetings, events, cultural programming, and recreation.

Beyond community space and a cafe, WellTide Health will be home to health-care practitioners and related services, creating a vibrant hub that blends wellness, culture, and local business. This addition will be an important anchor for the growing Osprey Village area when it opens in late 2026.

We have work at several of our parks including Sawpit Wharf and Miller Point Peace Park which will enhance the park experience for visitors. Both the MARC and Wiles Lake Park will have design work completed with plans for future development.

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Region of Queens Mayor Scott Christian

1. The start of something great.
2. Making significant contributions to support community-based organizations including:
 - North Queens Active Living (funding for co-ordinator position and North Queens Community School's new Track/Field)
 - Greenfield Fire Department (fire-hall improvements)
 - Greenfield Recreation (funding for staff position)
 - Queens County Transit (funding for new vehicle, expansive operations)
 - Queens County Foodbank (multi-year commitment to cover their rent)
 - Approving a road-trails bylaw to enable trail-to-trail and trail-to-service connectivity in Liverpool in collaboration with the Queens County ATV Association, and Queens Rails to Trails.
 - Opening the new location of the Thomas H. Raddall Library in Liverpool in addition to the "lot of fun" project to create recreational programming and community-use space outside of the library.
 - Official opening of the Steele Athletic Grounds (new track and field facility developed by the Queens County Track Society at Liverpool Region Highschool which received RQM support)

- Significant progress in the construction of our new outdoor pool at Queens Place.
- Recognizing the value of our staff by investing in a robust safety program, paying good wages and hiring a new dynamic CAO, Deputy CAO and Director of People and Culture which has done much to improve the workplace culture throughout the organization.

3. Drought conditions created a challenging situation around water security for many of our residents. From potable drinking water, water for personal hygiene and washing cloths/dishes, to fire suppression – there are significant vulnerabilities created when our water supply is low.

- Closure of our Materials Recovery Facility – as we transition to the new reality created by the Extended Producer Responsibility program. Producers of packaging are now responsible for the handling of recyclable waste, which should encourage reduction in waste, but it means that the RQM is getting out of the sorting of recyclable materials. This change unfortunately led us to lay off some of our valuable employees.

- As an operator of a public water utility, we filed an application to increase water rates for utility cus-



Region of Queens Municipality
Mayor Scott Christian

tomers by more than double in the next three years. The water utility is operating in a deficit position and cannot be supported by general tax revenue, so a significant increase is required. Council understands that affordability is challenging for many of our residents, we have included a new \$200 subsidy for all water utility customers who are eligible for our low-income tax rebate program.

4. Private Road Levy - in response to requests from engaged members of private lot-owner associations we have been developing a system (and bylaw) to collect road fees on behalf of the associations through our

taxation system. Due to disruptions to our management team this work was incomplete in time for the 2025 tax year, this will be ready to go for 2026.

- Unsightliness and unsanctioned dumping at grey box garbage collection sites serving residents of private roads has been an ongoing, persistent challenge throughout Queens County for several years. In 2025 we took steps to re-imagine what a more effective approach to managing these sites would look like. Early in 2026 we will be engaging impacted residents and investing in a multi-pronged strategy to improve these sites.

- As one response to drought conditions and dry wells, we started to explore what a low-interest loan programs to support residents to get a drilled well installed on their property. This program will be up and running in 2026.

- Waterloo Street Rehabilitation Project - a project to replace the water and sewer lines on the east end of Waterloo Street has been ongoing for various construction season and was intended to be complete this year. Staff is putting a plan in place to ensure this project is wrapped up early in the 2026 construction season.

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Community Events

If you are a non-profit community group within the Municipality of the District of Chester and would like your event listed FREE-of-charge on this page, please submit a brief description of your event in writing to the Municipality of the District of Chester Recreation & Parks Department by any of the following methods: fax 902-275-3630; mail PO Box 369, Chester, NS B0J 1J0; or email recreation@chester.ca. Submission deadline is 12 noon on the second last Tuesday of each month. For more information call the Recreation Office at 902-275-3490.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

88.7 CoveFM New Year's Eve Bash at the Black Point & Area Community Centre. Doors open 8:30 pm. Music by Maurice Aucoin & The Persuaders. Tickets are \$50 per person; tables of 8 - \$350. Tickets available at The Savary Plate & Lola's Landing (Cash Only!). Online tickets available at: www.covefm.com. Sponsored by The Savary Plate and The Gratto.

New Year's Dance at the Blandford Community Centre. Doors open 9:00 pm. Live Music from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am with music by "Beaver & Tails featuring Danny Banfield and Darlene Guite". Tickets in advance \$20 or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Blandford Marine or by emailing Darlene Guite at: darlene@dannybanfield.com. Cash or Etransfer only.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day Levee at the Hubbards Area Lions Club (21 Lions Club Road) from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. They will be serving haddock chowder and chili with fresh rolls and homemade biscuits. Admission is free, but donations are always greatly appreciated. Cash bar and 50/50 available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Pancake Breakfast at the Hubbards Area Lions Club from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Cost is a donation at the door. 50/50 available.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Crib Tournament at the Forties Community Centre (1787 Forties Road, New Ross). Doors open 12:00 noon. Registration starts at 12:30 pm. Play begins at 1:00 pm. Cost \$20 per team. For more info call 902-689-2147. Must be 19 years or older. Canteen available. Fully accessible facility.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Cribbage is back and continues every Tuesday at the Hubbards Area Lions Club (21 Lions Club Road). Doors and canteen open at 6:00 pm. Crib starts at 7:00 pm. Admission \$7. (50/50 available as well).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Senior's Luncheon at the Hubbards Area Lions Club starting at 12:00 noon. The cost is a donation at the door.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Bingo is back and continues every Thurs-

day at the Hubbards & Area Lions Club. Doors and canteen open at 6:00 pm. Mini Bingo starts 6:30 pm. Regular Bingo starts 7:00 pm. Bingo daubers \$2 and 50/50 (3 for \$5) for sale at the door. 3-Card Book \$5, 9-Card Book \$15, Specials are \$1 each. Bonanza 50 cents per card.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Community Centre Breakfast at the Blandford Community Centre from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Eat-in or Take-out. Enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, beans, hash-browns, coffee, tea & juice. Adults \$12, Children (under 10 years) \$5 and FREE for kids under 3 years. Cash or debit at the door.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Community Social Dance at the Hubbards Area Lions Club from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Cost \$10 per person. Cash Bar, Canteen, 50/50 Draw and Door Prizes. Dance to the Music of "The Cruisers".

Athenaeum Society of Nova Scotia presents...Re-Visioning Retirement at Ocean Swells Community Centre, Northwest Cove starting 2:30 pm. Dr. Susan Reid will highlight what Re-Visioning Retirement means, why it's essential and her unique method for empowering people to navigate the transition into retirement with clarity, confidence, and impact. All are welcome. For more info call 902-476-4465.

Nominate a Volunteer!

The Municipality of Chester is preparing for National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25, 2026

Nominations can fall under five categories:

- (Individual) Representative Volunteer of the Year Award
- Newcomer Volunteer Award (Resident for less than 5 years)
- Youth Volunteer Award (Ages 13-24)
- Family Volunteer Award (Volunteering as a family for at least 5 years)
- Nova Scotia Strong Award (Individual or group that has demonstrated resiliency in community during a time or event of tragedy or struggle)

We will be celebrating all our community volunteers during National Volunteer Week – stay tuned for exciting event updates!

From all the individual volunteers that are nominated, one will be selected by Municipal Council to represent the Municipality of Chester at the Provincial Volunteer Awards.

The deadline for nominations is March 6, 2026.
To submit a nomination and find more information
<https://chester.ca/community/volunteers>

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Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, Town of Mahone Bay



Town of Mahone Bay Mayor
Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

1. A year of firsts

2. 2025 started off with a fresh new council for the Town of Mahone Bay. It was a year of firsts carrying out the duties mandated by town policies and the Municipal Government Act.

Engaging in a strategic planning process was our first completed goal for our new council and a great opportunity to get to know one another in a less formal setting. This strategic plan will guide the budgets and priorities for council and staff for the next four years.

Filling our Standing Committees' public seats proved to be easier than we anticipated and all committee spaces were filled.

The Edgewater Street improvements were a huge undertaking for our small town. Our public works, water management, electric utilities and administrative teams pivoted daily to accommodate construction needs and schedules.

Not easy work, but they are an amazing team. Our newly hired communications specialist brought much of this work together through site visits, messaging, social media, regular updates and meeting with stakeholders.

Her ability to go between numerous construction company staff/contractors, administrators, town staff, citizens and members of council was remarkable. The Edgewater Street public washroom received access-

ibility renovations and upgrades. It now has an adult change table.

The public works building renovations have been completed and staff now have a safer environment in which to work and store equipment.

3. Our town was deeply affected by an intimate partner violence (IPV) fatality early in the new year. It certainly made us aware that IPV is an epidemic here in Nova Scotia. Knowing how to support individuals at risk through awareness of the signs of abuse and being familiar with local resources can save lives.

Traffic delays, dust and mud, as we dealt with the many stages of the Edgewater Street build. Many folks had construction fatigue; it was more challenging for homeowners, churches and businesses in the construction zone and traffic detour streets. We continue to appreciate their patience and co-operation with the build.

This summer's drought was also a challenge. Our water management department kept close tabs on the watershed area and the water level of Oakland Lake.

We first tried voluntary water conservation in August but saw no improvement and the water level continued to drop.

A water restriction order for residents was issued in September. Thankfully, the rains in October and November have brought the water level up a great deal.

children and the young at heart. Our Festivals of Mahone Bay Society and their cheerful band of volunteers were beyond remarkable. Through dust, mud, traffic delays they worked out of The Bayhive, located in a church basement in the center of Edgewater Street. The positivity and resilience of this creative voluntary group is inspiring. Once again we had very successful Scarecrow Festival and season of Father Christmas, "Build it and they will come," and they did!

Many small projects such as, cemetery expansion and improvements, tree canopy progress, safer parking improvements near Bayview School, new planters at the town entrances, paving work town hall interior and exterior, town signage and new benches.

The Main Street washroom at the Municipal Wharf will receive renovations beginning early in the new year and will be completed by the regular opening date.

The Edgewater Street Public Washroom, received accessibility renovations and upgrades. It now has an adult change table. The Public Works Building reno's have been completed and staff now have a safer environment in which to work and store equipment.

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4. The Edgewater Street project did not get completed, as weather conditions delayed the work schedule. However, we were able to get the first coat of paving down before the asphalt plant closed for the winter. The topcoat will be applied in the spring and landscaping will also take place as it became too cold to transplant.

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5. Mahone Bay made their debut late June and continue to delight

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**, on behalf of its electric utility, for the approval of a rate rider to recover deferred revenue from the phasing in of the utility's last general rate increase

BEFORE: Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

HEARING ORDER

The Town of Mahone Bay, on behalf of its electric utility, applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on December 18, 2025, for approval to begin recovering deferred revenue from the phasing in of a rate increase approved in the Town's last general rate application (M10832). The Town seeks Board approval to recover its deferred revenue from its Domestic (including Time of Day and Net Metering), Small General, General Service and Town street lighting rate class customers over two-year period, beginning January 1, 2026.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing, but the Board reserves the right to convert it to an oral hearing if circumstances warrant.

The following timetable will apply to this proceeding and assumes that any intervenors do not request to file information requests or evidence (if there are no intervenors the Board may issue a decision at any time after the date for filing Notices of Intervention):

Notices of Intervention	Friday, January 9, 2026
Letters of Comment	Friday, January 9, 2026
Information Requests (IRs) from Board staff	Friday, January 9, 2026
Responses to IRs from ToMB	Friday, January 16, 2026
Deadline for Intervenors to Request to ask IRs and/or file evidence	Friday, January 16, 2026
Written Submissions from Intervenors	Friday, January 23, 2026
Written Reply Submissions from ToMB	Friday, January 30, 2026

The Board's Regulatory Rules will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by **2:00 pm** on any date a document is due.

The attached Notice of Hearing is to be advertised in accordance with the following schedule:

Halifax Chronicle Herald:	Tuesday, December 30, 2025
South Shore Bulletin:	Wednesday, December 31, 2025

The Notice of Hearing will be advertised by posting it on the Board website under Notices of Hearing and by the Town on any website, social media accounts and community notice boards. The Town will also notify its customers of this application and the proposed rate rider increase in their next bill.

The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Notice of Hearing and Hearing Order to the list of those interested in electricity matters.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 22nd day of December 2025.

Clerk of the Board

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Warden Allen Webber, Municipality of the District of Chester



Municipality of District of Chester
Warden Allen Webber

1. Busy. Learning. Flourishing. Forward. Exciting!

2. The Municipality of Chester is in solid financial shape. We were, and still are, in the fortunate and appreciative position to have access to critical infrastructure funding from our provincial and federal partners. This accelerated our ability to upgrade wastewater treatment systems and address some of the key recommendations in our Growth Strategy.

3. The greatest challenges we faced in 2025 were meeting the increasing demand for service delivery and trying to prepare for a Growth Strategy to meet future needs while maintaining the character of our communities. We met these challenges by building our capacity with experienced and knowledgeable staff and taking a measured and thoughtful approach to growth. Additionally, with a change in ministerial leadership, we are looking ahead to changes in the role and relationship of municipal and provincial governments and how that may impact our community.

4. The Chester Basin wastewater treatment plant renewal and expansion project was delayed, but we are now moving forward. Necessary policy and by-law changes also took more time than expected.

5. Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue to implement our Growth Strategy by focusing on a practical approach to building the infrastructure we need to meet future demands. We are also expecting a recommended design for a recreation facility, new or improved, as well as a plan that will outline what the municipality's intentions are in terms of internal staffing and operational needs.

LIFESTYLES

The most expensive words in business: It's always been like that

STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
Business Moments

I heard them again last Tuesday.

Standing in the break room of a client's warehouse, watching an employee manually enter the same data for the third time that morning. When I asked why, the supervisor shrugged and said: "It's always been like that."

Not defensive. Not apologetic. Matter of fact.

I didn't see a lazy answer. I saw something I've seen hundreds of times before, someone who'd stopped believing their observation mattered.

THE WEIGHT OF FIVE WORDS

Early in my career, I worked for a resort where the ice machines never

produced enough ice, especially on the hottest, busiest days of summer. Without fail, someone would be sent off property to buy ice, haul it back, and drag it across acres to keep up with guest needs.

When I asked why we didn't invest in larger, more modern machines, the answer came quickly: "That's the way it's always been."

Instead of arguing, I got curious.

I started tracking the time it took to send someone out for ice. The cost of purchasing it. The labour pulled away from other work. The disruption. The stress. The scrambling, always at the worst possible moment.

Then I multiplied that cost by the number of years anyone could reasonably guess this had been happening.

Next, I sourced the price of newer, more efficient, higher producing ice machines. Even without factoring in electrical efficiency or long-term maintenance savings, the math was clear: replacing the machines would be faster, simpler, and far more efficient than continuing the way it had always been done.

WHAT I SEE NOW

I work with businesses across industries now, and I can walk into almost any operation and spot the legacy of those five words within hours.

The team that schedules coverage manually instead of using the software they already pay for, the approval process with seven signatures when two would work

The meeting that everyone complains about, but no one cancels

The talented employee quietly updating their resume because suggesting improvements feels pointless

None of this happens because people don't care. It happens because somewhere along the line, caring stopped producing results.

THE REAL COST

Here's what those words actually cost:

Time - Hours every week spent on tasks that solve yesterday's problems

Talent - Your best people leave first, because good employees notice inefficiency faster than anyone

Trust - When people stop believing their input matters, they stop offering it

Momentum - Every outdated process is a small weight. Enough of them, and nothing moves forward

I watched a business lose three strong supervisors in eight months, all citing "lack of growth opportunity." But when I looked closer, the real issue was simpler: every time they suggested improvements, they heard

some version of "that's not how we do things."

They didn't leave because they couldn't grow. They left because the business wouldn't.

THE QUESTION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

The healthiest organizations I work with share one habit, they've replaced certainty with curiosity.

When someone says, "it's always been like that," the response isn't defensive or dismissive. It's a genuine question:

"Should it be?" Three words that open the door instead of closing it.

I watched a client use this question to eliminate a quality check that had been standard for 15 years. It turned out it was added to catch a problem with a supplier they'd stopped using in 2019. Removing it saved four hours per shift and didn't reduce quality by a single percentage point.

The person who spotted it? Someone who'd been there six months. The people who'd been there 10 years walked past it every day.

WHERE THIS GOES

If you're reading this and thinking, "That sounds like my business," you're not alone. And you're not failing.

If you want to talk about what that might look like in your specific situation, I'm genuinely curious to hear what you're dealing with.

Because "it's always been like that" doesn't have to be the answer, it can be the starting point.

Stephanie is the Founder of *SMillerVision*, where she helps customer-based businesses turn leadership blind spots into cultures people want to be part of and never want to leave. With 30+ years in hospital-ity and service leadership, Stephanie works with organizations ready to question the status quo and lead with intention.

Fresh new year, fresh new changes

SUSANNE BECK
Reality Check

There are changes coming! While I'm at it, I may as well throw in a prediction about Maritime weather: It's going to change! Not a big surprise, is it? Changes happen; some for the better; others just make things worse.

The dawn of a new year gets us thinking about fresh new starts, taking different approaches, out with the old, in with something new. That's all a way of saying, "I want a change."

What might we want to change, exactly?

To put that question in context, let's first look back at the year that's coming to an end. Events have happened, whether we contributed to causing them or not. I'm hoping that some of those were good events. Realistically, and sadly, it's also likely that some events were not so great.

A Choice Theory structure can help us get a balanced picture. For example, consider love and belonging in our lives. We know that relationships change. Over the past year, have we met new people or drawn closer to people who bring us joy, comfort, satisfaction? Have we chosen to deepen existing positive relationships, making them even more satisfying?

Just as important, have some relationships disappeared or changed in a negative way? While some changes may be the result of choices we've

made, other relationships change regardless of our wants. Perhaps events occurred that were out of our control. Maybe the other person asserted their choice to change in a way that is not to our liking. Relationships change, for better and for worse.

How about our security/survival? We have control over some events, but as anyone who has health issues or accidents can tell you, we don't have control over everything that has an impact on our survival. However, changes are not always negative. Treatments, recovery, even adopting new habits can have positive impacts on our survival.

How we satisfy our need for power/recognition can also change. Perhaps we have increased satisfaction through doing meaningful work, whether paid or unpaid. Maybe we have chosen to increase our responsibilities, recognizing that we can be more effective than before. Perhaps someone, even one person, has reached out to us to recognize our activities.

How about our sense of freedom? Has that changed over the past year? Perhaps you have a changed financial situation or changed responsibilities, either of which could contribute to a change in freedom. Likewise, some relationship changes can bring more freedom; others make us less free. Losses of freedom may be outweighed by gains in other ways, but it's a change, nevertheless.

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LIFESTYLES

Indoor enrichment for pets during long winter nights

ASHLEY KIPPERS
SHAID Tree Animal Shelter General Manager

As winter settles in and the evenings grow longer, many pets find themselves spending more time indoors with fewer opportunities for stimulation. Just like people, animals can become bored or stressed without enough mental and physical activity. Providing enrichment is especially important during the colder months and can make a world of difference for a pet's overall wellbeing.

SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP PETS ENGAGED INDOORS

Interactive toys: Puzzle feeders, treat balls, and wand toys encourage problem-solving and movement. Rotating toys every few days can help keep them exciting and "new."

DIY enrichment: You don't need fancy supplies. Cardboard boxes, paper bags (handles removed), and homemade treat puzzles made from toilet paper rolls can provide hours of entertainment.

Routine and playtime: Scheduled play sessions help pets burn energy and reduce anxiety. Even 10-15 minutes of interactive play before meals can improve mood and encourage healthy habits.

Calm spaces and stress reduction: Quiet hiding spots, cozy beds, soft lighting, and gentle background noise can help reduce stress – especially for shy or sensitive animals. Products like pheromone diffusers or calming treats can also be helpful.

Mental stimulation: Training sessions, clicker work, or simply teaching new routines can keep pets mentally engaged and strengthen the human-animal bond.

Long winter nights don't have to be dull or stressful for pets. With simple enrichment ideas and a little extra attention, they can become cozy, engaging, and comforting – especially for animals waiting patiently for a home of their own.

MEET TWO CATS WHO THRIVE WITH GENTLE ENRICHMENT

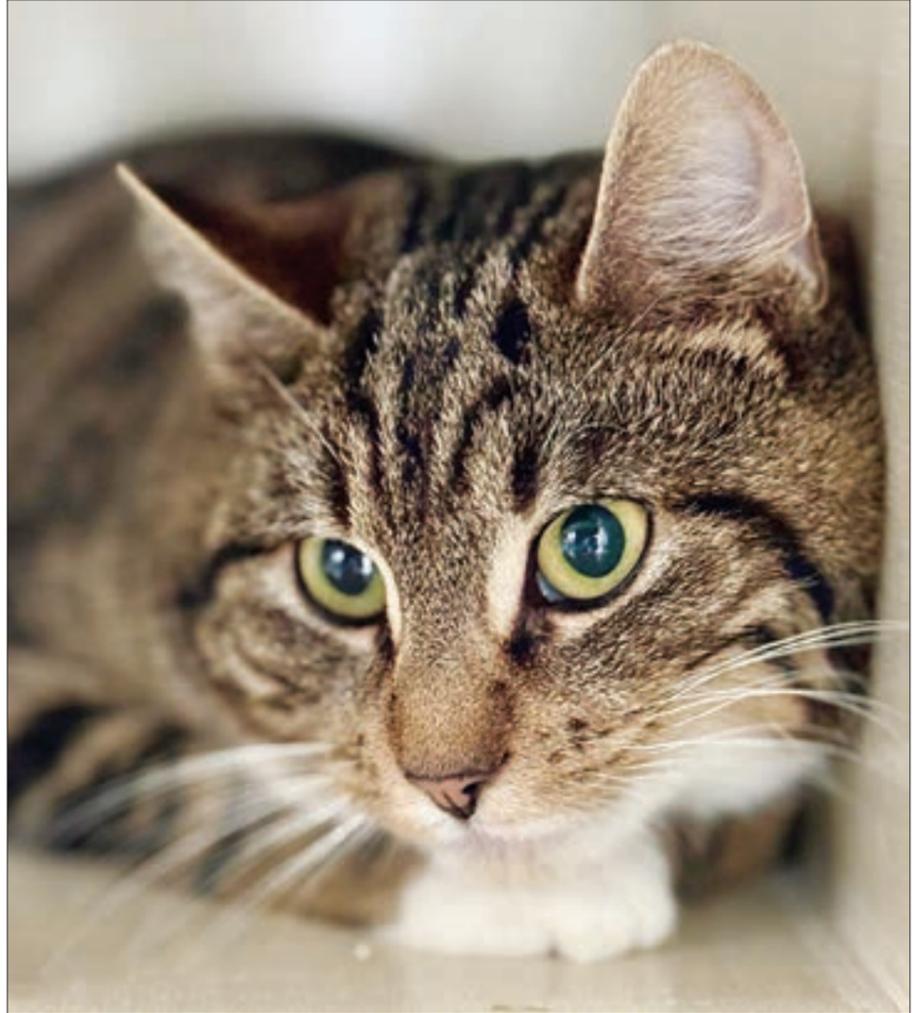
Enrichment is especially important for shelter cats who are adjusting to new environments.

Timberland, a neutered male, is shy but curious. He enjoys observing at first, gaining confidence as he feels safe.

Yule, an eight-month-old spayed female, is still finding her footing in the shelter. The busy environment can be overwhelming for her, but with patience, soft voices, and gentle enrichment, she is slowly warming up. A calm home with consistent routines and enrichment would help her blossom.

Both cats would thrive in peaceful homes where winter evenings are filled with soft play, patience, and understanding.

January's Rafflebox fundraiser will be starting soon, helping SHAID continue to care for animals like Timberland and Yule. Try your luck and help kitties at the same time!



ASHLEY KIPPERS PHOTOS

Yule and Timberland are looking for new homes.

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD
NOTICE OF PAPER HEARING

The **Town of Mahone Bay**, on behalf of its electric utility, applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on December 18, 2025, for approval to begin recovering deferred revenue from the phasing in of a rate increase approved in the Town's last general rate application (M10832). The Town seeks Board approval to recover its deferred revenue from its Domestic (including Time of Day and Net Metering), Small General, General Service and Town street lighting rate class customers over two-year period, beginning January 1, 2026, through rate riders as follows:

Domestic (including Time of Day and Net Metering):	0.5289 cents/kWh
Small General:	0.4866 cents/kWh
General Service:	0.3572 cents/kWh
Town street lighting:	Varies by Lamp Type

The Board will consider this matter in a paper hearing process.

This is a public process, and you may participate as follows:

- You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or secure file transfer service by visiting <https://board.titanfile.com/NSEB/>, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Friday, January 9, 2026**.
- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence. Your request must be received by the Board by **Friday, January 9, 2026**. The deadline for Intervenor requests to ask Information Requests or file evidence is **Friday, January 16, 2026**.

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed on the Board's website at <https://nserbt.ca/nseb>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter No. **M12642**, and on the Town of Mahone Bay's website.

To assist the Board in using correct forms of address and pronouns in our hearings and decisions, we invite all parties, lawyers, and all other participants to share their pronouns and titles with the Board and each other if they are comfortable doing so. There is no requirement to provide this information.

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of the Municipal Government Act and the Municipality of the District of Chester

TAKE NOTICE THAT on Thursday, November 27, 2025, Chester Municipal Council provided intention to enter into a Development Agreement with ARW Development Ltd. to build 11 single unit dwellings in addition to the existing 5 structures on the 24.6-acre lot (PID 60664828) on Barkhouse Road, Martins Point is to be considered.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on **Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 8:45 a.m.** and is being held in Municipal Council Chambers (151 King Street, Chester).

Residents can give their opinions at the Public Hearing by speaking in person or sending written comments to: Pamela Myra, Municipal Clerk, 151 King Street, PO Box 369, Chester, NS B0J 1J0 or pmyra@chester.ca.

Comments must be received before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th, 2026.

Council may vote to approve or reject the proposed Development Agreement amendments at the Council Meeting which will follow the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Copies of the proposed changes are available by contacting the Community Development Department, located at 186 Central Street, Chester.

Call us!
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Email us!
planning@chester.ca

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LIFESTYLES

A bird outing Dec. 17

JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

David Walmark and I went out birding on Dec. 17 for a couple of hours.

We started in Kingsburg and proceeded to Rose Bay, Bayport, First South, Corkum's Island and into Lunenburg, ending at First Peninsula. We found 21 species during our time out.

At First South we counted 82 greater scaup, had a green-winged teal and two northern pintails. There was a third bird with the pintails which looked like a mallard X northern pintail. One of the 330 Canada geese had an almost white head, which was interesting to see.

At Fader's Cove we watched an American kestrel. It was successful in catching a meadow vole, which it initially took to a rock to eat, and then flew to the top of a telephone pole with it. There was a single Bonaparte's gull on the Lunenburg waterfront. We then went to First Peninsula and had good looks at the northern mockingbird that is continuing there.

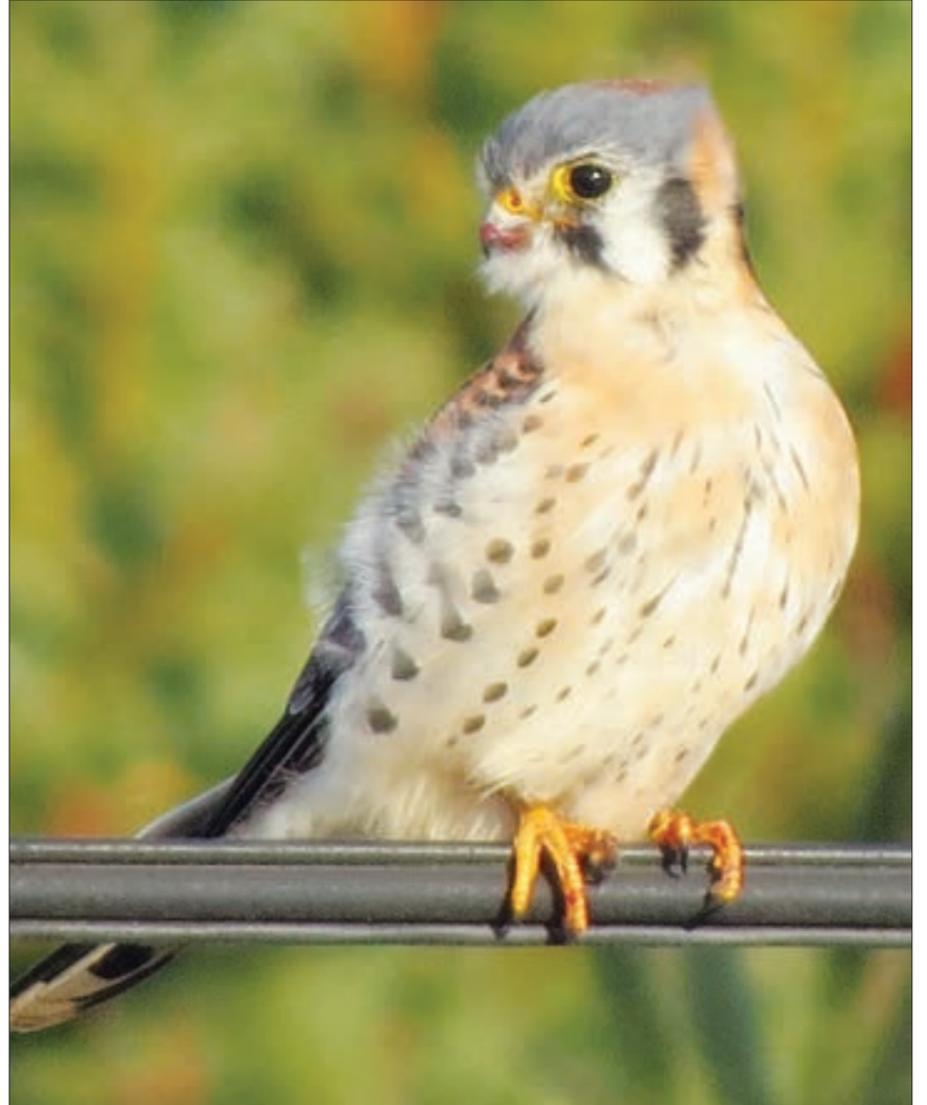
As of Dec. 17, Joe Holmes still had the clay-coloured sparrow continuing in Bridgewater. Barbara McLean of Lunenburg still had a pine warbler continuing at her feeders. There was an eastern towhee in Lunenburg County, posted to Facebook, but the location was not revealed.

I was going to travel to Brier Island for the Christmas Bird Count on December 16 but decided against it due to the road conditions not being the best for leaving at an early hour during the night.

Logan LaLonde found a tree swallow on this count at Westport. He saw this bird again and got a photograph of it at the Joshua Slocum Memorial. He also found a yellow-rumped warbler at that location.

Kelly-Sue O'Connor keeps finding barred owls in Digby County and on Dec. 17 Mark Dennis found three pine warblers at Long Point Road on Cape Sable Island.

You may reach me at 902-693-2174 or email me at jrhbirder@hotmail.com.



JAMES HIRTLE PHOTO

An American Kestrel caught on camera at Fader's Cove Dec. 17.

Fresh new year, fresh new changes

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Finally in the collection of Choice Theory needs, there's that need for fun. Have you added fun to your life over the past year? Or do you now have fewer opportunities for fun?

Whether we make deliberate changes or not, changes have happened and will continue. Given that, how have you, personally, changed from a year ago?

We are all different in some ways from the people we were a year ago. And this time next year, we will be different again. We will be different from who we are right now.

In a recent post, Dr. Joel Wade asked an important question, "How

do we want to be different?" We know that we will be different. But how?

We don't have control over many of the changes that happen. However, by recognizing that we will change, we can also recognize that our conscious efforts matter. We can direct those changes in the direction we want. To some degree, we can choose the person we want to become.

What changes do you want to see in yourself in the next year? Let me know at choice@focusonclarity.com or by mail c/o South Shore Bulletin.

To your choices! ~ Susanne ~
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May 2026 bring you happiness, prosperity, and continued success!

~ The South Shore Bulletin Team ~

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WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 31. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM.

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Channel Guide grid showing channel numbers (A-E) for various stations like GLOBAL, ITV, YTV, etc.

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 1. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM.

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 2. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM.

WEEKDAY DAYTIME DECEMBER 31 TO JANUARY 6. Large grid of TV programs from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

SATURDAY DAYTIME JANUARY 3. Table with 20 columns (7:30-6:00) and 56 rows of program listings.

SUNDAY DAYTIME JANUARY 4. Table with 20 columns (7:30-6:00) and 56 rows of program listings.

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SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 4. Table with 11 columns (6:30-11:30) and 56 rows of program listings.

MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

EVENING

6:30 [SLICE] "He's Just Not That Into You" (Romance,2009) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women try to navigate through the complexities of modern relationships. (14+)

11:30 [SLICE] "What to Expect When You're Expecting" (Romance,2012) Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez. The challenges of impending parenthood turn the lives of five couples upside down. (14+)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

EVENING

6:00 [CTVSCI-FI] "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (Fantasy,2010) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. Harry, Ron and Hermione set out to destroy the Horcruxes, the secrets to Voldemort's power. (G)

[CTVSCI-FI] "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (Fantasy,2011) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. Harry, Ron and Hermione face their greatest foe and make a sacrifice on their journey. (G)

10:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (Sci-Fi,2013) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. As rebellion simmers, a cruel change in the Hunger Games may change Panem forever. (G)

[SHOW] "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (Adventure,2017) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. Four teens find adventure as adults inside a video game that transports them to the jungle. (G)

[APTN] "The Beehive" (Drama,2023) Todd Hann, Tina Georgieva. A girl, her brother and father are forced to face a pandemic alien invasion. (G)

10:30 [USA] "The Mummy Returns" (Adventure,2001) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. Two evil forces pursue the son of adventurer Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser). (G)

11:00 [CTV] "Die Hard" (Action,1988) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise. (13+)

[WTV] "Chateau Christmas" (Romance,2020) Merritt Patterson, Luke MacFarlane. A pianist rediscovers her passion for music after reuniting with her ex during the holidays. (G)

11:45 [CTVSCI-FI] "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Fantasy,2007) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. Harry teaches a group of students to defend Hogwarts from Voldemort's minions. (G)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

EVENING

6:45 [CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" (Sci-Fi,1989) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. Renegade Vulcan waylays Kirk (William Shatner), Spock (Leonard Nimoy), McCoy (DeForest Kelley). (G)

7:00 [CBC] "Happiest Season" (Romance,2020) Kristen Stewart, Mackenzie Davis. A young woman learns that her girlfriend hasn't come out to her conservative parents. (G)

[SLICE] [SHOW] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (Sci-Fi,2015) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss and friends embark on a mission to assassinate President Snow and liberate war-torn Panem. (G)

[WTV] "Haul Out the Holly: Lit Up" (Comedy,2023) Lacey Chabert, Wes Brown. Emily and Jared are ready to make this year's Christmas festivities the best yet. (G)

9:00 [WTV] "She's Making a List" (Drama,2025) Lacey Chabert, Andrew W. Walker. A woman falls for a widower while evaluating if his child should be on Santa's naughty or nice list. (G)

[TBS] "Barbie" (Comedy,2023) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling. Barbie and Ken leave the world of Barbie Land to discover the joys and perils of the real world. (G)

[CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" (Sci-Fi,1991) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. The Enterprise crew (William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley) encounters sabotage. (G)

10:00 [SHOW] "The Hunger Games" (Sci-Fi,2012) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. In a place once known as North America, youths fight to the death in a nationally televised contest. (14+)

[APTN] "ParaNorman" (Animated,2012) Voices of Kodi Smit-McPhee, Tucker Albrizzi. A boy (Kodi Smit-McPhee) who can speak with the dead must save his town from a centuries-old curse. (G)

11:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (Sci-Fi,2014) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss finds herself in District 13, fighting to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage. (G)

[WTV] "Christmas Waltz" (Romance,2020) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. A woman makes an unexpected connection with her dance instructor after her wedding is canceled. (G)

11:15 [CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" (Sci-Fi,1982) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. Kirk (William Shatner), Spock (Leonard Nimoy) and crew battle an old foe (Ricardo Montalban). (G)

11:30 [TBS] "The Wizard of Oz" (Family,1939) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. A tornado whisks a Kansas farm girl (Judy Garland) to a magic land. (G)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

EVENING

7:00 [SLICE] "Divergent" (Sci-Fi,2014) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. In a future society, a young woman uncovers a plot to kill those who don't fit into specific groups. (G)

[WTV] "Hidden Gems" (Romance,2022) Hunter King, Beau Mirchoff. Sparks fly between a woman and a scuba diver as she searches for her grandmother's ring in Hawaii. (G)

[CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek Beyond" (Sci-Fi,2016) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. Stranded on a hostile planet, Kirk, Spock and the rest of the crew must battle a deadly alien race. (G)

8:00 [APTN] "Muffins for Granny" (Documentary,2006) Nadia McLaren interviews First Nations elders about their experiences in residential schools. (G)

9:00 [CH] "Battle: Los Angeles" (Sci-Fi,2011) Aaron Eckhart, Michelle Rodriguez. A squad of U.S. Marines becomes the last line of defense against a global invasion. (14+)

[SHOW] "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (Action,2014) Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci. As humanity picks up the pieces after an epic battle, a shadowy group emerges to control history. (G)

[TBS] "Olympus Has Fallen" (Action,2013) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A disgraced agent must save the president after terrorists seize control of the White House. (14+)

9:30 [CTVSCI-FI] "Free Guy" (Action,2021) Ryan Reynolds, Jodie Comer. A bank teller tries to become a hero when he discovers he's a background player in a video game. (G)

10:00 [SLICE] "Insurgent" (Sci-Fi,2015) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. Fugitives Tris and Four search for allies and answers among the ruins of Chicago. (G)

11:00 [WTV] "A New Year's Resolution" (Romance,2021) Aimee Teegarden, Michael Rady. A morning show producer makes a New Year's resolution to agree to every social invitation. (G)

11:05 [TBS] "London Has Fallen" (Action,2016) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. Secret Service agent Mike Banning must save captive U.S. President Benjamin Asher from terrorists. (14+)

12:00 [CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek" (Sci-Fi,2009) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew (Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto). (G)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

EVENING

6:30 [SLICE] "Bring It On" (Comedy,2000) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku. Champion cheerleaders (Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku, Jesse Bradford) compete against an urban squad. (G)

7:00 [CBC] "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (Adventure,2017) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. Four teens find adventure as adults inside a video game that transports them to the jungle. (G)

[SHOW] "Transformers" (Action,2007) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. Two intergalactic races of robots crash land on Earth; the future of humankind hangs in balance. (G)

7:30 [CTVSCI-FI] "Galaxy Quest" (Comedy,1999) Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver. Aliens kidnap actors from an old sci-fi TV series to fight a war. (14+)

[GLOBAL] "Father of the Bride" (Romance,2022) Andy Garcia, Gloria Estefan. A father must come to grips with his daughter's upcoming wedding and handle his sprawling family. (13+)

9:00 [SLICE] "Pitch Perfect" (Romance,2012) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin. A new college student (Anna Kendrick) shakes things up when she joins a female cappella group. (G)

9:30 [CTVSCI-FI] "Star Trek Generations" (Sci-Fi,1994) Patrick Stewart, William Shatner. Kirk (William Shatner) and Picard (Patrick Stewart) thwart mad Dr. Soran (Malcolm McDowell). (G)

10:00 [SHOW] "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (Action,2009) Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox. Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) holds the key to defeating an ancient Decepticon. (G)

[APTN] "Shooter" (Action,2007) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him. (14+)

11:00 [CTV] "Father of the Bride" (Comedy,1991) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. A doting dad (Steve Martin) deals with his daughter's (Kimberly Williams) impending wedding. (G)

[WTV] "New Year's Eve" (Romance,2011) Halle Berry, Jessica Biel. New Yorkers find love, hope, second chances and more on the celebrated night. (G)

11:30 [SLICE] "Pitch Perfect 2" (Musical,2015) Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson. The Barden Bellas must get their act together to compete at the world championships in Denmark. (G)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

EVENING

10:00 [SLICE] "She's Out of My League" (Romance,2010) Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve. An airport security agent cannot believe his luck when a beautiful gal falls for him. (14+)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

EVENING

9:00 [WTV] "Lion" (Drama,2016) Dev Patel, Rooney Mara. Saroo Brierley (Dev Patel) returns to India to find his family after 25 years of separation. (G)

11:15 [SHOW] "Syriana" (Drama,2005) George Clooney, Matt Damon. The war on terror becomes personal for a CIA agent (George Clooney). (14+)

11:30 [WTV] "I Could Never Be Your Woman" (Romance,2007) Michelle Pfeiffer, Paul Rudd. A professional woman (Michelle Pfeiffer) falls for a younger man (Paul Rudd).

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 5. Table with 11 columns (6:30-11:30) and 56 rows of program listings.

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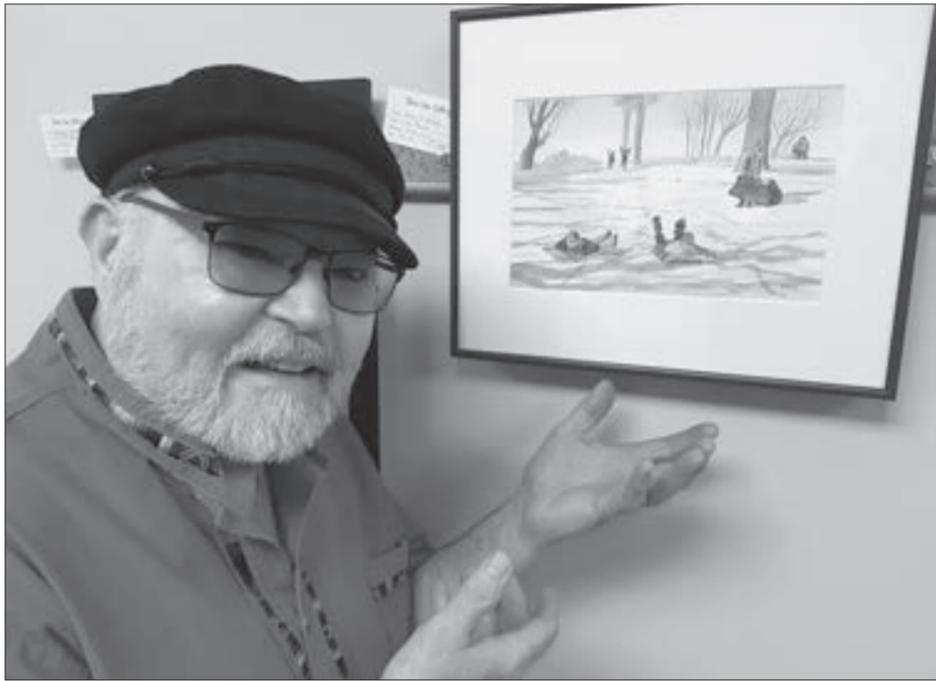
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HOLIDAY ART SHOW

Shore Line Gallery is presenting a holiday art show for two months (December, January) in the main hall of South Shore Regional Hospital. Many local artists creating in a variety mediums are presented. A separate exhibit features holiday and winter themes. Shown here in the photos are Gary Selig, with a watercolour painting of children enjoying the snow; Eric Amoah shows off his photo of the three churches in Mahone Bay with water reflections and Charles Weiss presents a wood carving of a symbolic fish in a ying and yang design. Please contact shoreline Galleries@gmail.com for more exhibit opportunities and how to purchase the art.

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Town of Lunenburg Mayor Jamie Myra

Mayor Jamie Myra, Town of Lunenburg

1. Interesting, exciting, controversial, engaging and community

2. The start of the rebuild to our electrical infrastructure and the fact that we have approved a five-year plan to get us into this century. The opening of the housing for health care workers and the latest announcement that they are very close to starting our new HVH build. I also don't want to overlook the sake of our train station to Second Storey as it follows the government's recommendations to help organizations like this one. The expansion of our daycare is also very exciting for the community and I think the season was topped off with our grand re-opening of the community bandstand during our holiday festivities.

3. One of the biggest challenges is the financial burden of maintaining our infrastructure. We are very proud to be a UNESCO community but with that comes a cost to the community. We are hopeful that over the next year we can have some success with our federal partners in fixing and updating some of our infrastructure. We are also constantly working on trying to gain the trust of our citizens as that was lost a few years ago and it hasn't been easy trying to get it back.

4. Number one would be getting more of our electric utility updated so we can actually consider some growth. We also need to update our MPS and LUB as there are some glaring things in our current documents that the community and this council are not happy with. The community was very fortunate to find a new CAO that seems to have the same vision as us so I can't wait to see what this entire team can accomplish over the next 12 months as I firmly believe we have a very diverse and strong group.

5. The start of the new HVH build, which will be the largest build in the history of our town. We have a few developments in the hopper that have either been approved or are in the process so I am hopeful as the electric utility gets upgraded we see some growth with new housing within the community. We are also excited to collaborate and work with our municipal partners on a few projects as collaboration when possible is the best for all our communities.



FILE PHOTO

Tickets are now on sale for the Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl lobster roll-off will take place Feb. 3 at the Quarterdeck resort.

Date set for annual lobster roll-off event

Submitted by STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
South Shore Tourism Cooperative Co-ordinator

SOUTH SHORE – The top chefs along the South Shore will compete for glory Feb. 3 and for a month-long spotlight on their signature roll.

The South Shore Tourism Cooperative, host of The Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl is thrilled to announce the return of one of its most anticipated culinary competitions: the Lobster Roll-Off, taking place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Quarterdeck Resort.

This high-energy winter celebration invites South Shore chefs to turn a single evening into a month-long (and beyond) mouth-watering promotion of their restaurants. By competing, chefs showcase the exact lobster roll they will feature in-house during February, giving locals and visitors a delicious reason to dine their way across the South Shore.

A COMPETITION WITH SERIOUS REACH

Since its inception, the Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl has been fulfilling its mandate of creating true year-round tourism on Nova Scotia's South Shore. The Lobster Roll-Off has quickly become a media darling, drawing chefs who go all-in to create the Best in Show lobster roll.

Formal yet playful judging is performed by a delegation of national and international travel media, invited by Tourism Nova Scotia. These unbiased judges arrive with big appetites, bigger audiences, and cameras rolling. Their coverage extends far

beyond the walls of the event, amplifying participating restaurants to diners across the country and beyond.

"This event is where culinary creativity, community pride, and the world's best lobster come together," said Stephanie Miller Vincent, co-ordinator of South Shore Tourism Cooperative. "It's not a competition, it's a spotlight. And our chefs know how to rise to it."

With 100 guests in attendance, creative competition, and the travel media judging every roll, the event delivers what organizers lovingly describe as: "Marvellous mayhem with mayo."

RESTAURANT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Restaurants wishing to compete in the 2026 Lobster Roll-Off may now register.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be (or become) a South Shore Tourism Cooperative member
- Must serve the exact same lobster roll in-house throughout the month of February
- Must be located on Nova Scotia's South Shore

This ensures the Roll-Off becomes a launchpad for an entire month of culinary tourism, encouraging guests to seek out each competing roll in the wild.

Tickets to this great event are now on sale: \$55 on sale until Dec. 31 or sold out; general admission tickets are \$100 on sale from Jan. 1-31 or until sold out. They are available through lobstercrawl.ca.

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Region of Queens Mayor Scott Christian

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5. Our new outdoor pool at Queens Place will be up and running in the spring/summer of 2026!

- Building from the Strategic Planning and priority setting work we completed in 2025 and the seven Town Hall/public information sessions we conducted this fall we will be releasing our 2026-2029 Strategic Priorities early in the new year. The management team will be building out an implementation plan, and we will begin to see progress toward advancing work on those priority areas in the year to come.

- April 1 of 2026 will mark our 30-year anniversary of the amalgamation of the Region of

Queens Municipality. We will be working with staff to plan ways to celebrate this important milestone.

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Florence "Betty" Frost

Betty was born December 18, 1944, in Caplin Cove, Conception Bay, Newfoundland, to Walter George and Marjorie Irene (Reynolds) Bursey. Betty grew up in Lower Island Cove, Conception Bay and completed high school in Carbonear, Conception Bay. Betty graduated from the General Hospital School of Nursing in St. John's, Newfoundland. In December 1965, Betty went on a blind date and met the love of her life and best friend, Howard E. W. Frost, and they married December 29, 1967, in Lower Island Cove, Conception Bay. They honeymooned in Jamaica and when Betty moved to Labrador City, she worked in the local hospital as a nurse until they started a family. Betty enjoyed the Northern life and raising her family for the next twenty-two years. She was involved with all the children's activities including cross country skiing and snowmobiling. She also taught Sunday School in Carol United Church. Betty retired with her husband Howard in 1989 to live in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, where she became a member of the Bridgewater United Church. Betty enjoyed spending time with her children, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Betty and Howard traveled together whenever they could. Betty's specialty was gardening, walking, and especially looking after her family. Betty is survived by her loving husband, Howard; sons, Howard Todd (Paula Williams) Frost, Labrador City, Newfoundland; Terry George (Lisa) Frost, Conquerall Bank; grandchildren, Tyler, Cold Lake, Alberta; Kailee and her daughter, Reina, Bridgewater; Dylan; Shania (Fred) Paris and their children, Hannah, Axel, Carter, Gage, and Ayla, Cold Lake, Alberta; sisters, Wanda, Toronto, Ontario; Bonnie (James) Mittle; Romeo, Michigan, United States; brothers, Bruce (Betty) Bursey, Toronto, Ontario; Winston (Liz) Bursey, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland; Allan Bursey, Cobourg, Ontario; Randy (Monica) Bursey, Toronto, Ontario. Betty was predeceased by infant son, William Frost; brother, Daniel Bursey; sister, Daphne Bernice Avery; sister-in-law, Louise (Allan) Bursey; mother, Marjorie Irene Bursey, and father, Walter George Bursey. By request, there will be no visitation or church service. Cremation has taken place and a private committal service for family only will be held at Brookside Memorial Cemetery Columbarium in Bridgewater. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Bridgewater United Church Memorial Fund or a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, 35 York Street, Bridgewater, where online condolences may be made by visiting www.sweenysfuneralhome.com



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