Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers
Second Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, Nova Scotia

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Roll Call

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Adjournment



PROCLAMATION

Pancreatic Awareness Day

WHEREAS: pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, with only 10 percent of those diagnosed surviving five years or longer; and

WHEREAS: pancreatic cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Canada, and its incidence continues to rise, making awareness, early detection, and research critical to improving survival rates; and

WHEREAS: the good health and well-being of residents of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality are enhanced by increased awareness about pancreatic cancer, its risks and symptoms, and by supporting research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS: the Cape Breton Regional Municipality recognizes the impact that pancreatic cancer has on individuals, families, caregivers, and communities throughout Cape Breton and supports efforts to promote awareness, education, advocacy, and access to resources for those affected by this disease

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim Thursday November 19th, 2026, as Pancreatic Awareness Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Deputy Mayor Glenn Paruch - CBRM District #6
November 10, 2026

PROCLAMATION

Medical Radiation Technologists Week

WHEREAS: Radiation Therapists are Medical Radiation Technologists who play a critical role in the delivery of cancer care to patients and families throughout Cape Breton and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Therapists working in the Radiation Therapy Department in Sydney are highly specialized healthcare professionals who plan, coordinate and deliver radiation treatments using advanced technology while maintaining a strong focus on patient safety, accuracy, dignity and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS: the work of Radiation Therapists extends far beyond the operation of treatment equipment and includes patient assessment and education, CT simulation, treatment planning, treatment delivery, quality assurance, symptom assessment, interdisciplinary collaboration and ongoing support for patients throughout their radiation therapy journey; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Therapists work closely with Radiation Oncologists, Medical Physicists, Dosimetrists, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Clerical staff and other members of the cancer-care team to provide safe, timely and high-quality radiation therapy services locally in Cape Breton; and

WHEREAS: the Radiation Therapy Department in Sydney provides an essential specialized cancer service within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, allowing many patients to receive complex radiation treatment and supportive care closer to their homes, families and communities; and

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WHEREAS: Medical Radiation Technologists Week provides an opportunity to recognize the professional expertise, technical knowledge, compassion and dedication of Radiation Therapists and to increase public awareness of the important role they perform within cancer care; and

WHEREAS: CBRM recognizes the Radiation Therapists of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Radiation Therapy Department in Sydney and their contribution to cancer care in Cape Breton.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim November 8th to 14th, 2026, as Medical Radiation Technologies Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Gordon MacDonald – CBRM District #1
November 10th, 2026



PROCLAMATION

YMCA Peace Week

WHEREAS: the YMCA of Cape Breton is a charitable organization dedicated to nurturing the potential of children, youth, adults, and seniors; promoting healthy living; and fostering social responsibility to ensure that everyone can learn, grow, and thrive; and

WHEREAS: YMCA Peace Week is a time to celebrate the presence of peace in our communities and to reflect on the peace-building efforts that take place year-round, both within and beyond the YMCA; and

WHEREAS: Across Canada, YMCAs recognize individuals and groups with the YMCA Peace Medal honoring those who, through their commitment to the values of **PEACE** (Participation, Empathy, Advocacy, Community, and Empowerment), contribute meaningfully to building stronger, more inclusive, and compassionate communities and encourage all citizens to Build Community. Act for Peace.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim the week November 15th to 22nd, 2026, as YMCA Peace Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Darren O'Quinn - CBRM District #11
November 10th, 2026

PROCLAMATION

Restorative Justice Week

WHEREAS: in the face of crime and conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS: restorative justice strives to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (referred persons and the parties impacted by their actions, including community) to encourage accountability, reparation and movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and sense of closure; and

WHEREAS: Restorative Justice Week provides an opportunity to learn about restorative justice and to educate and celebrate with other communities across the country during the week.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim the week November 16th to 22nd, 2026, as Restorative Justice Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Dave MacKeigan - CBRM District #9
November 10th, 2026



PROCLAMATION

Lebanese Heritage Month

WHEREAS: in the 1800's the first Lebanese immigrants came to Canada. Since that time, hundreds of thousands of Lebanese Canadians now reside from coast to coast forming an integral piece of Canada's beautifully rich culture; and

WHEREAS: the Province of Nova Scotia has two large populations of Lebanese decent, the first and the biggest being in the Halifax area, the second being in Cape Breton Island. Both communities are going back over 100 years. It is time to recognize and honor the contributions of Lebanese Canadians to the country we proudly call home; and

WHEREAS: the month of November has been officially recognized as Lebanese Heritage Month by the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, offering an opportunity to honour the many contributions Lebanese Canadians have made and continue to make toward building a more diverse, inclusive, and prosperous society.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim the month of November 2026, as Lebanese Heritage Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Earlene MacMullin - CBRM District #2
November 10, 2026

PROCLAMATION

GivingTuesday

WHEREAS: it is the mission of the United Way of Cape Breton to improve lives and build stronger communities by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action across Cape Breton; and

WHEREAS: GivingTuesday is a Global Day of Generosity, celebrated each year after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, encouraging individuals, businesses, and organizations to give back through acts of kindness, donations, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS: on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, United Way Cape Breton will join communities across Canada in celebrating GivingTuesday by promoting charitable acts throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and inviting residents to lend a "Hand Up" to those in need.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim Tuesday December 1st, 2026, as GivingTuesday in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Steve Gillespie - CBRM District #4
November 10, 2026

PROCLAMATION

James Delorey Day

WHEREAS:	on the afternoon of December 5th, 2009, seven-year-old James Delorey, a bright and loving child who lived with autism, wandered into the wilderness near his home in South Bar. During the first blizzard of the season, James and his loyal dog Chance demonstrated incredible courage and resilience, inspiring an outpouring of hope, compassion, and unity from the entire Cape Breton community; and
WHEREAS:	although James tragically passed away on December 7th, 2009, his story of bravery, love, and community spirit continues to touch the hearts of many, reminding us of all the strength of family, friendship, and faith in times of hardship; and
WHEREAS:	Since 2010, in honour of James and through the dedication of his family, friends, and the community, the James Delorey Annual Fundraising Day keeps James's legacy of love and generosity alive.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:	that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim December 7th, 2026, as James Delorey Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Kim Sheppard - Campbell - CBRM District #12
November 10, 2026



PROCLAMATION

Project Red Ribbon Launch

WHEREAS: Project Red Ribbon, organized by MADD Canada, is a national campaign that encourages all Canadians to make a personal commitment to drive safe and sober, helping to prevent the needless tragedies caused by impaired driving; and

WHEREAS: from the beginning of November until the first Monday after New Year's, MADD Canada volunteers across the country distribute red ribbons and invite Canadians to display them on vehicles, key chains, or personal items as a visible symbol of support for sober driving; and

WHEREAS: the red ribbon serves both as a tribute to those who have been killed or injured as a result of impaired driving, and as a powerful reminder to drive sober throughout the holiday season and all year long and encourage all residents to display the red ribbon and commit to driving safe and sober.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim the launch of MADD Cape Bretons Project Red Ribbon in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Steve Gillespie - CBRM District #4
November 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

Support of Youth Civic Engagement and CIVIX Canada Programming

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WHEREAS: a healthy democracy relies on an informed, engaged, and digitally literate citizenry; and

WHEREAS: CIVIX Canada is a non-partisan, national registered charity dedicated to building civic literacy, digital media skills, and democratic engagement among students under the voting age; and

WHEREAS: the Student Vote program administered by CIVIX Canada offers students an experiential parallel election process that mirrors real municipal, provincial, and federal elections, fostering lifelong voting habits; and

WHEREAS: CIVIX Canada's CTRL-F digital literacy curriculum equips youth with the essential skills to verify online information and combat misinformation, which is vital for maintaining the integrity of public discourse; and

WHEREAS: building early connections between youth and municipal governance strengthens community cohesion and instills a sense of civic responsibility in future leaders.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council formally recognizes and commends CIVIX Canada for its outstanding contributions to civic education and youth engagement across Canada and encourages local elementary and secondary schools within our municipality to participate in CIVIX programs.

Councillor Earlene MacMullin – CBRM District #2
November 10th, 2026

RESOLUTION

75th Anniversary of Sydney River Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS:	in November 1951, a group of community-minded residents gathered at Riverside School to establish organized fire protection for Sydney River, laying the foundation for what would become the Sydney River Volunteer Fire Department; and
WHEREAS:	through the dedication and vision of its founders and generations of volunteers, the Department has provided seventy-five years of fire protection, emergency response, and service to the residents of Sydney River and surrounding communities; and
WHEREAS:	the Sydney River Volunteer Fire Department has earned the respect and gratitude of the community through its ongoing commitment to public safety and volunteer service.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:	that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council recognize and congratulate the Sydney River Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and extend their sincere congratulations and appreciation to all members, past and present, for their many years of dedicated service to the residents of Sydney River and surrounding communities.

Councillor Steve Gillespie – CBRM District #4
November 10th, 2026

Gardiner Mines Recreation Society – Request for Lease Renewal – Former Gardiner Mines School

Motion

Moved by Councillor Keagan, seconded by Councillor Saccary, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve the Lease Renewal between CBRM and the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society for a further ten (10) year period with all other terms to remain the same, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease.

Motion Carried

Gardiner Mines Recreation Society – Request for Lease Renewal – Former Gardiner Mines School

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Flynn, approval of the Lease Renewal between CBRM and the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society for a further ten (10) year period with all other terms to remain the same and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease.

Motion Carried

Gardiner Mines Recreation Society / Lease Renewal

Motion

Moved by Councillor Nickituk, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Campbell, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve a new ten-year lease with the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society on the same terms as the previous lease.

Motion Carried

Cape Breton Regional Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

STAFF REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Colin Fraser
DATE:	October 27, 2026
SUBJECT:	Gardiner Mines Recreation Society / Lease Renewal

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee pass a motion to direct Council to approve a new ten-year lease with the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society on the same terms as the previous lease.

BACKGROUND

CBRM owns property located in Gardiner Mines and known as the Old Gardiner Mines School, which we have been leasing to the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society since 2016. The property is used as a community recreation space by the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society.

CBRM previously entered into a 10-year term lease with the Society with a term running from January 1, 2016 to December 30, 2026. The Society has contacted us to request that the lease be renewed. Under the terms of the current lease, the Society pays a nominal rent of $1.00 per annum to the CBRM. The Society is only permitted to use the property for the purpose of a recreational centre, and is responsible for all upkeep and maintenance of the property at its own expense. A copy of the previous lease is attached for reference.

We have reviewed this request internally with staff and they have identified no issues with this request. As such, we recommend entering into a new lease on the same terms as the previous lease.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at www.cbrm.ns.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902-563-5010.

Report Prepared by: Colin Fraser

THIS INDENTURE made in duplicate this 28th day of September, A.D., 2015

BETWEEN:

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY, a body corporate and politic in and for the Province of Nova Scotia
(hereinafter referred to as the "Landlord")

OF THE ONE PART

AND

GARDINER MINES RECREATION SOCIETY, of Gardiner Mines, in the County of Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia
(hereinafter referred to as the "Tenant")

OF THE OTHER PART

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter reserved and contained on the part of the Tenant to be paid, observed and performed, the Landlord hereby demises and leases unto the Tenant all those premises situate at Gardiner Mines, in the County of Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia, known as the Old Gardiner Mines School (hereinafter called the demised premises).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the demised premises unto the Tenant for a term of ten (10) years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2016, and thenceforth fully to be completed and ended on the 30th day of December, 2026.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that this lease shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of either of the following situations:

1. Mutual agreement of the parties hereto:
2. If the premises are damaged by fire and not repaired or restored by the Tenant within sixty (60) days following the fire;
3. In the event that the premises cease to be actively used for recreational purposes;

YEILDING AND PAYING therefore during the said term the sum of One ($1.00) Dollar payable on execution hereof.

THE TENANT covenants, promises and agrees to and with the Landlord in the following manner:

1. The Tenant agrees that the demised premises shall be used only for the purpose of a recreational centre.
2. The Tenant will, at all reasonable time during the term of this lease permit the Landlord to enter the demised premises to inspect and examine the condition thereof and to make any repairs or alterations to the structure should it so desire
3. The Tenant will provide and pay for all charges for electrical energy that may be used in connection with the demised premises.

4. The Landlord shall not be liable to the Tenant or any other person for any injury or damage sustained by any other person or property at any time regardless of the cause, in or upon the demised premises.

5. The Landlord will not be responsible for any repairs or maintenance to the demised premises and does not render any services whatsoever in regard to the demised premises.

6. The Tenant may, at his own expense, make any minor alterations with the written approval of the Landlord.

7. The Tenant will at the expiration or sooner termination of the term of this lease peaceably and quietly surrender and yield up to the Landlord the demised premises and all fixtures and additions thereto in good and substantial repair in all respects.

AND THE LANDLORD covenants, promise and agrees with the Tenant in the manner following:

1. The Landlord will not interfere with the Tenant's quiet enjoyment of the demised premises, subject to this lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed these presents by affixing their corporate seals hereto attested by the hands of their proper signing officers, duly authorized on their behalf.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of

Witness

Witness

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

Municipal Clerk Deborah Campbell

GARDINER MINES RECREATION SOCIETY

Per:

Per:

Elaine Riley

From: Elaine Riley
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 1:19 PM
To: 'Debbie Allen'
Subject: Lease Agreement / Gardiner Mines Recreation Society & CBRM

Hi Debbie,

The lease agreement has been signed by the Mayor and Clerk on behalf of CBRM. The document will now need to be signed on behalf of the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society. Please contact me to make an appointment for two of your signing officers to come in to finalize the execution of the document. If you have a legal seal please be sure to bring that along as well.

I am on vacation from July 13-17, returning July 20.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Kind regards,
Elaine

Elaine Riley | **Executive Assistant to the Regional Solicitor**
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Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Contract Review

Legal Dept

Contract Originating Department

June 27, 2014

Date

RE: CBRM & Gardiner Mines Recreation Society
Lease Agreement / Old Gardiner Mines School

Circulation/Review

Legal Department

CBRM

Clerk's Office

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320 Esplanade Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 7B9 902-563-5021

To: Demetri Kachafanas, Regional Solicitor

From: Deborah Campbell, Municipal Clerk

Date: May 25, 2015

Subject: Gardiner Mines Recreation Society – Request for Lease Renewal – Former Gardiner Mines School

At the CBRM Council meeting held on May 19th, 2015, the following motion was passed;

Motion:
Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Flynn, approval of the Lease Renewal between CBRM and the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society for a further ten (10) year period with all other terms to remain the same and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease.
Motion Carried.

Please take the necessary action to comply with this directive.

Deborah Campbell
Municipal Clerk

/slb

Clerk's Office

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320 Esplanade Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 7B9 902-563-5021

To: Demetri Kachafanas, Solicitor

From: Deborah Campbell, Municipal Clerk

Date: May 6th, 2015

Subject: Gardiner Mines Recreation Society - Request for Lease Renewal - Former Gardiner Mines School

At the General Committee meeting on May 4th, 2015, the following motion was passed:

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Keagan, seconded by Councillor Saccary, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve the Lease Renewal between CBRM and the Gardiner Mines Recreation Society for a further ten (10) year period with all other terms to remain the same, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease.
Motion Carried.

Please take the necessary action to comply with this directive.

Deborah Campbell
CBRM Municipal Clerk
/slm

C: Council Pending file

Parade Safety

Motion

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Prince, to approve the CBRM Parade Safety and Rules as presented.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor George MacDonald, to approve the staff recommendation to limit all parade routes in CBRM to a maximum of 4 kilometers in length.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Marshall, to approve the staff recommendation that all parades held in CBRM must be held during daylight hours and under adequate visibility conditions.

Discussion:

- Community Christmas light-up events and festivals
- Taking traditions away from communities
- Citizens engage in parades and encourage community spirit
- Increasing safety and risk mitigation
- Support from Recreation for Festivals
- Dark by 4:30 p.m. in December
- This is a recommendation from Police
- Increased risks at nighttime
- Personal and parent/guardian responsibility during event participation
- Automobiles parked on side of road in parade route
- Parade entrants throwing candy into the street
- Rotating Regional parades
- Yarmouth Tragedy
- Weekend parades
- CBRM insurance provider suggests that there shall be no parades

during dark time hours

- Close streets during parades
- Halifax daytime and nighttime parades
- More public consultation required
- Safety regulations specific for nighttime parades
- There were incidents that took place during daylight in CBRM

Motion Carried

Evening Parades

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to rescind the motion of Council October 19, 2019, banning nighttime parades in the CBRM; and for staff to review and recommend changes, and amend the Parade Safety & Rules as needed to permit the safe hosting of community parades during evening hours.

Discussion:

- Past incidents that occurred during daytime and nighttime parades
- Community groups host parades
- Priority is public safety
- Police resources needed to ensure parade safety
- Stationery and hybrid models of parades
- Insurance policies and regulations
- Parade request requirements
- The support of police decisions regarding parade requests

Motion Carried

Nighttime Parades in CBRM

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paruch, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct the CAO, working with the Chief of Police, to bring a report back to Council at the November committee of the whole meeting outlining where and how nighttime parades can be safely held in CBRM, including any safety requirements, policing needs and costs, so communities can plan nighttime parades for December.

Discussion:

- Previous council motions regarding parades
- Support for the return of nighttime parades and the value as a community tradition
- Need for clear guidance and collaboration among Council, Police, and community organizers
- Clarification regarding permits, road closures, and public safety requirements

Motion Carried

Nighttime Parades in CBRM

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paruch, to direct the CAO, working with the Chief of Police, to bring a report back to Council at the November committee of the whole meeting outlining where and how nighttime parades can be safely held in CBRM, including any safety requirements, policing needs and costs, so communities can plan nighttime parades for December.

Discussion:

- Nighttime parade permits and public safety considerations
- Councillor Eldon MacDonald raised a point of order, expressing concern that the discussion was not relevant to the matter before Council. The Chair ruled that the discussion was relevant and allowed debate to continue
- Public safety concerns
- Police will review practices in other municipalities and report back with options
- Hot August Nights event

Motion Carried

Nighttime Parades in CBRM

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacKeigan, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to Amend the CBRM parade safety rules with proposed enhanced safety requirements and provide additional municipal resources for traffic control to safely accommodate nighttime parades. Municipal departments will need to discuss how they can work together to appropriately meet the resource needs of applications for nighttime parades and develop appropriate bylaw or policy documentation as required. This could be difficult within a short turnaround time for the 2026 holiday season; should there be challenges in meeting needs this year, the CBRM will implement proposed changes for the 2027 holiday season.

Discussion:

- Appreciation was expressed for CBRPS's work on nighttime parade options
- Safety remained a key consideration
- Expressed support for nighttime Christmas parades
- Collaboration with community partners
- Future parade planning
- Strong community support for nighttime parades

Motion Carried

Cape Breton Regional Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

STAFF REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Stephen MacKinnon, Interim Chief of Police
DATE:	October 27, 2026
SUBJECT:	Nighttime Parades in CBRM

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that Council approve enhanced safety requirements to the CBRM parade safety rules and provide additional municipal resources to be able to safely accommodate nighttime parades.

ORIGIN

At the October 6, 2026, Council meeting, a motion was passed that "*Council direct the CAO to request the Chief of Police to bring a report back to Council at the November committee of the whole meeting outlining where and how nighttime parades can be safely held in CBRM, including any safety requirements, policing needs and costs, so communities can plan nighttime parades for December.*"

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES AND RELATED POLICIES

CBRM Parade Safety Rules, 2019 (attached)

Municipal Government Act (s311)*:* CBRM Council has appointed the Chief of Police as Municipal Traffic Authority, whose role is to provide for the safe regulation of public streets, pursuant to the *Traffic Safety Act*, *Municipal Government Act* and any applicable by-laws and policies of the CBRM.

PURPOSE

- Council has requested a report from CBRPS identifying where and how nighttime parades could safely be held, after rescinding their ban in November 2023. This report examines practices in comparable Nova Scotia municipalities, identifies operational and public safety considerations, and outlines options for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

- On October 19, 2019, CBRM Council passed a motion that banned nighttime parades in the CBRM, resulting from safety concerns after a child's death during a nighttime Christmas parade in Yarmouth (December 2018) as well as a child's injury during the CBRM Pride Parade (August 2019). In addition to the ban, CBRM also adjusted its Parade Safety Rules (attached), which remain in effect to date.

- On November 14, 2023, CBRM Council passed a motion rescinding the October 2019 motion and directed staff to review and recommend changes, including amendments to the Parade Safety Rules as needed, to permit the safe hosting of community parades during evening hours. No changes have been made, and no permit applications to host a nighttime parade have been submitted since this time.

- Community groups are responsible for registering their events in accordance with CBRM Parade Safety rules. Organizers submit a parade request form, including insurance information, to Recreation. Recreation then forwards the application to the Traffic Authority (Sergeant, CBRPS Traffic Safety Unit) to approve the proposed route and any required street closures. Once approved, the organizer coordinates directly with the Traffic Safety Sergeant to safely execute the movement of the parade.

- On October 6, 2026, CBRM Council passed a motion asking the Chief of Police for a report outlining where and how nighttime parades can be safely held in CBRM citing that they continue to lack clear direction on the requirements for holding nighttime parades and that community groups desire to host these events and need to know what they must include in their plans for holiday parades in December.

ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

- Since the ban on nighttime parades in 2019, police continue to support daytime parades as the safest option for participants, spectators and motorists. Nighttime parades present increased risks to safety due to reduced visibility and require additional safety considerations, including: staff requirements for road closures, traffic control and crowd management, and increased administrative, insurance and liability considerations.
- A review of other Nova Scotia municipalities demonstrates that both daytime and nighttime parades continue to operate under a variety of models with operational controls including dedicated police deployments, volunteer support personnel, and mandatory float safety requirements.

Bridgewater	Nighttime holiday parade – YES (6 PM) 2km in length; 50-70 floats; supported by police and public works resources stationed at all intersections Holiday parade safety rules include: suggested safety equipment on floats (handles or harness); no movement between float participants and spectators; no throwing candy; proof of insurance; limits on combined size of vehicle and float (44'); and extra requirements for number and location of spotters for vehicles or floats larger than 18' (1 per set of axles on each side of vehicle)
Halifax	Nighttime holiday parade – YES (6 PM) 2.5 km in length; 50+ floats; supported by police resources (a 20+ member Traffic Safety Unit) and community sponsors to close the route to all traffic. Rules and regulations include: limits on dimensions of floats and towing vehicles (13.6' H x 8.5' W x 53' L – 40' max for flatbed and 20' max for vehicle); required safety equipment on floats (rails and skirting); number and location of spotters walking with each float (4, one at each corner); no movement between floats and participants; no throwing candy; proof of insurance.
Kentville	Nighttime holiday parade – NO Tree-lighting ceremony with 20-minute road closure

New Glasgow	Nighttime holiday parade – NO, as of 2026; previous years – YES 2km in length; 25 floats; supported by resources from police, fire, crosswalk guards and youth programs.
Truro	Nighttime holiday parade – YES (4PM) 7km in length; 75 floats; supported by police and Ground Search and Rescue volunteers to block intersections.
Yarmouth	Nighttime holiday parade – NO Daylight-only parade Policy includes: limits on length of parade route (2.5 km); proof of insurance; numbers and location of spotters per float (2); numbers of event volunteers (6:1 ratio of persons per entry); no movement between participants and spectators.
CBRM	Nighttime Holiday Parade: Multiple holiday parades at various times Parade Safety Rules include: proof of insurance; number of event volunteers (6:1 ratio of persons per entry); numbers and location of spotters per float (2, on opposite sides and ends); additional walkers must be in front or behind float, not beside; no throwing candy; no movement between participants and spectators.

- The review demonstrates several consistencies in safety practices across municipalities (outside of CBRM) including those who facilitate nighttime parades – namely, in route length, number of float entries, number and location of float spotters and additional support resources to assist police with traffic control and spectator/pedestrian safety at all intersections and entrance / exit points, for the entirety of the parade route.

  It is also worth noting that other municipalities have 1 holiday parade, whereas CBRM currently facilitates multiple holiday parades each season, across multiple locations and dates, which presents a significantly higher demand on municipal resources.

Considerations for CBRM

- To safely facilitate nighttime parades in its communities, the CBRM should adopt the identified best practices from across the province and amend its Parade Safety Rules to include the following enhanced safety measures:

    - A route length limited to 2.5 km
    - A maximum of 60 parade entries
    - An increased number of spotters (4) required to be provided by each parade entry, to be placed 2 on each side, with 1 at the front and 1 at the back of the vehicle

- Further, the CBRM needs additional resources from police and other municipal departments to adequately support traffic control measures at all intersections and entrance/exit points to restrict access to the entire parade route for the duration of the event.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Financial Considerations

- Additional resources required from municipal personnel during parade events will incur additional wage costs that will need to be managed by each respective department within approved operating budgets. Each of these departments have collective agreements, and most parade events occur outside of normal working house and regularly assigned duties and will require overtime wages.

Legal Considerations

- CBRM Parade Safety Rules exist only as a document shared with applicants for their adherence, not as a formal bylaw or policy. This should be considered.

Enterprise Risk Assessment

- Existing CBRM Parade Safety & Rules clearly state that the event/parade organizer is responsible for all claims and damages occurring during or resulting from the event.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES

Option 1: Amend the CBRM parade safety rules with proposed enhanced safety requirements and provide additional municipal resources for traffic control to safely accommodate nighttime parades.

Municipal departments will need to discuss how they can work together to appropriately meet the resource needs of applications for nighttime parades and develop appropriate bylaw or policy documentation as required.

This could be difficult within a short turnaround time for the 2026 holiday season; should there be challenges in meeting needs this year, the CBRM will implement proposed changes for the 2027 holiday season.

Option 2: With amended rules and additional municipal resources, facilitate **ONE** nighttime holiday parade for the entirety of the CBRM, as is done in all other municipalities in the province. This will allow municipal departments to focus resources on one location and one date, rather than across multiple events, which is more fiscally responsible.

Option 3: Continue supporting daytime-only parades consistent with current police position as the lowest risk to public safety with no additional operational requirements for any CBRM department.

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PARADE SAFETY & RULES

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Cape Breton Regional Police reaffirm and implement the following parade rules for ALL PARADES occurring in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Failure to adhere to the below rules and regulations could result in expulsion from a parade, cancellation of a parade and potentially hinder applications for future parades. Participants are advised to exercise due care at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARADE ORGANIZER:

The event/parade organizer is responsible for all claims and damages occurring during, or resulting from, the event.

1. Regardless of the size of the event, CBRM requires the parade organizer to provide proof of liability insurance. The organizers must carry and maintain a minimum of $5 million liability insurance.
2. Parade organizer must have volunteers stationed along the parade route at a ratio of 6:1 (1 volunteer for every 6 parade entries).
    a. Each volunteer must wear a class 2 level 2 Safety Vest Safety Vest. Vests will be provided by CBRM Recreation. Vests will be collected at the end of the parade.
    b. Each volunteer must be well versed in the parade rules and monitor the entries to ensure the rules are being followed as the parade progresses.
3. Parade Organizer must host a public meeting prior to the parade date for parade entries to review the parade rules and discuss safety. CBRM Recreation will assist in facilitating this meeting.
4. Parade Organizer must ensure each Parade Entry has an appointed person of contact and that will sign off on the safety waiver and that they understand their responsibility for ensuring the below safety procedures are followed.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARADE ENTRY:

The ultimate responsibility for safety lies with each individual parade entry. Entries must comply with all of the listed rules and responsibilities and must adhere to any relevant government regulations, safety codes, manufacturers' recommendations and similar standards necessary to safely operate floats and equipment.

1. All parade entries and floats must be registered with the Parade Organizers and appoint one person as a contact. This person must sign off on the safety waiver and rules.
2. Each parade entry must have a representative present at the public safety meeting organized by the Parade Organizers.
3. All parade entries must have current, valid liability insurance, inspection and plates, and be driven by a licensed driver.

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4. All entries must obey all applicable provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.
5. All laws regarding distracted driving are still in effect, as per the Motor Vehicle Act: The use of handheld devices while operating a vehicle is prohibited.
6. All motorized parade entries must have two volunteer spotters, age 18 or older, to walk alongside their entry for the duration of the parade.
    a. Each spotter must wear a Class 2 Level 2 Safety Vest. Vests will be provided by CBRM Recreation and the Parade Organizers. Vests will be collected at the end of the parade.
    b. Spotters will watch their float for the duration of the parade to ensure rules are being followed by all participants.
    c. Spotters will be positioned on the left and right side of the float, on opposite ends (one near front, one near rear of float).
    d. Spotters must be physically able to walk the full parade route.
    e. Spotters must not wear any costumes that hinder visibility.
7. Once the parade has begun, no participant is permitted to get on or off a parade entry at any time for the duration of the parade.
8. Once the parade has begun, no entry may exit the parade route until the completion of the parade.
9. No entry is permitted to throw any items from a vehicle at any time during a parade.
10. Any entry with children on board must be accompanied by adults at a 6:1 ratio (1 adult for every 6 children)
11. No participant may have limbs dangling from a parade entry. Sitting on the tailgate or box of a truck is not permitted.
12. No participant may walk beside a float or motorized vehicle, but rather must walk in front or behind the vehicle. (Exception of this will be the 2 Spotters per entry)
13. No participant may approach the float, to retrieve items for example, once the parade starts.
14. Entries must follow pace set by lead vehicle and maintain safe distance between themselves and the entry ahead of them.
15. A maximum of 1 vehicle will be permitted per parade entry and must be decorated.
16. All entries must be decorated in some way to showcase theme of the parade (with the exception of Classic cars and those used for invited dignitaries.)
17. A float is not required for parade participation. Groups of individuals may walk in the parade if they wish.
18. The consumption of alcohol, cannabis or other illegal substances is strictly prohibited before and during the parade. Anyone suspected of being in violation of this policy or impaired by illegal or legal substances will be asked to leave immediately.
19. All mascots walking in the parade must have a handler walking with them.
20. No inappropriate music, including profanity, from the floats. Music should be family friendly.
21. Any running generators must have certified, tagged ABC Fire Extinguishers on board.
22. All floats carrying people must have appropriate body supports bolted to the float, such seatbelts, hand holds, or railings around the perimeter of the deck.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VIEWING PUBLIC:

1. Do not stand or sit in the street during a parade.
2. Do not park along the parade route as it encourages the audience into the street to view the parades.
3. Do not attempt to cross the street in front of, or between, parade entries at any time.

PARADE ENTRY SAFETY WAIVER & SIGN OFF

I, the undersigned, as the contact person for the parade entry representing my organization, listed below, have read and understand the Parade Rules. My organization agrees to follow all traffic laws and the rules and procedures of the Parade Organizers and the CBRM. My organization's entry has current, valid liability insurance and be driven by a licensed driver. My organization is aware that there are always risks associated with participating in a parade. Having knowledge of these risks, my organization hereby assumes all risk of injury, damage and liability arising from such activities.

Name of Contact: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2025-2026 Financial Analysis

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor O'Quinn, to direct CAO to work with staff to develop a mitigation plan to offset the $1.6 million Deficit within the 2026-27 Budget year. This will be presented to Council through a Fiscal Review Update during November.

Motion Defeated

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councill Sheppard-Campbell, to fund the deficit with a transfer from operating reserves for $1.6M.

Motion Defeated

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

2025-2026 Financial Analysis

Fiscal Year-end March 31, 2026

At a Glance 2025-2026

Reporting a Year-end Deficit of $1,623,187

Contributing Factors

1. Shortfalls in Revenues

- Transit Revenues are down by $1.9M made up of:
  - Province of Nova Scotia Bus Pass Funding: $1.3M
  - Sale of CBU Bus Fares (Students): $490K

  Ticket Sales (Other): $104K
- Fines & Fees: $114K
- Solid Waste: $242K (Tipping Fees)

Contributing Factors

2. Departmental Cost Overages:

- Public Works – (North, East, Central Division) $2.0M made up of:
  - Wages/Benefits: $1.1M (Retroactive $215K, Overtime $747K, and other benefits covering meals due to overtime $138K)
  - Contracts/Agreements: $1.1M (fuel surcharge $197K, tree treatment work $258K, road work carried into 2025-26 $264K, additional road work $400K)
  - Emergency Repairs – Bridges: $379K

    Offset by various line items provided net cost savings: $579K

Contributing Factors

3. Departmental Budget Overages – Solid Waste:

- Solid Waste $1.9M including:
  - Contracts/Agreements
    - Decommissioning Compost Facility: $1.2M
    - Heavy Garbage Pick Up: $788K

Contributing Factors

4. Departmental Budgets Overages – Parks, Recreation, Buildings and Facilities:

- Overage $1.5M including:
  - Facilities- All Arenas: $1.2M, most notably from Centre 200 $1.1M (inflationary cost pressures and wages/benefits)
  - Wages/Benefits: $302K (cost of special event workers not annually budgeted)
  - Utilities/Repairs/Maintenance: $453K
  - Operational Costs: $446K (materials/supplies, professional services/contract renewals)

Contributing Factors

4. Departmental Budgets Overages – Parks, Recreation, Buildings and Facilities (cont):

- Recreation – overage in wages/benefits: $234K
- Buildings/Recreation/Parks & Grounds: $125K (inflationary cost pressures)

Contributing Factors

- The Wastewater Budget shown represents the direct operating costs only associated with WW. These costs are offset with direct revenues received for WW along with the indirect/shared costs from other departments that support Wastewater Operating. Based on this analysis for 25-26, this is the results:
  - Total Wastewater Revenues $10,843,874
  - Less:
    - Direct Operating WW Costs ($4,348,017)
    - Indirect/Shared WW Costs ($7,053,966) Currently under review in 2026-27.
  - Net WW Operating Loss ($558,109)

Contributing Factors - Revenues

- Revenues $723K from following:
  - Residential/Commercial Taxes: $800K
  - Various others $18k
  - Deed Transfer Tax: $427K
  - The Grant In Lieu of Taxes came in underbudget:
    - Federal: $277K
    - Provincial: $245K
- Environmental Development Services: $144K (Building Permits/Licenses/Fees)
- Interest Revenues: $489K
- Various other Revenues: $245K

Revenues - Disaster Recovery

- On-going from Fiona: wood debris $2.7M
- This revenue is offset in expenses within the Public Works Budget and has no impact on bottom line.

Contributing Factors - Savings $5.8M

- General Administrative: $1.8M
- Protective Services: $682K
- Fiscal Services: $1.8M
- Engineering & Admin: $405K
- Transit: $953K
- Fleet: $200K

2025-2026 Financial Summary

- Many variables are in the $1.6M deficit including savings/efficiencies offsets
- Budgets are estimates and not all cost pressures will be known
  - Some examples that impact budgets include contract renewals, fuel costs, consumer price index (CPI) impacts and unratified collective agreements, etc.
  - Budgets are set using the most up to date information regarding all revenues/expenditures during budget deliberations

2025-2026 Financial Summary

- Timing issues in expenditures and revenues
  - $1.2M spent to **decommission the compost facility**
    The **sale of the recycling facility** was intended to reduce decommission costs
    - The decommission occurred in 2025-26; however, the sale of the recycling facility occurred late in 2025-26
  - Heavy garbage – overbudget by $788K
    - There were no cost savings identified for offset
    - Costs related to projects not completed at the end of 2024-25 fiscal year were transferred into 2025-26 fiscal year budget.

Summary of Revenues

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Statement of Financial Activities - CBRM Operating Fund

Summary of Revenues

	Actuals 2025-26	Budget 2025-26	
Revenue			
Total Taxes	134,393,912	133,148,233	
Total Federal Government	3,374,687	3,650,000	
Total Federal Government Agencies	859,281	860,996	
Total Provincial Government	1,934,556	2,063,000	
Total Provincial Government Agencies	4,144,022	4,261,126	
Total Services to Other Local Government	1,001,910	934,275	
Total Transit	1,694,484	3,614,000	
Total Environmental Development Services	444,666	300,500	
Total Licenses & Permits	116,583	48,500	
Total Fines & Fees	1,085,977	1,200,000	
Total Rentals	508,777	519,777	
Total Concessions & Franchises	981,858	945,000	
Total Interest	2,004,529	1,515,000	
Total Finance Revenue	44,526	35,000	
Total Solid Waste Revenue	3,882,560	4,125,000	
Total Recreation & Cultural Service Programs	1,569,834	1,694,500	
Total Water Utility Charges	5,254,582	5,254,582	
Total Wastewater Charges	10,843,874	7,420,386	
Total Unconditional Transfers	15,898,736	15,835,838	
Total Conditional Transfers	0	425,000	
Total Extraordinary Revenue (Disaster Recovery)	2,712,281	0	
Total Revenue	**192,751,636**	**187,850,713**	
Less: Extraordinary Revenue - Fiona Wood Debris	2,712,281	0	
Total Revenue	**190,039,354**	**187,850,713**	
Over/Under Budget		**2,188,641**	**101.2%**

Summary of Expenses

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Statement of Financial Activities - CBRM Operating Fund

Summary of Expenses

	Actuals 2025-26	Budget 2025-26	
Expenditures			
Legislative	$ 1,642,380	$ 1,700,068	
Administration	407,868	481,627	
Finance	3,482,927	3,871,331	
Legal	3,056,915	3,309,483	
Human Resources	1,774,186	1,867,656	
Technology & Communications	2,611,368	2,667,644	
Municipal Clerk	659,946	665,585	
Fiscal Services	40,110,654	41,982,024	
Police Services	35,014,098	36,114,292	
Fire Services (Incl EMO)	14,673,850	14,255,649	
Engineering & Public Works	67,760,110	61,084,243	
Planning	3,609,987	4,495,883	
Facilities: Centre 200 & Arenas	6,017,768	4,753,430	
Parks & Grounds	3,561,922	3,610,306	
Buildings	3,981,101	3,937,806	
Recreation	3,297,463	3,053,686	
Total Expenditures	**191,662,541**	**187,850,713**	
Over/Under Budget		-3,811,828	102.0%

2025-2026 Legislative

2025-2026 Legislative

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,164,778	1,152,026	
6010	BENEFITS	172,591	230,643	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS			
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION			
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	92,334	90,000	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	117,706	97,263	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,945	12,400	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,004	5,500	
6080	ADVERTISING	7,607	14,500	
6100	COURIER		250	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	24,890	33,434	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,073	2,550	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,948	8,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE			
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	20,221	27,500	
6170	PROMOTION	25,283	26,000	
Total Expenditures		**1,642,380**	**1,700,066**	
Over/Under Budget			**57,686**	**96.60%**

2025-2026 Office of CAO

2025-2026 Office of CAO

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	268,942	309,789	
6010	BENEFITS	47,388	59,438	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION		3,300	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	7,955	18,000	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	1,328	1,800	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,877	2,800	
6080	ADVERTISING	986		
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	1,422	2,500	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE			
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	475	4,000	
6170	PROMOTION	4,006	5,000	
6180	COST RECOVERY			
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	73,487	75,000	
8150	GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	0	0	
Total Expenditures		**407,866**	**481,627**	
Over/Under Budget			**73,761**	**84.70%**

2025-2026 Finance

2025-2026 Finance Department

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	2,228,560	2,356,798	
6010	BENEFITS	482,087	530,465	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS			
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	967	8,500	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	10,619	18,500	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	3,315	4,550	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	13,982	11,900	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	7,835	13,000	
6080	ADVERTISING	34,208	38,340	
6090	POSTAGE	208,415	214,000	
6100	COURIER	23,397	20,650	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	18,197	17,500	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	8,132	15,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	55,866	71,175	
6180	COST RECOVERY	-268,666	-360,000	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	7,032	5,000	
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	95,986	82,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	64,670	69,200	
8120	LEASES	14,864	14,752	
8180	TAX EXEMPT/WRITE OFF	473,463	740,000	
Total Expenditures		**3,482,929**	**3,871,330**	
Over/Under Budget			**388,401**	**90.0%**

2025-2026 Legal

2025-2026 Legal Department

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	646,805	554,200	
6010	BENEFITS	138,129	131,783	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	0	6,500	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	2,463	4,500	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	16,739	18,000	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,767	3,500	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,001	2,200	
6070	PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES	1,848	3,500	
6080	ADVERTISING	1,513	4,000	
6100	COURIER	532	800	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	4,393	4,000	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	26,986	22,000	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	5,977	4,000	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES		500	
6160	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,099,911	2,450,000	
6180	COST RECOVERY			
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	106,852	100,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS			
Total Expenditures		**3,056,916**	**3,309,483**	
Over/Under Budget			**252,567**	**92.40%**

2025-2026 Human Resources

2025-2026 Human Resources

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,120,758	1,295,927	
6010	BENEFITS	310,237	314,879	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	80		
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	8,129	9,850	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	20,671	17,500	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	3,389	3,500	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14,289	15,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	925	2,500	
6080	ADVERTISING	1,133	3,000	
6100	COURIER			
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	8,305	10,000	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	724	3,000	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	7,545	6,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE			
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	11,298	6,500	
7020	WATER			
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	256,660	170,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	10,043	10,000	
Total Expenditures		**1,774,186**	**1,867,656**	
Over/Under Budget			**93,470**	**95.00%**

2025-2026 Technology & Communications

2025-2026 Technology & Communications

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,178,145	1,258,623	
6010	BENEFITS	273,916	289,102	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	1,100	-109,158	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION		22,500	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	3,688	6,500	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES		1,000	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,984	2,850	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,537	4,000	
6080	ADVERTISING	1,274	3,000	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	38,491	50,000	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	204,547	180,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	485,200	475,000	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	3,367	1,000	
7070	BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	23,052	22,000	
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	45	2,500	
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	57,714	60,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	121,164	174,200	
8120	LEASES	110,259	116,184	
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	100,884	108,343	
Total Expenditures		**2,611,367**	**2,667,644**	
Over/Under Budget			**56,277**	**97.9%**

2025-2026 Municipal Clerks

2025-2026 Clerks Department

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	342,545	349,660	
6010	BENEFITS	81,851	77,925	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	4,951	5,500	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	945	5,000	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	2,246	1,400	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,447	3,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	348	2,000	
6070	PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES	25,942	23,500	
6080	ADVERTISING	734	1,500	
6090	POSTAGE			
6100	COURIER	121	100	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	1,749	4,200	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,669	1,800	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE		3,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	49,566	42,500	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	12,868	14,500	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP			
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	129,965	130,000	
Total Expenditures		**659,947**	**665,585**	
Over/Under Budget			**5,638**	**99.20%**

2025-2026 Fiscal Services

2025-2026 Fiscal Services

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
8195	WATER SUPPLY & HYDR	7,076,391	7,076,384	
9010	INT SHRT TERM BORROW	-23,816	400,000	
9020	INT-LONG TERM DEBT	1,823,064	1,794,276	
9050	PRINC ON LONG TERM	8,395,561	8,395,561	
9052	DEBT/CAP BOND DISC	61,578	63,000	
9090	BANK CHARGES	87,535	85,000	
9200	ALLOW FOR UNCOLL TAX	813,583	600,000	
9210	ALL OTHER UNCOLL REC	68,134		
9420	APPROP CAPITAL FUND	90,000	1,840,000	
9430	APPROP TO B.I.D.C.s	231,041	229,004	
9620	REGIONAL LIBRARY	703,800	703,800	
9630	CB/VIC.SCHOOL BOARD	19,378,787	19,378,692	
9640	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT	1,404,995	1,416,307	
Total Expenditures		**40,110,653**	**41,982,024**	
Over/Under Budget			**1,871,371**	**95.50%**

2025-2026 Police

2025-2026 Police Department

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	28,544,887	29,073,092
6010	BENEFITS	6,029,149	7,050,323
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	-4,847,017	-4,236,077
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	255,335	192,500
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	48,357	63,000
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	3,483	5,000
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	40,946	48,750
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	52,270	79,000
6070	PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES		10,000
6080	ADVERTISING	1,160	6,000
6100	COURIER	17,281	13,000
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	329,883	295,000
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,030	6,000
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	286,261	270,000
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	643,971	710,000
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	12,447	11,000
6170	PROMOTION	9,750	10,000
6180	COST RECOVERY	-183,134	-416,189
7000	HEAT	22,051	32,000
7010	ELECTRICAL	154,314	124,000
7020	WATER	2,174	8,525
7030	BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	116,224	93,000
7040	BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	6,039	15,000
7060	BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	34,034	15,000
7070	BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	111,798	101,000
7110	SECURITY	935	2,000
7500	VEH/EQUIP MAINT.	37,756	30,000
7505	GASOLINE & DIESEL	453,099	500,000
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	496,334	325,000
7530	VEH/EQUIP REPLACEMNT	606,082	580,000
7540	VEH/EQUIP RENTAL		2,000
7550	VEH/EQUIP TOWING	867	4,000
8000	OPERATIONAL EQUIP	175,732	150,000
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	175,855	150,000
8020	MAINTENANCE EQUIP	5,860	6,070
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	4,998	500
8050	COST OF SALES		
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	219,678	175,000
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	277,948	150,000
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	116,990	95,000
8120	LEASES		157,800
8125	MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS	717,172	180,000
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	3,100	3,000
8150	GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	25,000	25,000
Total Expenditures		**35,014,098**	**36,114,294**
Over/Under Budget			**1,100,196**	**97.00%**

2025-2026 Fire and Emergency Services

2025-2026 Fire Services

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	7,731,586	7,251,998
6010	BENEFITS	1,804,163	1,799,040
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	48,471	45,626
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	115,128	237,200
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	57,337	60,000
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	8,774	11,300
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,635	11,000
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,705	9,500
6080	ADVERTISING	0	1,500
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	49,904	41,348
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	10	600
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,521	11,500
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	30,322	35,500
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	4,829	4,500
6170	PROMOTION	15,316	27,300
6180	COST RECOVERY	-23,654	0
7000	HEAT	122,185	98,000
7010	ELECTRICAL	133,170	100,773
7020	WATER	39,426	40,000
7030	BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	49,779	69,800
7040	BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	6,721	30,053
7060	BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	14,326	5,000
7500	VEH/EQUIP MAINT.	674,616	450,000
7505	GASOLINE & DIESEL	88,439	91,665
7530	VEH/EQUIP REPLACEMNT	41,385	50,500
7560	VEH/EQUIP GEN SUPPL	27,769	20,000
8000	OPERATIONAL EQUIP	482,837	619,560
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	62,691	52,000
8020	MAINTENANCE EQUIP	36,448	50,000
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	0	4,350
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	63,784	70,125
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	74,655	12,500
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	102,238	124,250
8120	LEASES	163,635	298,047
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	730	17,825
8150	GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	2,632,968	2,503,289
Total Expenditures		**14,673,849**	**14,255,649**	
Over/Under Budget			**-418,200**	**102.90%**

2025-2026 Engineering

2025-2026 Engineering Department

Expenditures:	Actual	Plan	
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	660,303	727,548	
6010 BENEFITS	162,760	172,390	
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	1,092	4,500	
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	11,940	18,000	
6040 PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	4,184	3,670	
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,656	3,000	
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	18,115	4,000	
6080 ADVERTISING	2,803		
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	2,481	4,000	
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	10,842	12,000	
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	365	500	
8010 OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	15,698	15,000	
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	945	1,000	
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	131,035	129,500	
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	1,220	100	
Total Expenditures	**1,026,439**	**1,095,208**	
Over/Under Budget		**68,769**	**93.7%**

2025-2026 Public Works Admin

2025-2026 PW Admin

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	451,649	458,562	
6010	BENEFITS	96,989	114,075	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	240		
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION		4,000	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	28,904	25,000	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	1,039	5,000	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,772	2,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	8,388	8,000	
6080	ADVERTISING	199	2,500	
6100	COURIER			
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	85,872	85,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	114,977	91,851	
6160	LIABILITY INSURANCE	69,968	100,000	
7120	PROPERTY TAXES	5,112	5,362	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP			
8080	STREET LIGHTS	2,309,596	2,637,500	
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	23,971		
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	1,381,008	1,376,670	
Total Expenditures		**4,579,684**	**4,915,520**	
Over/Under Budget			**335,836**	**93.20%**

2025-2026 Public Works Divisional Operations

2025-2026 PW Divisional Operations

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	10,704,955	9,579,830	
6010	BENEFITS	2,255,504	2,271,147	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	137,618	85,000	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	46,005	64,000	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	31,067	36,300	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	1,618	3,200	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,359	8,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	14,459	6,750	
6070	PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES	0	1,000	
6080	ADVERTISING	10,016	1,000	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	4,978	7,000	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	645	700	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	9,352	27,250	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,294	2,000	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	725	1,600	
6180	COST RECOVERY	-176,772	0	
7040	BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	25,097	0	
7110	SECURITY	193,820	210,000	
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	72	0	
8000	OPERATIONAL EQUIP	202,284	330,000	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	2,118,497	2,149,838	
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	76,910	80,000	
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	43,895	50,480	
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	8,286	38,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	7,216,397	6,010,607	
8120	LEASES	237,979	266,860	
8140	EASEMENTS/ROW COSTS	131,034	115,000	
9010	INT SHRT TERM BORROW	8		
Total Expenditures		**23,305,102**	**21,345,562**	
Over/Under Budget			**-1,959,540**	**109.18%**

2025-2026 Solid Waste

2025-2026 PW Solid Waste

Expenditures:	Actual	Plan
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	2,577,429	2,690,289
6010 BENEFITS	586,282	645,649
6011 MISC. BENEFITS	7,015	6,000
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION		7,100
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	23,864	20,000
6040 PROF MEM/DUES & FEES		2,100
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,566	10,000
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	6,112	4,000
6080 ADVERTISING	71,021	45,000
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	12,860	13,000
6120 PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	203	250
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	189	6,500
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	3,479	7,500
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	1,002	2,200
6180 COST RECOVERY	-366,839	-200,000
7000 HEAT	50,790	100,000
7010 ELECTRICAL	305,184	325,000
7020 WATER	21,381	20,000
7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	5,687	25,000
7040 BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	5,432	100,000
7110 SECURITY	251,886	150,000
7120 PROPERTY TAXES	33,277	32,890
7505 GASOLINE & DIESEL	446,293	500,000
7540 VEH/EQUIP RENTAL	544,589	75,000
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIP	124,944	5,000
8010 OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	545,812	450,000
8050 COST OF SALES		
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	24,648	15,000
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	332,275	280,000
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	13,322,937	11,472,449
8120 LEASES	294,724	500,000
8165 FIONA RECOVERY COST	2,656,179	
Sub Total of Expenditures	**21,892,221**	**17,309,927**
Less: Fiona Recovery	2,656,179	
Total Expenditures	**19,236,042**	**17,309,927**
Over/Under Budget		**-1,926,115**	**111.10%**

2025-2026 Transit

2025-2026 PW Transit

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	4,122,251	4,049,197
6010	BENEFITS	1,076,118	1,400,805
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	17,875	10,000
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	12,540	15,000
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	2,328	10,000
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,265	10,000
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	12,688	3,500
6080	ADVERTISING	8,418	10,000
6100	COURIER	8,071	3,250
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	10,477	20,000
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,465	15,000
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	19,839	40,000
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	1,480	700
6180	COST RECOVERY	383,329	652,703
7020	WATER	2,205	3,720
7030	BLDG/FACILITY MAIN	17,904	6,500
7040	BLDG/FACILITY REPA	3,923	8,000
7505	GASOLINE & DIESEL	1,141,166	1,779,000
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	1,294,415	1,294,000
7550	VEH/EQUIP TOWING	31,512	40,000
7560	VEH/EQUIP GEN SUPP	538	5,000
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SU	912,460	650,000
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LIN	81,483	100,000
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	26,345	30,000
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVI	2,850	2,000
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMEN	25,218	15,000
8120	LEASES		5,000
Total Expenditures		**9,225,163**	**10,178,375**
Over/Under Budget			**953,212**	**90.60%**

2025-2026 Fleet

2025-2026 PW Fleet

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,878,118	2,063,458	
6010	BENEFITS	456,254	499,396	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	21,350	21,500	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	20,812	10,000	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	5,229	10,000	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,853	2,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,608	2,000	
6080	ADVERTISING	4,176		
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	18,038	10,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	64,756	70,000	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	706		
6180	COST RECOVERY	-657,089	-652,703	
7020	WATER	438		
7500	VEH/EQUIP MAINT.	677		
7505	GASOLINE & DIESEL	906,275	1,100,000	
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	2,533,347	2,350,000	
7550	VEH/EQUIP TOWING	21,389	30,000	
7560	VEH/EQUIP GEN SUPPL	191		
7570	VEH/EQUIP TOOLS	25,105	20,000	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	474,944	500,000	
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	36,321	12,000	
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	11,436	12,000	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	68,905	50,000	
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	141,823	130,000	
Total Expenditures		**6,039,662**	**6,239,651**	
Over/Under Budget			**199,989**	**96.80%**

2025-2026 Planning and Development

2025-2026 Planning Department

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan	
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,764,039	2,000,946	
6010	BENEFITS	508,941	502,961	
6011	MISC. BENEFITS		-111,844	
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	8,909	20,500	
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	43,340	44,500	
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	7,165	10,050	
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	11,572	17,000	
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	12,509	24,700	
6080	ADVERTISING	4,046	22,700	
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	16,263	19,000	
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	317	400	
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	39,026	67,000	
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,987	14,500	
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	565	4,200	
6170	PROMOTION	2,899	34,000	
6180	COST RECOVERY	102,673		
7130	DEMOLITION		120,000	
8000	OPERATIONAL EQUIP	14,598	34,000	
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	1,845	6,500	
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	11,751	11,000	
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	-162,094	43,750	
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	567,017	920,000	
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	83,844	106,020	
8135	REGULATORY FEES	53,362	44,000	
8150	GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	514,413	540,000	
Total Expenditures		**3,609,987**	**4,495,883**	
Over/Under Budget			**885,896**	**80.30%**

2025-2026 Wastewater

2025-2026 Wastewater

Expenditures:		Actual
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	1,037,779
6010	BENEFITS	179,225
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	7,295
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	5,091
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	12,897
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	331
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,092
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	513
6080	ADVERTISING	12,430
6090	POSTAGE	6,572
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	28,678
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	9,290
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,174
7000	HEAT	109,751
7010	ELECTRICAL	961,217
7020	WATER	267,494
7030	BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	16,784
7080	PLANT MAINTENANCE	690,408
7100	MAINT. TOOLS/EQUIP	3,477
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	1,074
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	748,390
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	1,015
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	11,653
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	99,755
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	56,693
8135	REGULATORY FEES	76,937
Total Expenditures		**4,348,017**

2025-2026 Parks, Recreation, Buildings & Facilities

2025-2026 Recreation and Cultural Services

Expenditures:		Actual	Plan
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	7,171,734	6,261,658
6010	BENEFITS	1,521,777	1,500,123
6011	MISC. BENEFITS	-54,124	407,500
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	25,575	43,000
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	43,029	54,000
6040	PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	4,884	9,200
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	17,593	13,700
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	11,326	14,000
6080	ADVERTISING	75,202	75,000
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	74,789	64,250
6120	PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,792	200
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,749	18,000
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	11,974	9,000
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	3,453	3,250
7000	HEAT	397,785	247,000
7010	ELECTRICAL	1,737,979	1,568,710
7020	WATER	226,447	169,825
7030	BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	205,903	177,000
7040	BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	76,368	85,000
7060	BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	65,779	100,000
7070	BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	300,316	280,000
7080	PLANT MAINTENANCE	139,554	110,000
7100	MAINT. TOOLS/EQUIP	8,504	3,500
7110	SECURITY	306,269	208,700
7120	PROPERTY TAXES	31,313	28,000
7500	VEH/EQUIP MAINT.	96	
7510	VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	20,621	23,600
7530	VEH/EQUIP REPLACEMNT	128,783	100,000
7540	VEH/EQUIP RENTAL	59,559	32,000
8000	OPERATIONAL EQUIP	401,905	260,500
8010	OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	695,661	691,350
8020	MAINTENANCE EQUIP	36,022	67,000
8025	COMMUNITY EVENTS	415,907	360,000
8040	COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	14,376	15,400
8050	COST OF SALES	718,805	431,000
8080	STREET LIGHTS	23,518	50,000
8090	UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	16,165	39,500
8100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	114,390	107,500
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	911,494	788,700
8130	LICENSES/PERMITS	995	1,000
8150	GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	82,200	80,000
8160	SUSTAINABILITY EVENT	339,777	356,562
8170	SUSTAINABILITY	469,011	500,500
Total Expenditures		**16,858,255**	**15,355,228**
Over/Under Budget			-1,503,027	**109.8%**

Deficit Funding

- 2025-26 Fiscal Year-end Deficit $1.6M

- Municipalities must fund deficits by transferring from operating reserves or by including it in subsequent operating budget(s).

Options:

- **Option #1**: To fund the deficit with a transfer from operating reserves for $1.6M
- **Option #2:** Start the 2027-28 budget year with a deficit of $1.6M
- **Option #3:** Allocate the deficit over multiple years, e.g., 2-3 years to absorb the $1.6M
- **Option#4:** Direct the CAO to work with staff to develop a mitigation plan in 2026-27 to offset the $1.6m deficit within the 2026-27 Budget year to be presented to Council during month of November.

CBRM Capital Priorities Forecast (DRAFT) 2026 – 2030

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to approval of the CBRM Capital Priorities Forecast (DRAFT) 2026-2030, and authorize application being made by the CBRM on behalf of the Municipality or community partners as opportunities arise.

Discussion:

- Project timelines and priorities
- Transparency and equitable distribution
- Federal funding

Motion Carried

For additional background information, please refer to the September 15, 2026, special council agenda, where this matter was discussed for information purposes.

Cape Breton Regional Municipality
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STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council

SUBMITTED BY: Wayne H. MacDonald, P.Eng.
Chief Engineer and Director of Strategic Partnerships

DATE: November 10, 2026

SUBJECT: **Major Projects Funding Applications**
Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

ORIGIN

At the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) Council meeting held on September 16, 2025, CBRM Council approved CBRM Capital Priorities Forecast (DRAFT) 2026-2030 and authorized applications being made by the CBRM on behalf of the Municipality or community partners as opportunities arise.

Further, at the CBRM Special Council meeting held on September 15, 2026, two (2) signature projects were presented to Council and information associated with funding applications under available Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) funding programs were discussed.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES AND RELATED POLICIES

The proposed Northside Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, the C200 Facility and Site Modernization Project and other associated infrastructure projects are authorized under the Municipality's general powers pursuant to Part III of the Municipal Government Act, financed in accordance with the provisions of Part IV of the Act, and undertaken pursuant to the water utility, wastewater and sewer authorities established under Part XIV of the Municipal

Government Act. The project(s) may be funded through a combination of municipal reserves, utility revenues, debt financing through the Municipal Finance Corporation, and applicable provincial or federal infrastructure funding programs.

Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER) under Canada's **Fisheries Act** are the primary federal regulations governing municipal wastewater treatment and discharge in Canada.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that CBRM Council approve and direct the CAO to direct staff to further advocate and develop The Northside Wastewater Treatment Facility Project; and, The Centre 200 Facility and Site Modernization Project, with senior levels of Government, as CBRM's Signature projects for application and funding purposes.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to further solidify the position of Council, in accordance with project details provided during the September 15, 2026 Special meeting of Council, and to provide authorization to continue to move forward with the Federal and Provincial Governments with respect to the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada funding programs.

BACKGROUND

CBRM continues to work with both the Provincial and Federal Governments to secure funding for major projects that are eligible through any available funding programs. Following the presentation prior to budget with respect to CBRM's Capital Priorities, the following represents the current major projects that are in the queue and in the process of being submitted to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada.

ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) is working with all orders of government and key partners to support housing solutions, invest in modern public infrastructure and build inclusive, connected, and resilient communities across Canada.

NORTHSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

As with the discussion on September 15, the Northside Wastewater Project has been separated into phases to better work with available and planned funding models to progress though the project. The phases will include a 1) detailed design phase, 2) collection, pumping, transmission phase, and 3) wastewater treatment facility phase. As part of our upcoming discussions on November 17, 2026, the full breakdown of anticipated project cashflows (full project) will be provided. It will be recommended at that time that Phase 1 be submitted as part of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund – Provincial Territorial (CHIF-PT) funding stream.

Northside Wastewater Treatment Facility	
Nortrhside WWTP	
Phase 1 - Detailed Design/Soft Costs Full System	$15,847,406.00
Northside WWTP	$81,799,500.00
Northside WWTP	$78,031,972.00
total	**$175,678,878.00**
Federal Government CHIF - PT	$70,271,551.20
Province	$58,559,626.00
CBRM Borrowing	$46,847,700.80
total	**$175,678,878.00**

C200 FACILITY AND SITE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

As with the discussion on September 15, the Council direction is to establish Centre 200 Facility and Site Modernization Project as the Municipality's priority project for the Build Communities Strong Fund – Direct Delivery Stream and relevant provincial infrastructure funding programs.

C200 FACILITY AND SITE MODERNIZATION/SYDNEY CURLING	
C200/Curling	
C200 Modernization Revitilization	$78,000,000.00
New Sydney Curling Club	$22,000,000.00
total	**$100,000,000.00**
Federal Government CHIF - DD	$31,200,000.00
Federal Government GIBF	$10,000,000.00
Province (c200)	$26,000,000.00
Province (curling)	$4,000,000.00
CBRM Reserve/Curling Club	$2,500,000.00
CBRM Borrowing	$26,300,000.00
total	**$100,000,000.00**

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Cape Breton Regional Fire and Emergency Service

362 George St, Sydney N

STAFF REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Bruce MacDonald
DATE:	September 11, 2026.
SUBJECT:	Implementation of a Provincial Fire Service Records Management System (FRMS)

RECOMMENDATION

Support the collection of information from CBRM registered Fire and Emergency Service providers that is required for the implementation of the provincial Fire Records Management System (FRMS), within the timelines established by the Province of Nova Scotia.

ORIGIN

The absence of a robust Cape Breton Regional Fire and Emergency Service (CBRFES) wide Records Management System (RMS) with regional administration oversight has previously been identified as a gap within our service, limiting the opportunity for evidence-based decision making.

The Province of Nova Scotia has recognized as part of its commitment to strengthening the fire service sector, that adopting a new Fire Records Management System, and a risk-based assessment tool are necessary to facilitate council decision-making around fire protection service levels.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES AND RELATED POLICIES

Nova Scotia: Act to Provide Support for Fire Protection Services

- With the introduction of the *Act to Provide Support for Fire Protection Services*, the Department is providing one-year notice that all municipalities – whether they oversee fire services or not – will be required to:
    - participate in a common records management system.

  These new requirements will be further detailed through regulations and standards.

Cape Breton Regional Municipality: Fire & Emergency Service Registration Policy

- Operational Guidelines and Procedures
    - Registered fire and emergency service providers will be required to conform to regional service delivery operational guidelines and procedures."

Nova Scotia Emergency Services Provider Fund

- Eligible Recipients
    - Organizations must be in compliance with all reporting requirements prior to application, including fire incident reports.

PURPOSE

- To provide Council awareness regarding the information we are required to provide from CBRFES providers, as requested by the Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management (DEM) through the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM).

- The current information request includes membership lists with contact information and rank, apparatus lists, and dispatch codes and focuses on career and composite fire departments throughout the Province of Nova Scotia.

- To provide awareness to Council that additional information requests will be required in the future as the province moves forward with the FRMS implementation.

BACKGROUND

The following highlights related to this project are provided with the most recent activities first.

- On May 8th, 2026, Acting Fire Marshal Jamie Young notified CBRFES the Province of Nova Scotia has procured the First Due Fire Records Management System (FRMS) for use by fire service agencies across Nova Scotia. This provincial investment in the First Due FRMS platform was originally announced by Deputy Minister Sandra McKenzie at the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) Conference held in Wolfville from April 10 to 12, 2026.

- 2025/2026 to address the need for an FRMS, the Province of Nova Scotia developed the business case for establishing a common provincial Fire Records Management System (FRMS) platform. Subsequentially, external expertise was engaged to conduct a market assessment of FRMS vendors

and products. This work supported an Alternative Procurement (ALTP) process for the FRMS.

- The *Fire Services Review* completed by Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) in 2026 for the CBRM Council, will identify the need for a comprehensive records management system for the CBRFES.

- The *Governance Model and Implementation Roadmap* completed for the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) by Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) in 2025 states:

    - *Ensure that comprehensive records management systems, processes, and performance analytics functionality are in place to inform and enable effective community risk assessment planning by each fire department, as well as to inform risk-based fire safety education and fire prevention planning by both the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Commissioner and the fire departments in Nova Scotia.*

- Beginning March, 2025 staff again initiated work to establish criteria for the evaluation and acquisition of a FRMS for CBRFES. This work was suspended following discussions with representatives from the NS OFM and their consultants regarding the OFM intent to acquire an FRMS.

- November-10-2021, Fire and Emergency Services Committee meeting, Staff Report raised the acquisition of a records management system as a priority for the fire service. The evaluation of an FRMS was later deferred upon notification the NS OFM was evaluating FRMS, raising the opportunities to align with the projects.

- The past requirement for a comprehensive Records Management System, is identified as finding and recommendation of the *Fire Services Organizational Review,* completed by Manitou in March 2016.

    - *It is critical to ensure all public services are administered and managed in the most efficient and effective way. The use of computerized records management system can improve the collection and organization of data and information, both of which are paramount to a fire department's accountability and ability to plan programs and services. As a general condition of providing public services under the auspices of the municipal government, all fire departments that comprise the CBRM Fire Service should be a participant and integral player is an agency-wide and comprehensive record keeping system.*

ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

- First and foremost, an FRMS provides an opportunity to protect our responders and the public by providing responders access to incident related information and tools, identifying developing trends and recognizing gaps in training, equipment, and coverage. Additionally, when a responder requires support due to acquiring a presumptive illness the RMS will retain the historical data necessary to support the responders claim.

- The implementation of a provincial FRMS will provide a unique opportunity for evidence-based decision making and collaboration throughout the province's fire service.

- The provincial FRMS will also fill a longstanding gap in the availability of data to support our local strategic planning for the fire service.

- As with any data driven system, quality of the data available is directly contingent upon CBRM wide adoption of the system, and the ongoing entry of the required data within the established policies and procedures for the project.

- Information requests to our fire service providers will begin September 2026, with a target date for the implementation of the new FRMS by early 2027.

- Any delay in the provision of the required information will delay the timeline for system rollout for CBRFES. Additional first round cohort agencies will proceed with their implementation.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES

Option 1: Support the collection of information from CBRM fire service providers within the project timelines to allow for the on-schedule rollout for CBRFES.

Option 2: Defer the collection of information from CBRM fire service providers to an alternate timeline outside of those established by the project. CBRM is the second largest organization participating in this project that encompasses all Nova Scotia Fire Departments.

Option 3: Pause the collection of information from CBRM fire services providers. This option would be contrary to the 12-month notice letter from the Minister, the Emergency Service Provider Fund eligibility requirements, and new regulations that are anticipated related to the required use of a FRMS for Nova Scotia.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Financial Considerations

- The Province of Nova Scotia is funding all costs associated with the acquisition, set-up, and rollout of the FRMS software for Nova Scotia, and will additionally cover all future subscription costs for the system.

- To take advantage of the full host of features available to crews as an apparatus responds to an emergency scene, there will be ongoing costs associated with equipping each apparatus with the required tablets and mounting hardware. The province is investigating whether some of the initial hardware costs can be absorbed by the project.

- Although we are in the early phases of the project rollout, it is likely that there will be ongoing costs associated with the system administration required to ensure the FRMS is utilized to its full capacity by the CBRFES.

Legal Considerations

- As part of the project, the Province of Nova Scotia has included the completion of a Privacy Impact Assessment and a Risk Assessment as part of the initial implementation plan.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Regional Balance Considerations

- None identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- As the province initiated the FRMS project, stakeholder groups representing municipal partners were engaged through the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS).

- Volunteer service providers will be directly engaged by CBRFES administration as the project enters the implementation phase for that sector of the service.

APPROVALS

Department Director, Chief Bettens 2026-09-11

Demetri Kachafanas, KC
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- No attachments

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

Implementation Considerations

- Implementation timelines are determined by the Province of Nova Scotia, and follow a phased approach, both through the adoption of the FRMS focused first on subgroups of the fire service first (OFM, Career, Composite Stations), and by the implementation of modules (Incident Reporting, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention).

Communications Plan

- The Province of Nova Scotia through their participation in Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) communicates project updates to the broader Nova Scotia fire service community. Minutes from FSANS meetings are shared publicly on the organization's website.

- Additionally, the Province of Nova Scotia hosts the "*Strengthening fire safety and services in Nova Scotia*" site detailing the latest information on the modernization of Nova Scotia's fire service, and a forthcoming standard for "fire service planning and reporting".

- Local communications related to data collection will be coordinated through CBRFES administration.

Reference List

1. Cape Breton Regional Municipality. "Registration Fire and Emergency Service Providers" (2003)

2. Municipal Affairs Office of the Minister, "12 Month Notice Letter to NSFM 2027-2028" (2026)

3. Manitou Incorporated. "Fire Services Organizational Review" (2016)

4. Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) "Governance Model and Implementation Roadmap" completed for the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (2025)

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

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COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FORM

X	**Included on Agenda** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm seven days before the meeting)	**Late Item** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon the day before the meeting)	**Request from the Floor:** (New Business) - Announcement - Referral - Submit Petition - Notice of Motion

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Subject: Standing Committee on Appeals – Binding Demolition Order Notice

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Council request officials to establish clear criteria for demolition orders of the Standing Committee on Appeals to be binding.

Rationale:

The Standing Committee on Appeals has been dealing with a large volume of dangerous and unsightly premises' files with decisions by committee to issue demolition orders being subsequently offset with the consideration of, and issuance of, building permits. This departmental practice is causing confusion, misunderstanding, and overwhelming frustration by citizens affecting in a negative manner.

This includes matters that affect not only individual property owners, but neighbouring property owners and the wider community. Often, there are difficult circumstances that cause stress, emotion and struggles to deal with properties that pose a public safety and community risk.

Outcome Sought:

That Council receive clarification from officials that decisions by the Standing Committee on Appeals to issue demolition orders are binding.

Councillor Name: Paul Nickituk **Date:** November 5, 2026	**Received by Clerk's Department (date):** November 5, 2026

Draft Statement of Revenue

Revenue	Year To Date Assigned	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Total Taxes	71,664,116	71,205,614	458,502	142,411,227	70,747,111
Total Federal Government	1,687,500	1,687,500	-	3,375,000	1,687,500
Total Federal Government Agencies	421,010	421,010	-	842,020	421,010
Total Provincial Government	982,293	982,293	-	1,964,585	982,292
Total Provincial Government Agencies	2,086,843	2,086,843	-	4,173,685	2,086,842
Total Services to Other Local Government	534,523	534,523	-	1,069,045	534,523
Total Transit	1,058,299	1,459,235	(400,936)	2,918,470	1,860,171
Total Environmental Development Services	238,086	151,250	86,836	302,500	64,414
Total Licenses & Permits	88,734	56,750	31,984	112,500	23,766
Total Fines & Fees	497,249	557,500	(60,251)	1,115,000	617,751
Total Rentals	203,389	248,389	(45,000)	496,778	293,389
Total Concessions & Franchises	435,654	472,500	(36,846)	945,000	509,346
Total Interest	795,664	757,500	38,164	1,515,000	719,336
Total Finance Revenue	22,800	17,500	5,300	35,000	12,200
Total Solid Waste Revenue	3,087,718	2,959,465	128,253	6,010,600	2,922,882
Total Recreation & Cultural Service Programs	486,391	846,500	(360,110)	1,693,000	1,206,609
Total Water Utility Charges	2,679,837	2,679,837	-	5,359,674	2,679,837
Total Waste Water Revenue	5,474,025	5,663,394	(189,369)	11,326,791	5,852,766
Total Unconditional Transfers	7,885,666	7,917,919	(32,253)	15,835,838	7,950,172
Total Conditional Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Extraordinary Revenue	649,054	-	649,054	-	(649,054)
Year To Date Assigned	**$ 100,978,847**	**$ 100,705,520**	**$ 273,327**	**$ 201,501,713**	**$ 100,522,866**

Departmental

Reviewed

Expenditures	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Legislative	762,885	908,078	145,193	1,816,160	1,053,275
Administration	326,001	593,091	267,091	1,186,183	860,183
Finance	1,589,233	2,083,883	494,650	4,167,770	2,578,537
Legal	1,527,111	1,780,274	253,163	3,560,549	2,033,438
Human Resources	901,704	1,000,729	99,024	2,001,457	1,099,753
Technology & Communications	1,131,269	1,509,130	377,861	3,018,260	1,886,991
Municipal Clerk	224,829	428,476	203,647	856,952	632,123
Fiscal Services	17,695,124	17,748,891	53,767	41,946,020	24,250,896
Police Services	18,260,026	18,954,880	694,855	37,909,759	19,649,733
Fire Services (Incl EMO)	7,549,798	8,400,588	850,790	15,058,524	7,508,726
Engineering & Public Works	35,516,611	33,690,665	(1,825,946)	68,868,356	33,351,745
Planning	1,832,544	2,589,582	757,038	4,668,961	2,836,417
Facilities C200 & Arenas	2,702,429	2,498,917	(203,512)	4,997,835	2,295,406
Parks & Grounds	2,343,064	1,953,743	(389,321)	3,907,486	1,564,422
Buildings	1,888,049	2,078,028	189,978	4,156,055	2,268,006
Recreation	2,077,142	1,668,443	(408,699)	3,316,386	1,239,244
Total expended to date	**$ 96,327,818**	**$ 97,887,398**	**$ 1,559,580**	**$ 201,436,713**	**$ 105,108,895**

Departmental **Reviewed**

Legislative	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	598,800	626,762	27,963	1,253,525	654,725
6010 BENEFITS	93,984	122,619	28,635	245,238	151,254
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	32,674	45,000	12,326	90,000	57,326
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	370	48,632	48,262	97,263	96,893
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,657	6,200	543	12,400	6,743
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,340	2,750	1,410	5,500	4,160
6080 ADVERTISING	4,464	9,750	5,286	19,500	15,036
6100 COURIER	-	125	125	250	250
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	5,808	16,717	10,909	33,434	27,626
6120 PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,273	1,273	-	2,550	1,277
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,544	4,000	2,456	8,000	6,456
6150 MEETING EXPENSESS	3,075	8,750	5,675	17,500	14,425
6170 PROMOTION	13,895	15,500	1,605	31,000	17,105
Total expended to date	**$ 762,885**	**$ 908,078**	**$ 145,193**	**$ 1,816,160**	**$ 1,053,275**

Departmental

Finance

Administration (CAO) Draft Statement of Expenditures SEPT 30, 2026

CAO	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	272,450	293,408	20,958	586,816	314,366
6010 BENEFITS	34,402	53,384	18,982	106,767	72,365
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	-	1,650	1,650	3,300	3,300
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	3,095	9,000	5,905	18,000	14,905
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	3,123	3,500	377	7,000	3,877
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,270	1,400	130	2,800	1,530
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	194	1,250	1,056	2,500	2,306
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	-	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
6170 PROMOTION	2,348	2,500	152	5,000	2,652
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	9,118	222,500	213,382	445,000	435,882
Total expended to date	**$ 326,001**	**$ 593,091**	**$ 267,091**	**$ 1,186,183**	**$ 860,183**

Departmental **Finance**

Finance	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	1,189,928	1,335,957	146,029	2,671,915	1,481,987
6010 BENEFITS	279,195	302,343	23,149	604,687	325,492
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	-	5,750	5,750	11,500	11,500
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	7,761	15,050	7,289	30,100	22,339
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	987	2,300	1,313	4,600	3,613
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,358	6,049	(309)	12,102	5,744
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,812	6,530	4,718	13,060	11,248
6080 ADVERTISING	16,194	19,895	3,701	39,790	23,596
6090 POSTAGE	183,195	112,350	(70,845)	224,700	41,505
6100 COURIER	12,127	10,325	(1,802)	20,650	8,523
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	6,703	9,450	2,747	18,901	12,198
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	169	8,750	8,581	17,500	17,331
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	-	28,960	28,960	57,920	57,920
6180 COST RECOVERY	(252,963)	(142,500)	110,463	(285,000)	(32,037)
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	5,400	2,575	(2,825)	5,150	(250)
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	49,126	42,500	(6,626)	85,000	35,874
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	50,861	38,950	(11,911)	77,900	27,039
8120 LEASES	5,682	8,648	2,966	17,295	11,613
8180 TAX EXEMPT/WRITE OFF	26,697	270,000	243,303	540,000	513,303
Total expended to date	**$ 1,589,233**	**$ 2,083,883**	**$ 494,650**	**$ 4,167,770**	**$ 2,578,537**

Departmental

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Legal	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	298,243	318,726	20,483	637,452	339,209
6010 BENEFITS	66,992	72,648	5,657	145,297	78,305
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	-	3,250	3,250	6,500	6,500
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	4,317	2,750	(1,567)	5,500	1,183
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	10,373	9,000	(1,373)	18,000	7,627
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,329	2,000	(329)	4,000	1,671
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,789	2,000	(1,789)	4,000	211
6070 PHOTOCOPYING SUPPLIES	1,628	1,750	122	3,500	1,872
6080 ADVERTISING	-	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
6100 COURIER	124	400	276	800	676
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	2,817	2,000	(817)	4,000	1,183
6120 PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,374	11,000	7,626	22,000	18,626
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,640	2,500	(1,140)	5,000	1,360
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	-	250	250	500	500
6160 LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,032,430	1,250,000	217,570	2,500,000	1,467,570
6180 COST RECOVERY	-	-	-	-	-
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	97,057	100,000	2,943	200,000	102,943
Total expended to date	**$ 1,527,111**	**$ 1,780,274**	**$ 253,163**	**$ 3,560,549**	**$ 2,033,438**

Departmental

Finance

Human Resources	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	583,070	701,511	118,441	1,403,022	819,952
6010 BENEFITS	146,116	166,968	20,851	333,935	187,819
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	5,275	6,000	725	12,000	6,725
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	7,017	8,750	1,733	17,500	10,483
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	2,447	2,500	53	5,000	2,553
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,484	7,500	3,016	15,000	10,516
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,708	2,500	(1,208)	5,000	1,292
6080 ADVERTISING	410	1,500	1,090	3,000	2,590
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	3,387	5,000	1,613	10,000	6,613
6120 PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,377	3,750	2,373	7,500	6,123
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	(75)	3,250	3,325	6,500	6,575
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	140,382	85,000	(55,382)	170,000	29,618
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	4,105	5,000	895	10,000	5,895
Total expended to date	**$ 901,704**	**$ 1,000,729**	**$ 99,024**	**$ 2,001,457**	**$ 1,099,753**

Departmental

Finance

Technology/Communications	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	624,551	677,712	53,162	1,355,425	730,874
6010 BENEFITS	147,302	153,524	6,221	307,047	159,745
6011 MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	625	6,750	6,125	13,500	12,875
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	1,572	3,250	1,678	6,500	4,928
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	772	500	(272)	1,000	228
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,222	1,250	(1,972)	2,500	(722)
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	715	2,000	1,285	4,000	3,285
6080 ADVERTISING	56	1,500	1,444	3,000	2,944
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	17,284	27,250	9,966	54,500	37,216
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	63,756	150,000	86,244	300,000	236,244
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	237,367	225,000	(12,367)	450,000	212,633
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	-	500	500	1,000	1,000
7070 BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	10,639	12,000	1,361	24,000	13,361
8040 COMM EQUIPMENT LINES	-	-	-	-	-
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	389	30,000	29,611	60,000	59,611
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	23,018	103,000	79,982	206,000	182,982
8120 LEASES SAP	-	59,544	59,544	119,088	119,088
8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	-	55,350	55,350	110,700	110,700
Total expended to date	**$ 1,131,269**	**$ 1,509,130**	**$ 377,861**	**$ 3,018,260**	**$ 1,886,991**

Departmental **Finance**

Municipal Clerk **Draft Statement of Expenditures** **SEPT 30, 2026**

	Municipal Clerk	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000	WAGES/SALARIES	151,442	253,629	102,186	507,257	355,815
6010	BENEFITS	33,890	56,022	22,132	112,045	78,155
6020	TRAINING/EDUCATION	4,318	2,750	(1,568)	5,500	1,182
6030	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	104	2,000	1,896	4,000	3,896
6040	PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES	1,642	725	(917)	1,450	(192)
6050	OFFICE SUPPLIES	676	1,750	1,074	3,500	2,824
6060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	36	1,000	964	2,000	1,964
6070	PHOTOCOPYING SUPPLIES	8,077	11,750	3,673	23,500	15,423
6080	ADVERTISING	1,400	750	(650)	1,500	100
6090	POSTAGE	-	50	50	100	100
6100	COURIER	-	50	50	100	100
6110	TELEPHONE/FAX	647	2,100	1,453	4,200	3,553
6120	PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	52	900	848	1,800	1,748
6130	COMPUTER HARDWARE	2,056	1,500	(556)	3,000	944
6140	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	6,257	21,250	14,993	42,500	36,243
6150	MEETING EXPENSES	14,233	7,250	(6,983)	14,500	267
8110	CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	-	65,000	65,000	130,000	130,000
Total expended to date		**$ 224,829**	**$ 428,476**	**$ 203,647**	**$ 856,952**	**$ 632,123**

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	Fiscal Services	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
8195	WATER SUPPLY & HYDRANTS	3,538,196	3,538,196	-	7,076,391	3,538,196
9010	INTEREST ON SHORT TERM BORROWING	146,536	200,000	53,464	400,000	253,464
9020	INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	878,298	878,298	-	1,593,433	715,135
9050	PRINCIPLE ON LONG TERM DEBT	1,584,612	1,584,612	-	8,599,359	7,014,747
9052	DEBT/CAPITAL BOND DISC	-	-	-	63,000	63,000
9090	BANK CHARGES	45,010	42,500	(2,510)	85,000	39,990
9200	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES	-	-	-		-
9420	APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL FUND	-	-	-	1,118,265	1,118,265
9430	APPROPRIATION TO B.I.D.C.s	118,884	121,697	2,813	243,394	124,510
9620	REGIONAL LIBRARY	351,900	351,900	-	703,800	351,900
9630	CAPE BRETON/VICTORIA SCHOOL BOARD	10,238,557	10,238,557	-	20,477,114	10,238,557
9640	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COSTS	793,132	793,132	-	1,586,264	793,132
	Total expended to date	**17,695,124**	**17,748,891**	**53,767**	**41,946,020**	**24,250,896**

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Police Services — Draft Statement Expenditures — SEPT 30, 2026

Police Services	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
GL 6000, 6010 , & 6011 WAGES & BENEFITS NET OF COST RECOVERY	15,977,254	16,388,058	410,804	32,776,114	16,798,860
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	116,536	136,250	19,714	272,500	155,964
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	38,970	31,500	(7,470)	63,000	24,030
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	2,922	2,500	(422)	5,000	2,078
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,150	24,375	4,225	48,750	28,600
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	34,227	39,500	5,273	79,000	44,773
6070 PHOTOCOPYING SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-
6080 ADVERTISING	410	1,750	1,340	3,500	3,090
6100 COURIER	9,445	6,500	(2,945)	13,000	3,555
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	140,754	147,500	6,746	295,000	154,246
6120 PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,189	3,000	1,811	6,000	4,811
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	75,507	230,000	154,493	460,000	384,493
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	80,518	355,000	274,482	710,000	629,482
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	4,874	5,500	626	11,000	6,126
6170 PROMOTION	(5,255)	6,250	11,505	12,500	17,755
7000 HEAT	10,961	16,000	5,039	32,000	21,039
7010 ELECTRICAL	55,299	62,000	6,701	124,000	68,701
7020 WATER	1,461	4,263	2,801	8,525	7,064
7030 BUILDING/FACILITY MAINTENANCE	28,870	46,500	17,630	93,000	64,130
7040 BUILDING FACILITY REPAIR	1,526	7,500	5,974	15,000	13,474
7060 BUILDING/FACILITY RENOVATION	-	7,500	7,500	15,000	15,000
7070 BUILDING/FACILITY RENTAL	63,435	50,500	(12,935)	101,000	37,565
7110 SECURITY	701	1,000	299	2,000	1,299
7500 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,257	15,000	13,743	30,000	28,743
7505 GASOLINE & DIESEL	324,648	250,000	(74,648)	500,000	175,352
7510 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	242,041	175,000	(67,041)	350,000	107,959
7530 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	161,938	355,000	193,062	710,000	548,062
7540 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT RENTAL	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
7550 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT TOWING	820	1,000	180	2,000	1,180
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	73,952	75,000	1,048	150,000	76,048
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	76,590	75,000	(1,590)	150,000	73,410
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	4,207	3,035	(1,172)	6,070	1,863
8040 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT LINES	1,803	1,500	(303)	3,000	1,197
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	141,404	100,000	(41,404)	200,000	58,596
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	110,908	100,000	(10,908)	200,000	89,092
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	44,601	47,500	2,899	95,000	50,399
8120 LEASES	4	78,900	78,896	157,800	157,796
8125 MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS	415,834	90,000	(325,834)	180,000	(235,834)
8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	265	1,500	1,235	3,000	2,735
8150 GRANTS/SUBSIDIES TO ORGANIZATIONS	-	12,500	12,500	25,000	25,000
Total expended to date	**$ 18,260,026**	**$ 18,954,880**	**$ 694,855**	**$ 37,909,759**	**$ 19,649,733**

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Police Services | Draft Statement of Revenue | SEPT 30, 2026

Police Services Revenue	Year to date Assigned	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
4751 RECORDS INQUIRIES	65,772	100,000	(34,228)	200,000	134,228
5151 FINES	120,924	150,000	(29,076)	300,000	179,076
Total Revenue to date	**$ 186,696**	**$ 250,000**	**$ (63,304)**	**$ 500,000**	**$ 313,304**

Departmental **Finance**

Fire Services Including EMO	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	3,679,452	3,712,611	33,159	7,425,221	3,745,769
6010 BENEFITS	1,017,519	928,383	(89,136)	1,856,765	839,246
6011 MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS	19,285	22,813	3,528	45,626	26,341
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	149,566	106,250	(43,316)	212,500	62,934
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	16,303	44,750	28,447	89,500	73,197
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	1,572	6,750	5,178	13,500	11,928
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,323	6,250	1,927	12,500	8,177
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,515	5,000	2,485	10,000	7,485
6080 ADVERTISING	-	-	-	-	-
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	22,925	26,600	3,675	53,200	30,275
6120 PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	250	250	500	500
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	(98,076)	41,750	139,826	83,500	181,576
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	15,515	18,500	2,985	37,000	21,485
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	2,380	4,250	1,870	8,500	6,120
6170 PROMOTION	4,252	15,150	10,898	30,300	26,048
7000 HEAT	46,789	44,250	(2,539)	88,500	41,711
7010 ELECTRICAL	19,414	47,250	27,836	94,500	75,086
7020 WATER	22,217	18,350	(3,867)	36,700	14,483
7030 BUILDING/FACILITY MAINTENANCE	18,560	32,000	13,441	64,000	45,441
7040 BUILDING FACILITY REPAIR	-	13,750	13,750	27,500	27,500
7060 BUILDING/FACILITY RENOVATION	2,758	7,500	4,742	15,000	12,242
7500 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	212,127	300,000	87,873	600,000	387,873
7505 GASOLINE & DIESEL	63,773	47,800	(15,973)	95,600	31,827
7530 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	(16,356)	37,500	53,856	75,000	91,356
7560 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT GENERAL SUPPLIES	16,399	12,500	(3,899)	25,000	8,601
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	132,291	378,500	246,209	757,000	624,709
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	30,623	36,000	5,377	72,000	41,377
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	18,420	25,000	6,580	50,000	31,580
8040 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT LINES	-	-	-	-	-
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	40,527	41,950	1,423	83,900	43,373
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	34,418	10,750	(23,668)	21,500	(12,918)
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	22,478	61,000	38,522	122,000	99,522
8120 LEASES	46,685	363,261	316,576	726,523	679,838
8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	20,023	500	(19,523)	1,000	(19,023)
8150 GRANTS/SUBSIDIES TO ORGANIZATIONS	1,983,418	1,983,419	0	2,224,189	240,771
Total expended to date	**$ 7,549,798**	**$ 8,400,588**	**$ 850,790**	**$ 15,058,524**	**$ 7,508,726**

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Municipal Services Agreement

Draft Statement of Revenue

SEPT 30, 2026

Fire Services Revenue	Year to date Assigned	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
4776 PROV NS FIRE PROTECTION GRANT	242,898	242,898	-	485,795	242,898
4776 MEMBERTOU MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGRMNT	291,625	291,625	-	583,250	291,625
Total Revenue to date	**$ 534,523**	**$ 534,523**	**$ -**	**$ 1,069,045**	**$ 534,523**

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Draft - Engineering and Public Works Actuals
to September 30, 2026

REVENUE	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget
TRANSIT	1,058,298	1,459,235	(400,937)	2,918,470	(1,860,172)	0.36
SOLIDWASTE TIP FEES	1,704,889	1,417,800	287,089	2,835,600	(1,130,711)	0.60
SOLIDWASTE COST RECOVERIES	1,382,829	1,541,665	(158,836)	3,175,000	(1,792,171)	0.44
SEWER PERMITS	59,396	33,000	26,396	65,000		
WATER UTILITY ADMIN FEE	2,679,837	2,679,837	-	5,359,674	(2,679,837)	0.50
WASTEWATER REVENUE	5,474,025	5,663,394	(189,369)	11,326,788	(5,852,763)	0.48
TOTAL PW REVENUES	12,359,274	12,794,931	(435,656)	25,680,532	(13,315,654)	$ 0.48
EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATION	2,342,332	2,251,335	(90,997)	4,501,615	2,159,283	0.52
ENGINEERING	826,614	936,161	109,546	1,976,916	1,150,302	0.42
CENTRAL DIVISION	6,205,880	5,553,866	(652,015)	10,680,066	4,474,186	0.58
EAST DIVISION	4,040,726	4,033,720	(7,006)	9,141,801	5,101,075	0.44
NORTH DIVISION	1,704,855	1,930,355	225,501	4,020,433	2,315,578	0.42
SOLID WASTE	10,976,134	8,881,077	(2,095,057)	17,430,078	6,453,944	0.63
MECHANICAL FLEET	2,529,070	2,820,763	291,694	6,331,738	3,802,668	0.40
TRANSIT	4,804,775	4,980,151	175,376	10,055,422	5,250,647	0.48
QUALITY CONTROL	2,086,225	2,303,238	217,013	4,730,287	2,644,062	0.44
TOTAL PW EXPENDITURES	35,516,611	33,690,665	(1,825,946)	68,868,356	33,351,745	$ 0.52

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Chief Engineer of Engineering & Public Works

Chief Financial Officer

Director of Engineering & Public Works

Planning Department	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	993,453	1,107,213	113,759	2,214,425	1,220,972
6010 BENEFITS	273,589	282,264	8,675	564,528	290,939
6011 MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS	(51,271)	(59,596)	(8,325)	(119,192)	(67,921)
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	8,642	10,250	1,608	20,500	11,859
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	25,059	26,000	941	52,000	26,941
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	1,865	5,825	3,960	11,650	9,785
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,165	8,925	4,760	17,850	13,685
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,668	12,550	7,882	25,100	20,432
6080 ADVERTISING	3,752	37,250	33,498	74,500	70,748
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	9,147	8,750	(397)	17,500	8,353
6120 PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	200	200	400	400
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	2,899	24,500	21,601	49,000	46,101
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	5,420	9,275	3,855	18,550	13,130
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	103	2,100	1,997	4,200	4,097
6170 PROMOTION	12,325	17,000	4,675	34,000	21,675
6180 COST RECOVERY	-	-	-	(521,000)	(521,000)
7130 DEMOLITIONS	-	60,000	60,000	120,000	120,000
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	8,108	32,100	23,992	64,200	56,092
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	1,625	3,250	1,625	6,500	4,875
8090 UNIFORMS / CLOTHING	1,625	8,750	7,125	17,500	15,875
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	(88,531)	187,875	276,406	375,750	464,281
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	210,378	360,000	149,622	720,000	509,622
8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	116,243	155,000	38,757	310,000	193,757
8135 REGULATORY FEES	24,680	25,500	820	51,000	26,320
8150 GRANTS /SUBS TO ORG	264,602	264,602	-	540,000	275,398
8165 COST RECOVERY			-	-	-
Total expended to date	**1,832,544**	**2,589,582**	**$ 757,038**	**$ 4,668,961**	**$ 2,836,417**

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	Year to date Assigned	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Bylaw Revenue					
5112 Vendor Licenses	$ 11,800	$ 7,250	$ 4,550	$ 14,500	$ 2,700
5113 Animal Licenses	880	4,000	(3,120)	8,000	7,120
5114 Taxi Licenses	16,613	12,500	4,113	25,000	8,387
5115 Vending Machine Licenses	45	-	45	-	(45)
5301 Parking Meter Revenue	128,053	125,000	3,053	250,000	121,947
Total Bylaw Revenue	$ 157,391	$ 148,750	$ 8,641	$ 297,500	$ 140,109
Development / Plannning Revenue					
5496 Mapping Sales	$ -	$ 250	$ (250)	$ 500	$ 500
5495 Other Sales	9,401	3,500	5,901	7,000	(2,401)
5497 Lun Ammendment Fees	2,810	2,500	310	5,000	2,190
5101 Building Permits	200,990	125,000	75,990	250,000	49,010
5102 Subdivision Fees	24,885	20,000	4,885	40,000	15,115
Total Develop / Planning Rev	$ 238,086	$ 151,250	$ 86,836	$ 302,500	$ 64,414
Total Bylaw / Dev / Planning Revenue	$ 395,477	$ 300,000	$ 95,477	$ 600,000	$ 204,523

Departmental **Finance**

Facilities (C200 / Arenas) Draft Statement of Expenditures SEPT 30, 2026

	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	975,247	1,020,205	44,958	2,040,410	1,065,163
6010 BENEFITS	201,869	227,212	25,343	454,425	252,556
6011 MISC BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-
6020 TRAINING	1,130	3,500	2,370	7,000	5,870
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	10,152	3,000	(7,152)	6,000	(4,152)
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/	5,574	2,500	(3,074)	5,000	(574)
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,649	2,750	101	5,500	2,851
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
6080 ADVERTISING	-	1,750	1,750	3,500	3,500
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	16,547	21,000	4,453	42,000	25,453
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	-	4,500	4,500	9,000	9,000
6150 MEETING EXPENSESS	3,701	1,500	(2,201)	3,000	(701)
7000 HEAT	131,018	52,500	(78,518)	105,000	(26,018)
7010 ELECTRICAL	258,460	458,500	200,040	917,000	658,540
7020 WATER	42,755	37,500	(5,255)	75,000	32,245
7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	68,287	80,000	11,713	160,000	91,713
7040 BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	13,019	55,000	41,981	110,000	96,981
7080 PLANT MAINTENANCE	40,693	55,000	14,307	110,000	69,307
7110 SECURITY	59,601	71,500	11,899	143,000	83,399
7510 VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	3,440	9,750	6,310	19,500	16,060
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	44,582	17,500	(27,081)	35,000	(9,582)
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUF	57,906	85,000	27,094	170,000	112,094
8050 COST OF SALES	712,266	219,000	(493,266)	438,000	(274,266)
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	1,086	6,250	5,164	12,500	11,414
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	52,447	60,000	7,553	120,000	67,553
Total expended to date	**$ 2,702,429**	**$ 2,498,917**	**$ (203,512)**	**$ 4,997,835**	**$ 2,295,406**

Departmental **Finance**

	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
GL 4808 Advertising Revenue	89,000	20,000	69,000	40,000	(49,000)
GL 5001 Ice Rentals	62,237	557,500	(495,263)	1,115,000	1,052,763
GL 5002 Public Skating	168	1,000	(832)	2,000	1,832
GL 5006 Canteen Sales	417,150	432,250	(15,100)	864,500	447,350
GL 5010 Other Revenue	18,504	40,250	(21,746)	80,500	61,996
GL 5033 Program Equipment	14,557	14,250	307	28,500	13,943
GL 5034 Facility Rentals	304,704	235,000	69,704	470,000	165,296
Total Revenue To Date	**$ 906,320**	**$ 1,300,250**	**$ (393,930)**	**$ 2,600,500**	**$ 1,694,180**

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Parks and Grounds Operations | **Draft Statement of Expenditures** | **SEPT 30, 2026**

Parks & Grounds	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	1,292,823	970,887	(321,935)	1,941,775	648,952
6010 BENEFITS	257,885	239,931	(17,955)	479,861	221,976
6011 MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS	18,675	1,250	(17,425)	2,500	(16,175)
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	159	5,000	4,841	10,000	9,841
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES & FEES	-	100	100	200	200
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	600	600	1,200	1,200
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	5,054	5,000	(54)	10,000	4,946
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000
7000 HEAT	2,029	6,000	3,971	12,000	9,971
7010 ELECTRICAL	49,138	42,250	(6,888)	84,500	35,362
7020 WATER	13,496	19,375	5,879	38,750	25,254
7030 BUILDING/FACILITY MAINTENANCE	3,192	4,750	1,558	9,500	6,308
7110 SECURITY	-	5,100	5,100	10,200	10,200
7510 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	8,931	5,000	(3,931)	10,000	1,069
7530 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	13,955	75,000	61,045	150,000	136,045
7540 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT RENTAL	9,323	20,000	10,677	40,000	30,677
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	6,620	22,500	15,880	45,000	38,380
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	285,473	200,000	(85,473)	400,000	114,527
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	13,079	32,500	19,421	65,000	51,921
8040 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT LINES	4,167	5,500	1,333	11,000	6,833
8080 STREET LIGHTS	29,048	25,000	(4,048)	50,000	20,952
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	2,435	6,500	4,065	13,000	10,565
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	327,584	250,000	(77,584)	500,000	172,416
		-			
Total expended to date	**2,343,064**	**$ 1,953,743**	**$ (389,321)**	**$ 3,907,486**	**$ 1,564,422**

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Building Operations **Draft Statement of Expenditures** **SEPT 30, 2026**

Buildings	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	798,959	882,120	83,160	1,764,239	965,280
6010 BENEFITS	195,229	216,666	21,437	433,331	238,102
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	5,211	5,000	(211)	10,000	4,789
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	500	500	1,000	1,000
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,537	2,000	463	4,000	2,463
6080 ADVERTISING	1,090	-	(1,090)	-	(1,090)
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	6,549	9,000	2,451	18,000	11,451
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	542	3,250	2,708	6,500	5,958
6150 MEETING EXPENSE	-	125	125	250	250
7000 HEAT	65,450	65,000	(450)	130,000	64,550
7010 ELECTRICAL	188,698	294,605	105,907	589,210	400,512
7020 WATER	24,223	28,288	4,065	56,575	32,352
7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	5,158	21,250	16,092	42,500	37,342
7060 BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	8,967	50,000	41,033	100,000	91,033
7070 BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	122,963	115,000	(7,963)	230,000	107,037
7080 PLANT MAINTENANCE	103	7,500	7,397	15,000	14,897
7100 MAINT. TOOLS/EQUIP	1,187	3,000	1,813	6,000	4,813
7110 SECURITY	38,191	28,750	(9,441)	57,500	19,309
7120 PROPERTY TAXES	15,657	14,000	(1,657)	28,000	12,343
7540 VEH/EQUIP RENTAL	2,374	3,500	1,126	7,000	4,626
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIP	136	1,250	1,114	2,500	2,364
8010 OPERATIONAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	77,580	72,175	(5,405)	144,350	66,770
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIP	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
8040 COMM EQUIP LINES (GPS)	1,841	2,200	359	4,400	2,559
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	1,586	4,000	2,414	8,000	6,414
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	48,249	61,000	12,751	122,000	73,751
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	246,503	149,850	(96,653)	299,700	53,197
8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	66	500	434	1,000	934
8150 GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	30,000	30,000	-	60,000	30,000
Total expended to date	**$ 1,888,049**	**$ 2,078,028**	**$ 189,978**	**$ 4,156,055**	**$ 2,268,006**

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Recreation Cultural Services **Draft Statement of Expenditures** **SEPT 30, 2026**

Recreation/Cultural Services	Year to date Expended	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
GL 6000, 6010, & 6011 Wages & Benefits Including Summer Students	963,916	819,312	(144,604)	1,638,624	674,708
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	625	8,000	7,375	16,000	15,375
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	6,116	12,500	6,384	25,000	18,884
6040 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/DU	2,576	2,000	(576)	4,000	1,424
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,654	3,000	(4,654)	6,000	(1,654)
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,498	4,000	2,502	8,000	6,502
6080 ADVERTISING	25,048	35,000	9,952	70,000	44,952
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	2,973	4,500	1,527	9,000	6,027
6120 PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,215	100	(4,115)	200	(4,015)
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,544	3,500	1,956	7,000	5,456
7070 BUILDING/FACILITY RENTAL	27,103	27,500	397	55,000	27,897
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT	215,286	100,000	(115,285)	200,000	(15,286)
8025 COMMUNITY EVENTS	427,058	200,000	(227,058)	400,000	(27,058)
8150 GRANTS/SUBSIDIES TO ORGANIZ/	20,500	20,500	-	20,500	-
8160 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS	314,242	178,281	(135,961)	356,562	42,320
8170 SUSTAINABILITY	56,788	250,250	193,462	500,500	443,712
Total expended to date	**$ 2,077,142**	**$ 1,668,443**	**$ (408,699)**	**$ 3,316,386**	**$ 1,239,244**

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Recreation / Cultural Services

Draft Statement of Revenue

SEPT 30, 2026

Recreation/Cultural Services	Year to date Assigned	6 Month Budget	6 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
5031 PROGRAM REVENUE	15,000	15,000	-	30,000	15,000
5034 FACILITY RENTALS	724	3,750	(3,026)	7,500	6,776
Total Revenue To Date	**$ 15,724**	**$ 18,750**	**$ (3,026)**	**$ 37,500**	**$ 21,776**

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Executive Summary

In this population health profile, Nova Scotia's Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) presents an overview of the collective health of Nova Scotians, including diseases and conditions, health behaviours, underlying contributing factors and emerging challenges to health such as climate change. The 2026 report is an update to the 2015 report and provides key information for monitoring patterns in Nova Scotians' health and wellbeing to inform population health priorities. It also identifies Nova Scotians with higher needs who may require more support or targeted approaches to improve their health. The 2026 Nova Scotia Population Health Report is a companion to the Nova Scotia Health Authority's report "Community Health Snapshot: Key Determinants Of Population Health And Health Care Utilization In Nova Scotian Communities" which describes health status at the community level and the Community Health Boards recently released Community Health Plan. Together, these reports provide key information to support discussions among provincial and municipal governments, health and social systems, community organizations, economic development partners and citizens on creating healthier, safer and sustainable communities across Nova Scotia. We all have a role to play in improving the health outcomes of Nova Scotians.

Since the 2015 DHW report, Nova Scotia's population has grown to over one million people, with increasing diversity in the demographics of the population. The province faces unique challenges in protecting the health of the changing population, especially compared with Canada overall: Nova Scotia has a higher percentage of older adults (65 years and older) and a higher percentage living in low-income households. Economic security has a key role in creating a longer and healthier life: the number of years that someone will live in full health from birth differs for high and low income Nova Scotians. Those living in lower income neighbourhoods live 10 fewer years than those living in higher income neighbourhoods. This report demonstrates how economic challenges can affect all aspects of health and wellbeing. For example, in 2022, one in five Nova Scotians reported avoiding dental care in the past 12 months because of cost.

Strong social connections are key to wellbeing and there are multiple pockets of Nova Scotians who report feeling a strong sense of belonging. Belonging was highest among Nova Scotians 65 years and older and those in the Eastern and Western zones, which are predominantly rural. Mental health is another important aspect of wellbeing. In 2022, 50% of Nova Scotians reported having excellent or very good mental health, which was slightly lower than the 54% among Canadians overall.

A major public health success highlighted in the 2026 report is the decrease in tobacco use among Nova Scotians 12 years and older. In this report, 15% of Nova Scotians identified as current smokers, a decrease from 22% in the 2015 report. Nova Scotians are also taking other steps to protect their future health. Approximately three in five Nova Scotians reported engaging in recommended levels of physical activity each week, which was higher than among Canadians overall.

Chronic diseases that are leading causes of disability and death, and are often preventable, including arthritis, heart disease, and cancer, were unfortunately common among Nova Scotians. These chronic diseases were more widespread among Nova Scotians with lower household incomes and Nova Scotians age 65 and older. In the past two decades, while cancer death rates decreased, cancer remained the province's leading cause of death. Notably, cancer incidence rates increased among females during this period and decreased among males.

This population health profile was created to inform all Nova Scotians about the health of Nova Scotians and to contribute to conversations - among individuals, communities, businesses, and governments - about the importance of working together to build a healthier Nova Scotia. By understanding our province's health and the factors that influence health, and through working together, we can build social connections and create meaningful change for our province and its communities now and in the future.

Glossary

Adults are individuals age 18 years and older.

Age-standardized rate is a rate adjusted to account for differences in age between populations, making it easier to compare rates. (Source)

Annualized refers to a measure for a one-year period, where data from multiple years are averaged to get a yearly value.

Females are individuals assigned female sex at birth; Males are individuals assigned male sex at birth. (Source)

Health adjusted life expectancy (HALE) is the expected number of years an individual will live in good health at birth. It accounts for both the length of life and quality of life by considering current health conditions and death rates. (Source)

Household income quintiles are a way of dividing households into five equal groups based on income. Each group represents 20% of the households, with the lowest quintile having the lowest 20% of household incomes and the highest quintile having the top 20% of household incomes.

Immigrants are people who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. Such persons have been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Immigrants who have become Canadian citizens are in this category. (Source)

Incidence is the rate of a new disease or event occurring in a population over a period of time.

Infant refers to a child that is younger than one year. (Source)

LGBTQ+ are individuals self-identifying as “gay or lesbian”, “bisexual or pansexual”, “sexual orientation, not elsewhere classified” in the Canadian Community Health Survey. (Source)

Live birth is the birth of a baby that shows signs of life, such as breathing, a heartbeat, or movement, regardless of how long the pregnancy lasted. (Source)

Lone parent families are families containing only one parent with their child(ren). (Source)

Median age of the population is the age at which exactly half the population is older and exactly half the population is younger. (Source)

Men+ refers to gender and includes men (and/or boys) and some non-binary persons; Women+ refers to gender and includes women (and/or girls) and some non-binary persons. (Source)

Prevalence refers to the total number of cases of a particular condition or disease in a population at a specific time. It is a percentage.

Rate is the frequency of a new event (e.g., cases of a disease, deaths) per 1 000 people (or 100 000 people) in a given time frame.

Visible minority is based on the Employment Equity Act definition, which is "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour." It is self-identified. (Source)

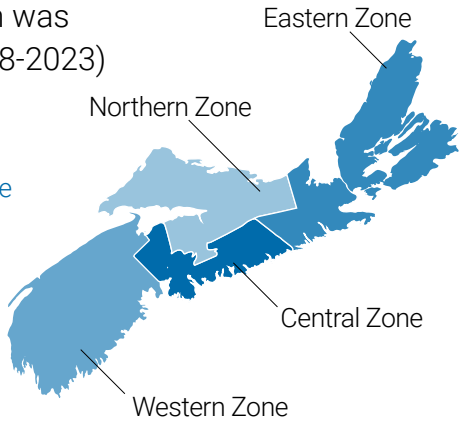
Population of Nova Scotia

In 2024, the population of Nova Scotia was estimated to be[1]

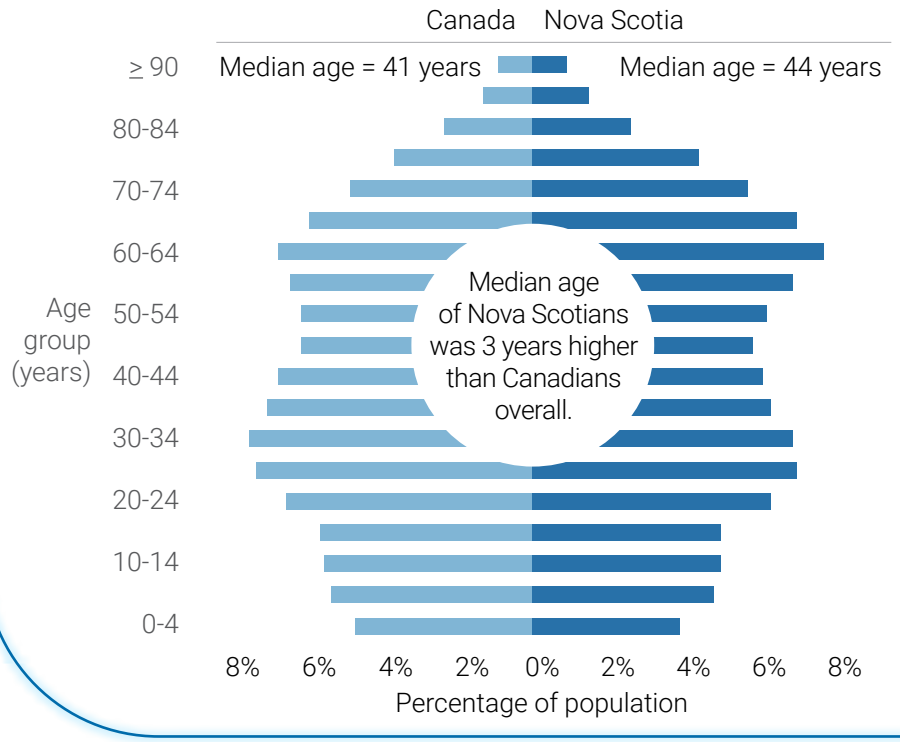
1 076 374 This represented 3% of the Canadian population.

Since 2018, population growth was highest in Central Zone.[2] (2018-2023)

Zone	% of NS population, 2023	Population growth since 2018
Central	49	14%
Eastern	16	8%
Northern	15	6%
Western	20	6%



Nova Scotia and Canadian Population, 5-year age groups, 2023[1]



Population by:

Gender[1] (2024)

Women+ **50.5%**

Men+ **49.5%**

Immigrants[3] (2021)

Nova Scotia:	8%
Canada:	23%

Visible Minorities[3] (2021)

Nova Scotia:	10%
Canada:	27%

Acadian[3] (2021)

Nova Scotia:	5%
Canada:	0.8%

African Nova Scotian[3] (2021)

0.4% Identify as African Nova Scotian

LGBTQ+[4] (2021)

Nova Scotia:	6%
Canada:	4%

Lone Parent Families[3] (2021)

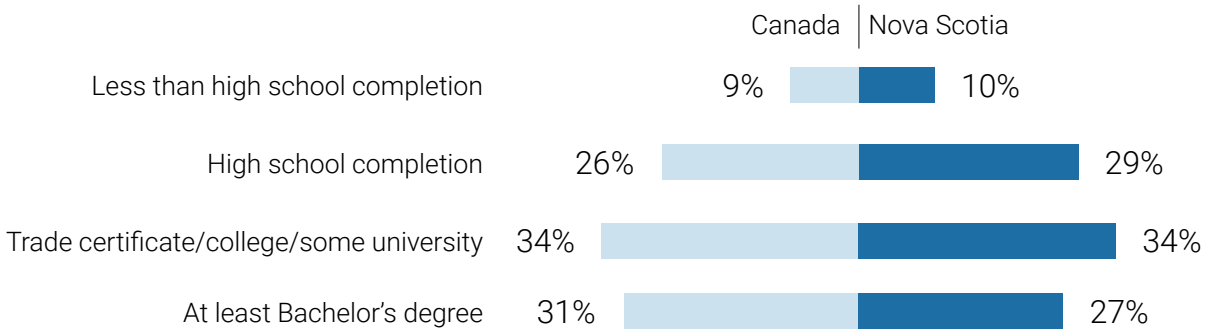
Nova Scotia:	17%
Canada:	16%

Data Sources: [1]Statistics Canada, Annual Demographic Estimates, 2023 and 2024. Table:17-10-0005-01 [2]Statistics Canada, Annual Demographic Estimates: Subprovincial Areas, 2018-2023. Table: 17-10-0157-01 [3]Statistics Canada 2021 Census of the Population [4]Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2021. Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. Note: Ethnic or cultural origin is self-identified in the Census and refers to the ethnic or cultural origins of a person's ancestors.

Educational Attainment and Income

Highest Educational Attainment

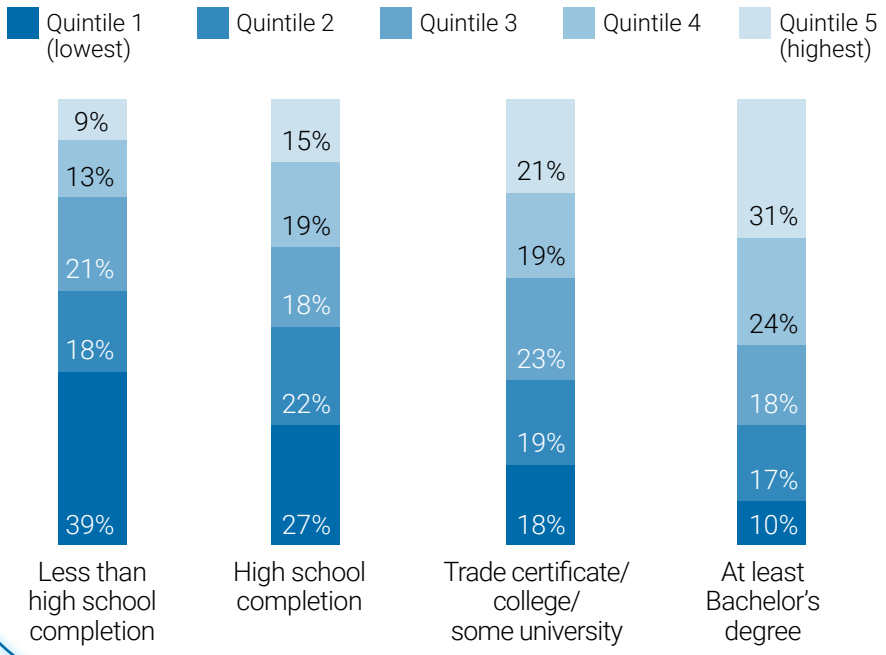
In 2022, the percentage of Nova Scotian adults with at least a Bachelor's degree (27%) was lower than among Canadians overall (31%).



The percentage of females with at least a Bachelor's degree (30%) was higher than males (23%).

Income and Educational Attainment

Percentage of Nova Scotians in each income quintile, by education attainment



Approximately 2 in 5 Nova Scotian adults with less than a high school education were in the lowest household income quintile.

Approximately 1 in 3 Nova Scotian adults with at least a Bachelor's degree were in the highest household income quintile.

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Notes:** Educational attainment was the highest educational attainment reported by respondents age ≥ 18 years in 2022. Highest educational attainment by annual household income is among respondents age ≥ 18 years in 2022. **Household income quintile** is a way of dividing a households into five equal groups based on income. Each group represents 20% of the households, with the lowest quintile having the lowest 20% of household incomes and the highest quintile having the top 20% of household incomes. Results for analysis across subgroups may not sum to 100% because of rounding.

Unemployment and Income

Unemployment[1]

In 2023, 33 600 Nova Scotian adults were unemployed, corresponding to an unemployment rate of 6%. This was higher than the 5% unemployment rate in Canada.

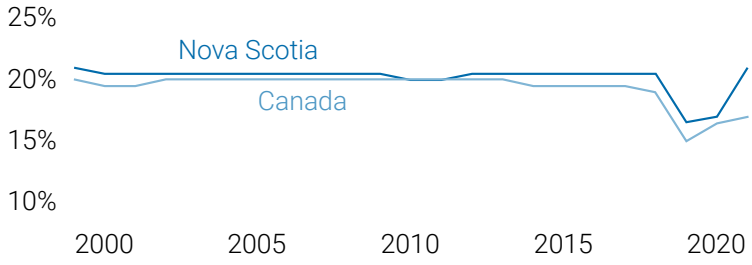
Living in low income[2]

From 2000 to 2022, the percentage of Nova Scotians living in low-income was higher than in Canada.

Trends Over Time

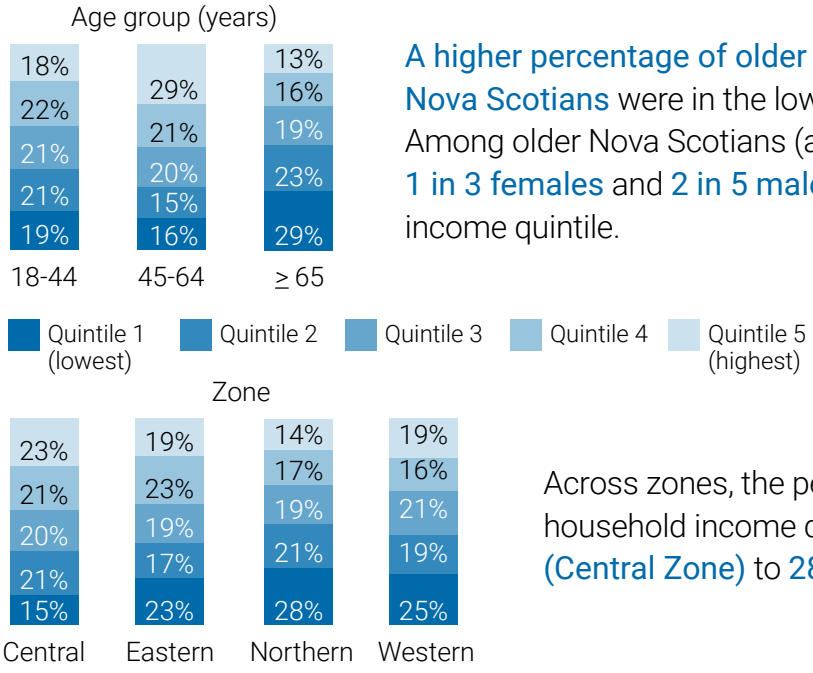
In 2022, 20% of Nova Scotians were living in low income. This was higher than the 17% among Canadians overall.

Percentage of individuals living in low income, 2000-2022



Household income[3]

Percentage of Nova Scotians in each household income quintile, 2022



A higher percentage of older Nova Scotians than younger Nova Scotians were in the lowest household income quintile. Among older Nova Scotians (age ≥ 65 years), approximately 1 in 3 females and 2 in 5 males were in the lowest household income quintile.

Across zones, the percentage living in the lowest household income quintile ranged from 15% (Central Zone) to 28% (Northern Zone).

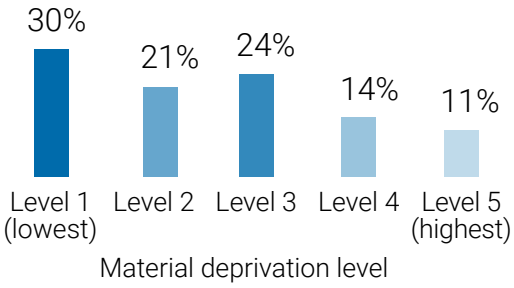
Data Sources: [1]Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2023. Table: 14-10-0023-01; [2]Statistics Canada, Annual Income Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, 2000-2022. Table:11-10-0018-01; [3]Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Household income is among CCHS respondents age ≥ 18 years. Results for analysis across subgroups may not sum to 100% because of rounding.

Material Deprivation and Housing Affordability

Material Deprivation[1]

Material deprivation refers to a lack of basic necessities or resources, like food, housing, or clothing, that are needed for an acceptable standard of living.

Approximately 1 in 10 Nova Scotians were living in communities with the highest material deprivation (level 5).



Housing Affordability

In 2021, among all private households in Nova Scotia, 33% were renting their home, whereas 67% owned their home.[2]

The average monthly shelter cost per household was.[2]

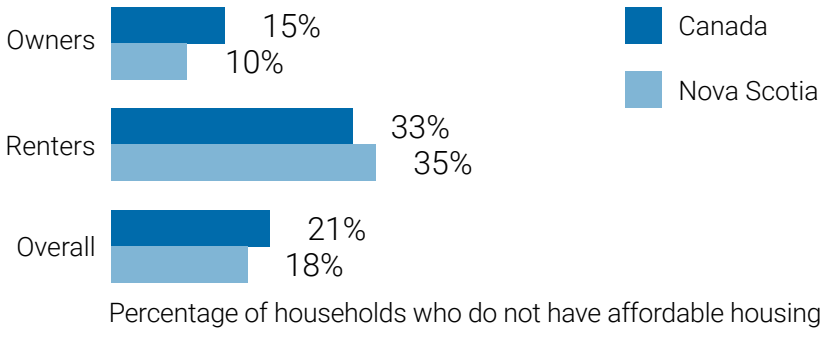
$1 083
for renters

$1 070
for owners

Lack of Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is defined as having shelter costs less than 30% of the total before-tax household income.

Overall, 18% of private households in Nova Scotia did not have affordable housing. This was comparable to the percentage in Canada (21%). 35% of renters and 10% of owners in Nova Scotia did not have affordable housing.[2]



Data Sources: [1]Material deprivation is a community level measure from Nova Scotia Deprivation Index, based on median individual income, unemployment, and highest educational attainment; [2] Statistics Canada 2021 Census of the Population. **Note**: When calculating housing affordability, only owner and tenant households with household total income greater than zero, in non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings were included.

Births and Life Expectancy

Live Births[1]

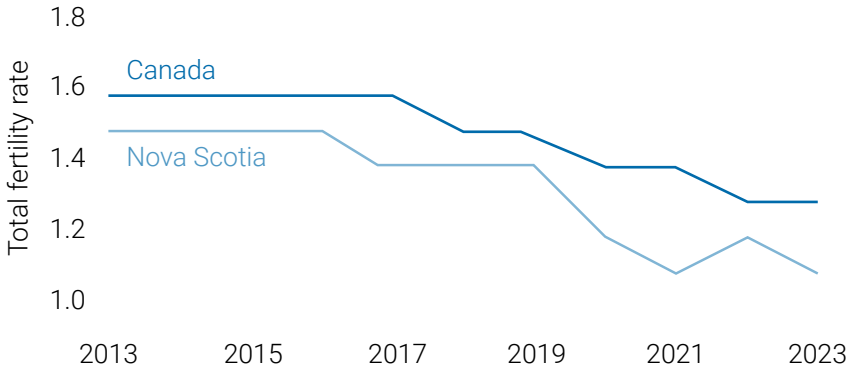
In 2023, there were 7 323 live births in Nova Scotia, for a birth rate of 7 live births per 1 000. This was lower than the rate in Canada (9 live births per 1 000).

Fertility[2]

The total fertility rate (TFR) estimates the average number of live births a female will have throughout her lifetime.

Trends Over Time

The TFR decreased from 2013 to 2023. It was estimated that females in Nova Scotia in 2023 would have, on average, 1.1 live births in their lifetime. This was lower than the TFR of 1.3 in Canada overall.



Life Expectancy[3]

The life expectancy at birth is the number of years that a person would be expected to live from birth.

Life expectancy in Nova Scotia was 80 years, which was lower than the life expectancy of 82 years in Canada overall.

Sex

Life expectancy in NS was higher in females than in males.

83 years in females

78 years in males

Data Sources: [1]Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics, 2013-2023. Table: 13-10-0422-01 [2]Statistics Canada , Vital Statistics 2013-2023. Table: 13-10-0418-01 [3]Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics, 2021-2023. Table: 13-10-0114-01 **Note:** Life expectancy was calculated using a three-year (2021-2023) life table with TFR, total fertility rate.

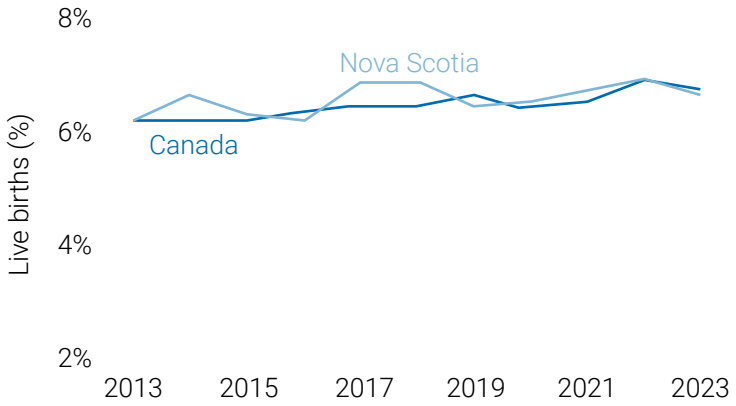
Birth and Early Years Outcomes

Low Birth Weight[1]

Low birth weight is defined as birth weight less than 2 500 grams or 5.5 pounds.

Trends Over Time

From 2013-2023, the percentage of live births with low birthweight remained relatively stable. In 2023, 7% of live births in Nova Scotia were low birth weight, the same as in Canada overall.



Exclusive Breastfeeding[2]

Exclusive breastfeeding refers to an infant receiving only breast milk, without any additional liquid or solid food.



In 2021 and 2022, 36% of Nova Scotian females who gave birth in the past 5 years reported exclusive breastfeeding for at least 6 months.

This was comparable to the 35% of females who gave birth in the past 5 years in Canada who reported this.

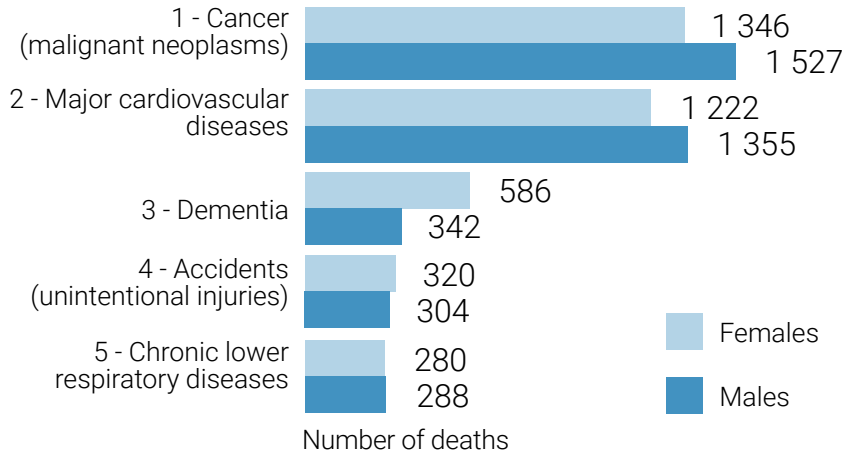
Data Sources: [1]Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics, 2013-2023. Table: 13-10-0422-01 [2]Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2021-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Note:** The exclusive breastfeeding measure is an annualized percentage of Nova Scotians age 15-55 years in 2021-2022, identifying as female at their birth, who gave birth in the past 5 years and reported having exclusively breastfed for at least 6 months.

Deaths

In 2022, there were 11 345 deaths.[1] In 2022, the age-standardized death rate in Nova Scotia was 8 deaths per 1 000. This was higher than the rate in Canada (7 deaths per 1 000).

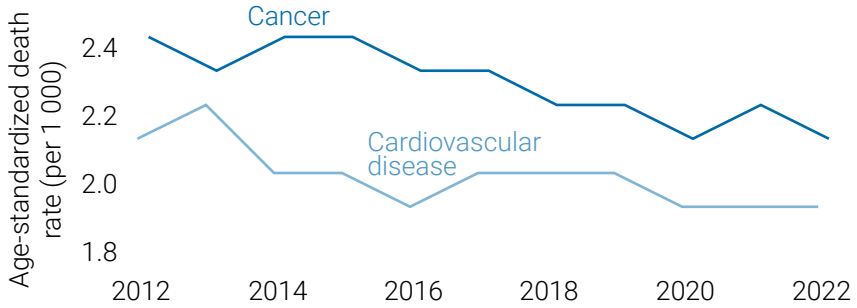
Leading Causes of Death[1]

Cancer was the leading cause of death in Nova Scotia in 2022.



Trends Over Time

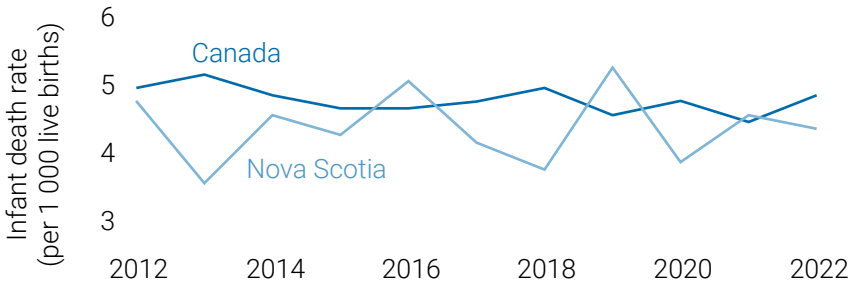
From 2012 to 2022, death rates for cancer and cardiovascular disease decreased overall.[1]



Infant Deaths[2]

Infant death is the death of a child under one year of age. There were 33 infant deaths in Nova Scotia in 2022.

From 2012 to 2022, the infant death rate in Nova Scotia each year ranged from 3 to 5 deaths per 1 000 live births.



Data Sources: [1]Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics and Annual Demographic Estimates, 2012-2022. Table: 13-10-0800-01. [2]Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics, 2012-2022. Table: 13-10-0713-01 **Notes:** Causes of death were classified using ICD-10 cause of death codes. All rates presented on this page are age-standardized death rates.

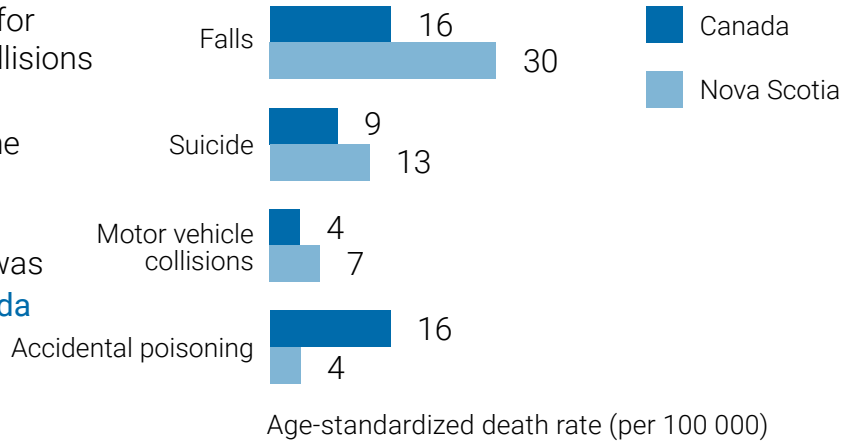
Deaths from Injury

Leading Causes of Injury Deaths

In 2022, the leading causes of death from injury in Nova Scotia were falls, suicide, motor vehicle collisions, and accidental poisoning.

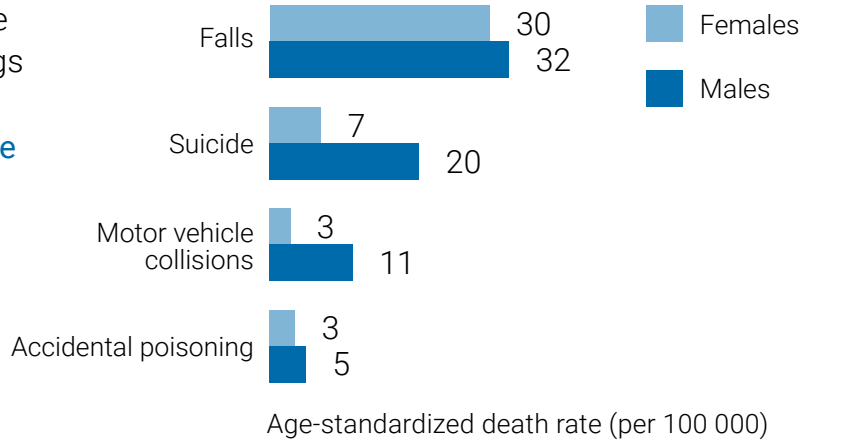
The age-standardized death rates for falls, suicide, and motor vehicle collisions were higher in Nova Scotia than in Canada overall. These causes alone resulted in 668 deaths in 2022.

The rate for accidental poisoning was lower in Nova Scotia than in Canada overall.



Injury Deaths by Sex

The rates for suicide, motor vehicle collisions and accidental poisonings were lower in females than males. The rates for falls were comparable among females and males.



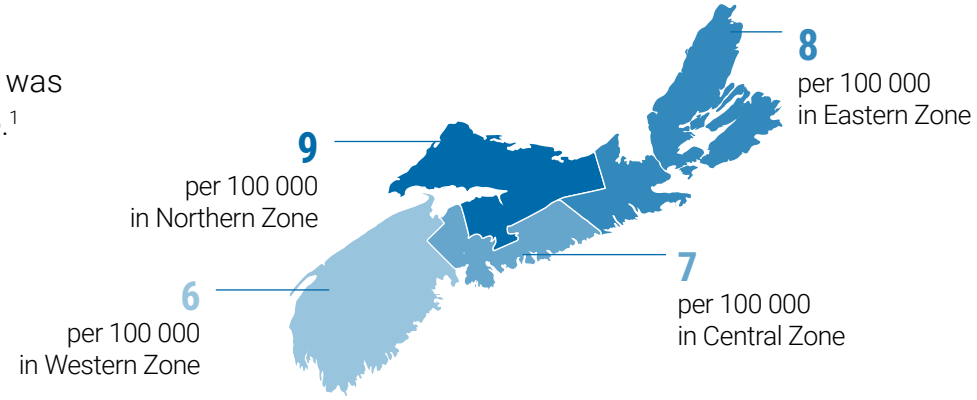
Data Source: Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics and Annual Demographic Estimates., 2022. Table: 13-10-0800-01 **Notes:** Causes of death are classified based on ICD-10 Cause of Death codes. Age-standardized death rates are calculated using the 2011 population of Canada as the standard population. All rates presented on this page are age-standardized death rates.

Opioid Deaths

In 2023, there were 73 opioid deaths in Nova Scotia (7 per 100 000).
This was lower than the rate in Canada (21 per 100 000).[1]

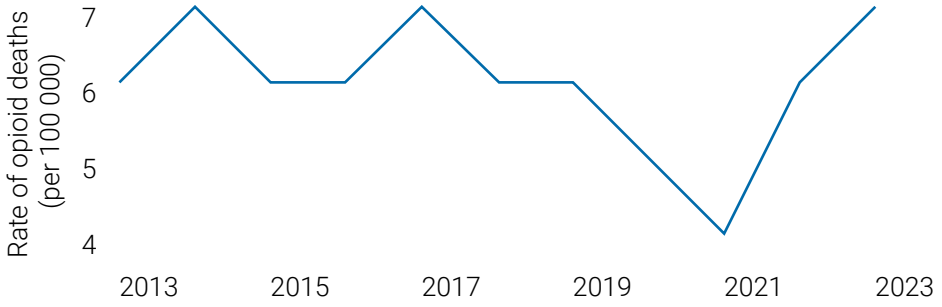
Health Zones

The rate of opioid deaths was highest in Northern Zone.[1]



Trends Over Time

The rate of opioid deaths fluctuated from 2013 to 2023, with the highest rate in 2023.[1]



Sex

Opioid deaths were lower among females than males.[1]

3 deaths per 100 000 in females

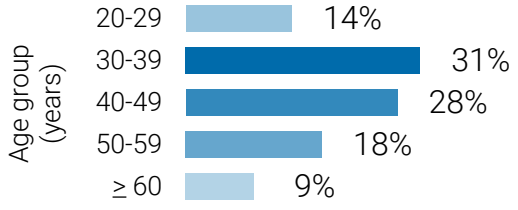
11 deaths per 100 000 in males

90% of opioid deaths were reported as accidental (65 deaths).
10% of opioid deaths were reported as suicides (7 deaths).

Age

Approximately 2 in 3 accidental opioid related deaths were among individuals 30-49 years.[2]

Percentage of all accidental opioid deaths by age group (years)



Data Sources: [1]Open Data Nova Scotia, Numbers and rates of substance-related fatalities in Nova Scotia, 2013-2023 [2]Public Health Agency of Canada, Opioid- and Stimulant-related Harms in Canada, 2023.

Health-Adjusted Life Expectancy at Birth (HALE)

HALE is the expected number of years an individual will live in full health at birth.

Sex

Among females, HALE in Nova Scotia was 70 years, the same as in Canada overall.

Among males, HALE in Nova Scotia was 66 years, which was lower than the HALE of 69 years in Canada overall.

70 years among females

66 years among males

Household Income

HALE was highest among individuals in the highest income neighbourhoods (73 years) and lowest among those in the lowest income neighbourhoods (63 years).



Among females, HALE ranged from 65 years (lowest household income) to 75 years (highest household income).

Among males, HALE ranged from 61 years (lowest household income) to 70 years (highest household income).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics, 2015-2017. Table: 13-10-0370-01 **Notes:** The calculation of life expectancy is based on three consecutive years (2015-2017) of death data and population estimates. HALE by income was reported by area; dissemination areas were assigned to an income quintile based on household income before tax from the 2016 Census.

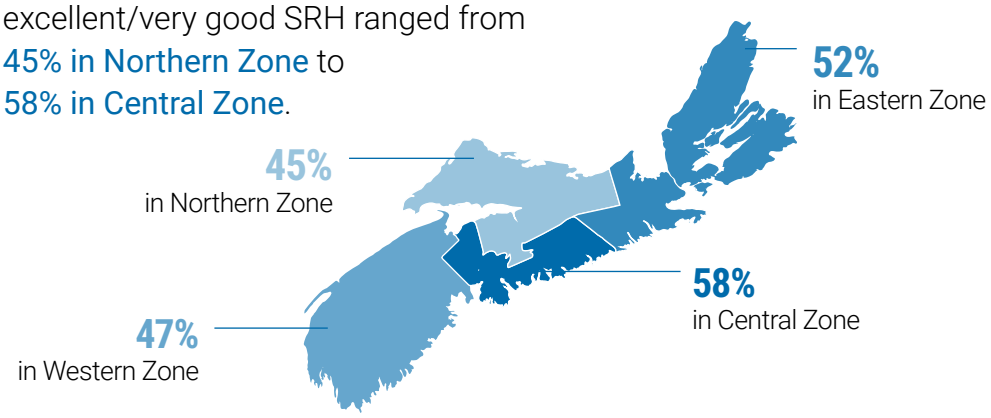
Self-Rated Health (SRH)

SRH measures overall self-rated health status, capturing physical, mental, and social well-being and the absence of disease or injury.

In 2022, 53% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported excellent or very good SRH. This was comparable to the 55% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The percentage of Nova Scotians reporting excellent/very good SRH ranged from 45% in Northern Zone to 58% in Central Zone.



Sex

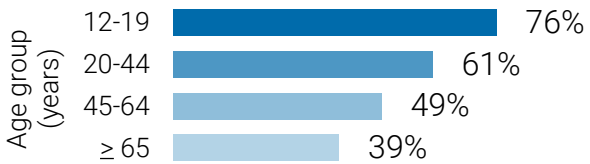
A comparable percentage of females and males reported excellent/very good SRH.

52% of females

54% of males

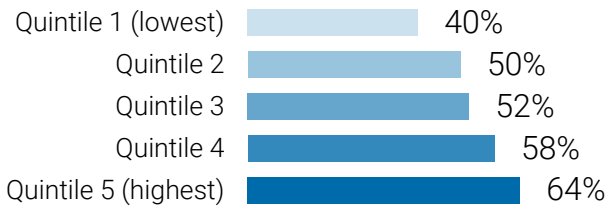
Age

The percentage reporting excellent/very good SRH was highest in Nova Scotians age 12-19 years (76%) and lowest in Nova Scotians age ≥ 65 years (39%).



Household Income

The percentage reporting excellent/very good SRH ranged from 40% (lowest household income) to 64% (highest household income).



Education

The percentage with excellent/very good SRH was highest among those with at least a bachelor's degree (62%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis.
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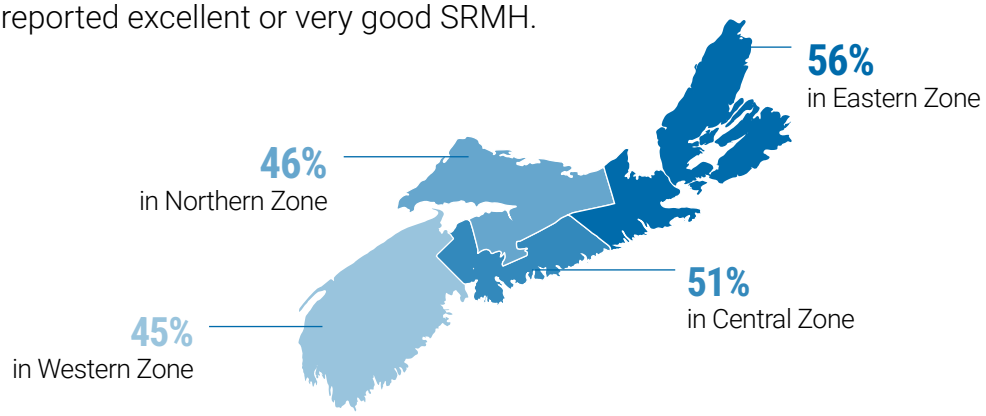
Self-Rated Mental Health (SRMH)

SRMH can be used to measure the mental health of the population and may indicate risk for adverse mental health outcomes.

In 2022, 50% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years had excellent or very good SRMH. This was lower than the 54% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Across zones, approximately half of Nova Scotians reported excellent or very good SRMH.



Sex

A lower percentage of females than males reported excellent/very good SRMH.

43% of females

57% of males

Age

The percentage reporting excellent/very good SRMH ranged from 44% (age 20-44 years) to 56% (age 12-19 years).



Household Income

The percentage reporting excellent/very good SRMH ranged from 43% (lowest household income) to 58% (highest household income).



Education

Across all education levels, approximately 1 in 2 Nova Scotians rated their mental health as excellent or very good.

Data Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis.
Note: The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2022 who responded, "very good" or "excellent" to the question "In general, how is your mental health?"

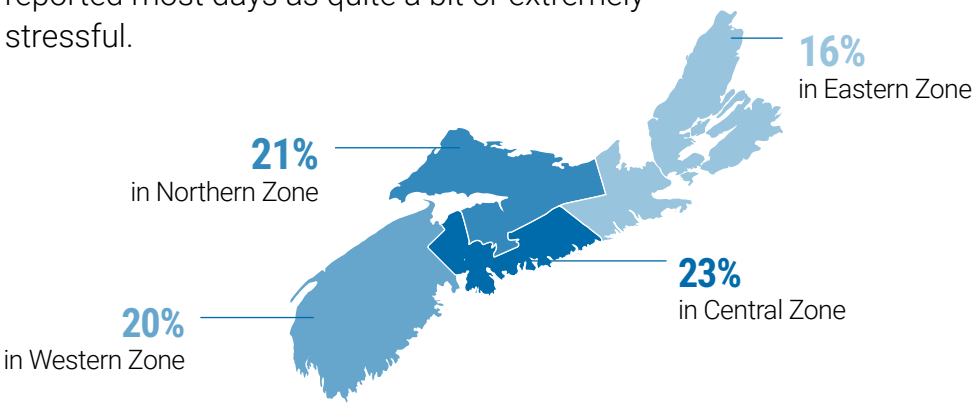
Self-Rated Life Stress

Self-rated life stress measures perceived amount of life stress on most days.

In 2022, 21% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful. This was comparable to the 22% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Across zones, approximately 1 in 5 Nova Scotians reported most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful.



Sex

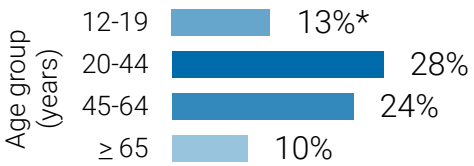
A higher percentage of females than males reported most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful.

24% of females

17% of males

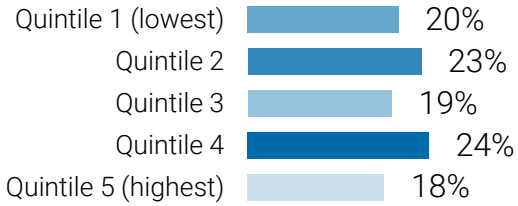
Age

The percentage reporting most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful was highest among those age 20-44 years (28%) and lowest among those age ≥ 65 years (10%).



Household Income

Across all income quintiles, approximately 1 in 5 Nova Scotians reported most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful.*



Education

The percentage reporting most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful ranged from 15% (less than high school) to 29% (at least Bachelor's degree).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Notes:** The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2022 who responded, "quite a bit stressful" or "extremely stressful" to the question "Thinking about the amount of stress in your life, how would you describe most of your days?". * Sample sizes for quintiles were small (including all household income quintiles) and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

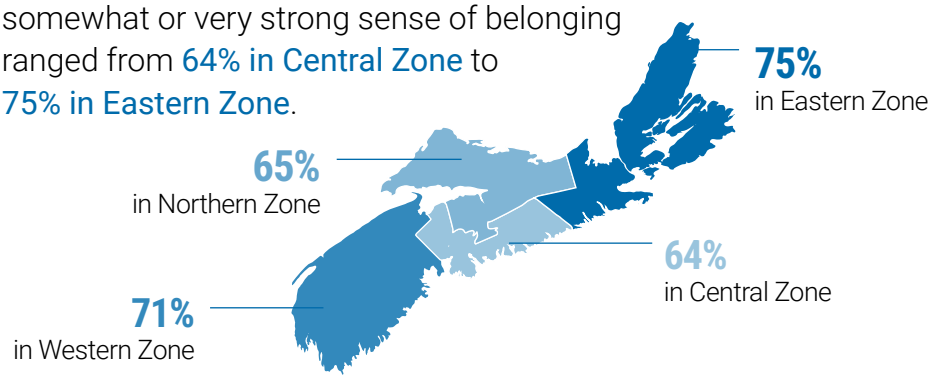
Sense of Belonging

Sense of belonging occurs when people perceive that they are valued, needed, or important to others. This may reduce loneliness. Sense of belonging was self-reported.

In 2022, 68% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported a somewhat strong or very strong sense of belonging. This was comparable to the 63% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The percentage of Nova Scotians reporting a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging ranged from 64% in Central Zone to 75% in Eastern Zone.



Sex

A comparable percentage of females and males reported a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging.

68% of females

67% of males

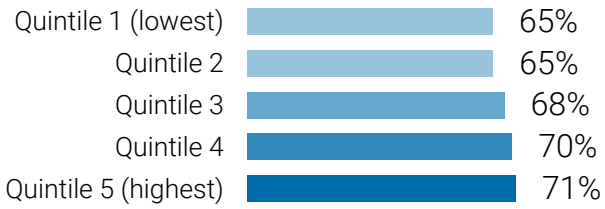
Age

The percentage reporting a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging ranged from 65% (age 20-44 years and age 45-64 years) to 75% (age ≥ 65 years).



Household Income

The percentage reporting a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging ranged from 65% (first and second household income) to 71% (highest household income).



Education

Across all education levels, approximately 2 in 3 Nova Scotians reported a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging.

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Note:** The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2022 who responded, "very strong" or "somewhat strong" to the question "How would you describe your sense of belonging to your local community"?

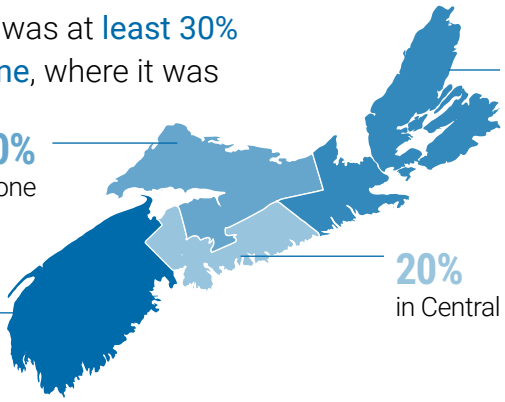
Arthritis

Arthritis causes joint pain, swelling, and stiffness and is a leading cause of disability. Arthritis prevalence was based on self-report.

26% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported arthritis. This was higher than the 19% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Arthritis prevalence was at least 30% in all but Central Zone, where it was lower (20%).



Sex

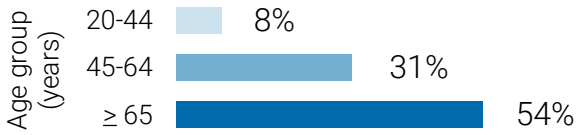
Arthritis prevalence was higher among females than males.

29% of females

23% of males

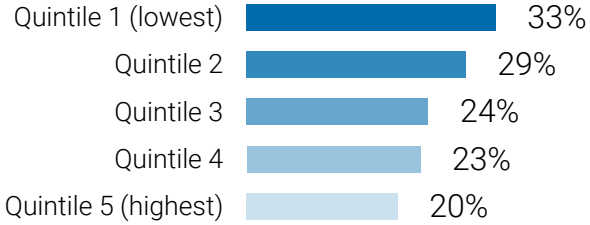
Age

Arthritis prevalence increased with higher age. 1 in 2 Nova Scotians age ≥ 65 years reported arthritis.



Household Income

Arthritis prevalence ranged from 20% (highest household income) to 33% (lowest household income).



Education

Arthritis prevalence was lowest among Nova Scotians with at least a Bachelor's degree (17%).

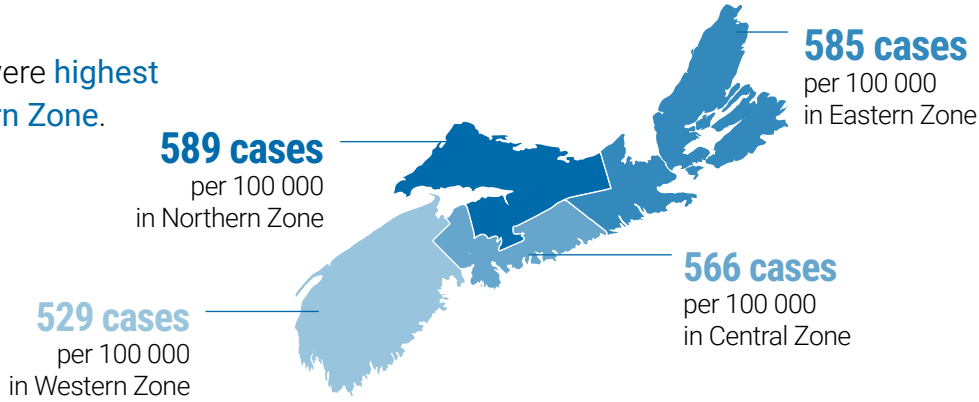
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Cancer Incidence

In 2019, there were 6 993 new cases of cancer in Nova Scotia. The age-standardized incidence rate was 566 new cases per 100 000. This was comparable to the rate for Canada overall (554 new cases per 100 000).

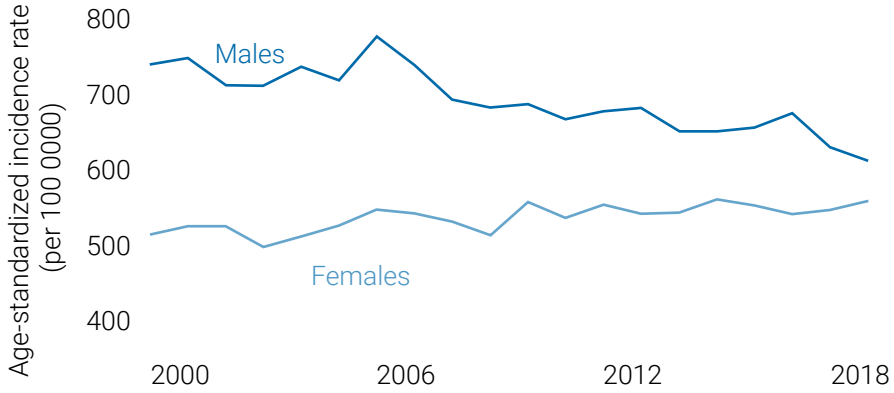
Health Zones

In 2019, overall rates were highest in Northern and Eastern Zone.



Trends Over Time

From 2000 to 2019, the rate for cancer increased among females but decreased among males.



Sex

Most commonly diagnosed cancers in 2019, by sex (rate).

Females

Breast: 139 per 100 000
Lung: 85 per 100 000
Colorectal: 63 per 100 000

Males

Prostate: 109 per 100 000
Lung : 84 per 100 000
Colorectal: 74 per 100 000

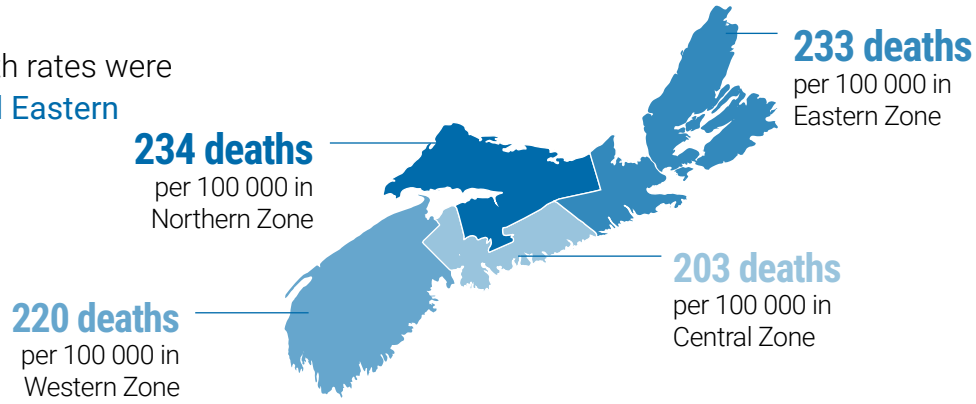
Data Sources: Nova Scotia Health, Cancer Care Program - Registry and Analytics and Statistics Canada Number and rates of new cases of primary cancer, by cancer type, age group and sex. **Notes:** NS counts and rates in this report differ from those published by Statistics Canada; also, methods for calculating Canadian rates differ from those for NS rates. These differences are described in this report's methods section. All rates presented on this page are age-standardized incidence rates.

Cancer Deaths

In 2019, there were 2 804 cancer deaths in Nova Scotia. This was an age-standardized death rate of 219 deaths per 100 000. This was comparable to the 2019 death rate for Canada overall (214 deaths per 100 000).

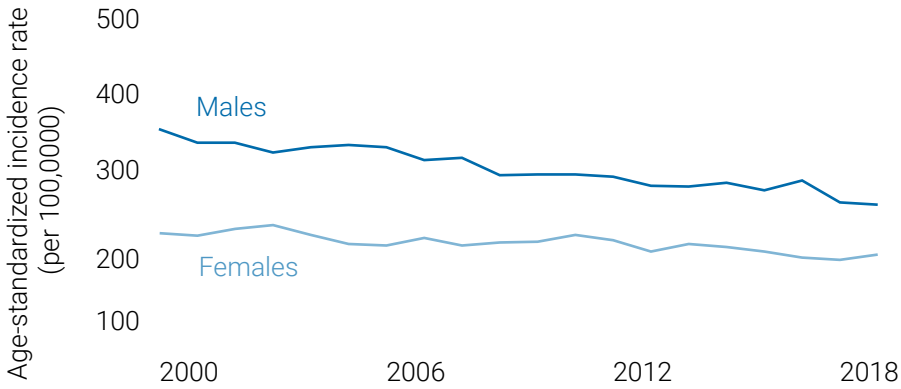
Health Zones

In 2019, the overall death rates were highest in Northern and Eastern Zone.



Trends Over Time

From 2000 to 2019, the death rate for cancer decreased among females and males.



Sex

Most common cancer deaths in 2019, by sex (rate).

Females

Lung: 45 per 100 000
Breast: 31 per 100 000
Colorectal: 23 per 100 000

Males

Lung: 63 per 100 000
Colorectal: 37 per 100 000
Prostate: 27 per 100 000

Data Sources: Nova Scotia Health, Cancer Care Program - Registry and Analytics and Statistics Canada Deaths and mortality rate (age standardization using 2011 population), by selected grouped causes. **Notes:** Nova Scotia counts and rates in this report differ from those published by Statistics Canada; also, methods for calculating Canadian rates differ from those for Nova Scotia rates. These differences are described in this report's methods section. All rates presented on this page are age-standardized death rates.

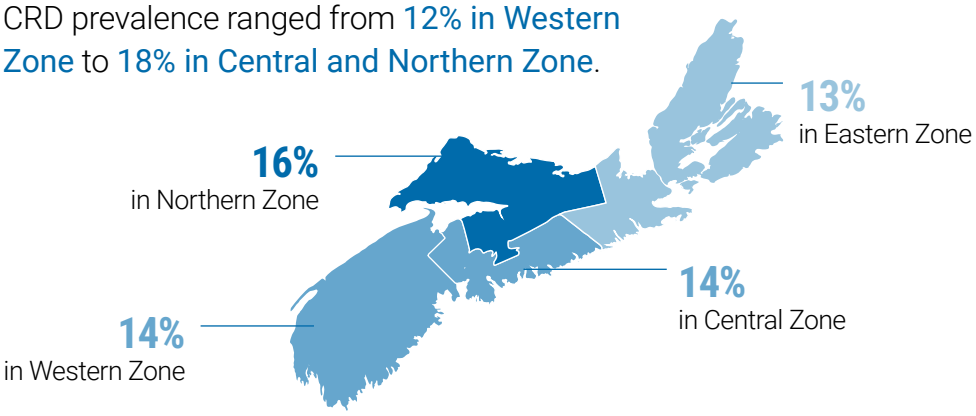
Chronic Respiratory Disease (CRD)

CRD are chronic diseases that affect the lungs and airways (i.e. asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema). CRD prevalence was based on self-report.

14% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years self-reported at least one CRD. This was higher than the 10% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

CRD prevalence ranged from 12% in Western Zone to 18% in Central and Northern Zone.



Sex

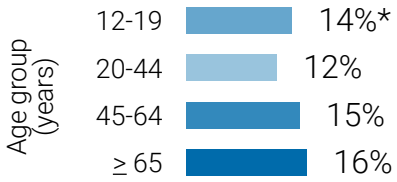
CRD prevalence was comparable among females and males.

16% of females

13% of males

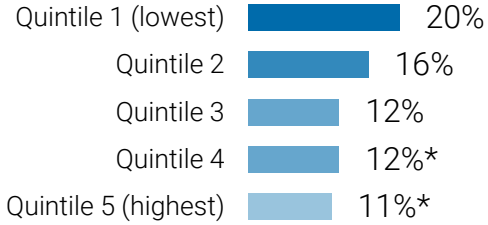
Age

CRD prevalence ranged from 12% (age 20-44 years) to 16% (age ≥ 65 years).



Household Income

CRD prevalence ranged from 11% (highest household income) to 20% (lowest household income).



Education

CRD prevalence was lowest among Nova Scotians with at least at a Bachelor's degree (7%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2020 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2020 who responded "yes" to "Do you have asthma" and/or "Do you have chronic bronchitis, emphysema or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease?" *Sample size for these groups were small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

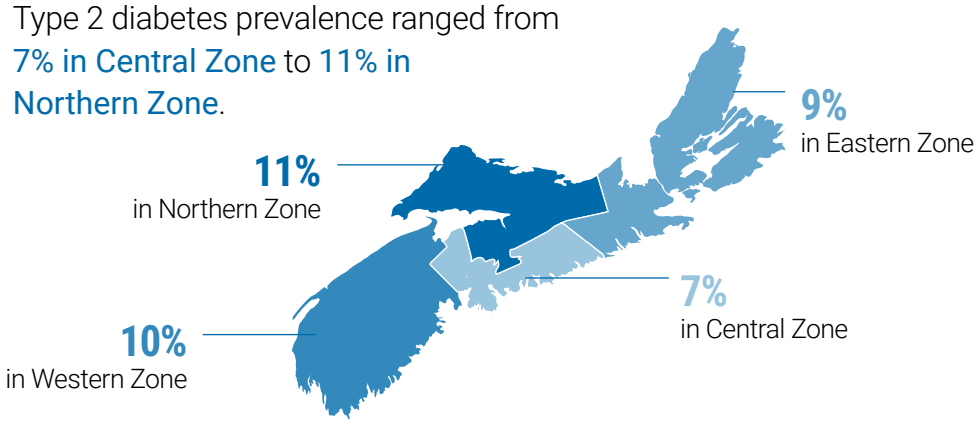
Diabetes, Type 2

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which the body makes insulin but cannot use it properly. Key risk factors include higher age, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, and being overweight or obese. Type 2 diabetes prevalence was based on self-report.

9% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported type 2 diabetes. This was higher than the 7% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Type 2 diabetes prevalence ranged from 7% in Central Zone to 11% in Northern Zone.



Sex

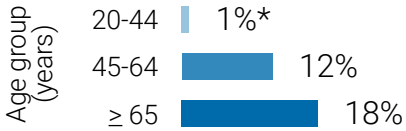
Type 2 diabetes prevalence was comparable among females and males.

8% of females

9% of males

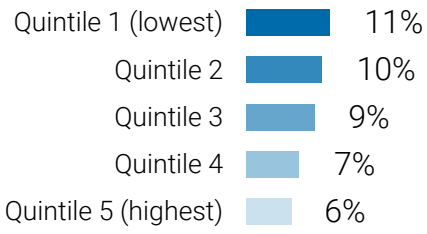
Age

Type 2 diabetes prevalence increased with higher age. Approximately 1 in 5 Nova Scotians age ≥ 65 years reported type 2 diabetes.



Household Income

Type 2 diabetes prevalence ranged from 6% (highest household income) to 11% (lowest household income).



Education

Type 2 diabetes prevalence was lowest among Nova Scotians with at least a Bachelor's degree (4%) and was higher among those with less than a Bachelor's degree (≥ 9%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who responded "yes" to the question "Do you have diabetes?" and were categorized as type 2 using an algorithm developed to identify for type 2 diabetes in CCHS. *Sample size for this group was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

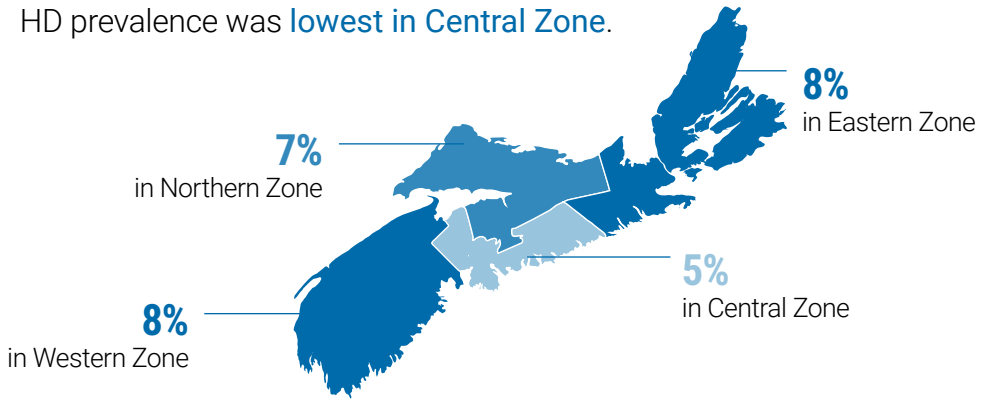
Heart Disease (HD)

HD is a range of conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels. Key risk factors for HD are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking. HD prevalence was self-reported.

6% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported HD. This was higher than the 5% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

HD prevalence was lowest in Central Zone.



Sex

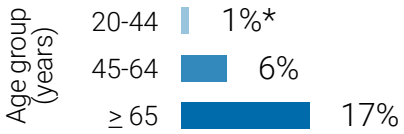
HD prevalence was lower among females than males.

5% of females

7% of males

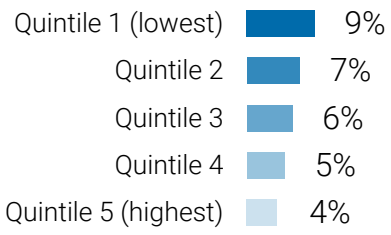
Age

HD prevalence was highest among Nova Scotians age ≥ 65 years (17%).



Household Income

HD prevalence ranged from 4% (highest household income) to 9% (lowest household income).



Education

HD prevalence was lowest among those with at least a Bachelor's degree (4%) and higher among those with less than a Bachelor's degree (≥ 6%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who responded "yes" to the question "Do you have heart disease?". Age-specific prevalence for age 12-19 years was suppressed because of small sample size. *Sample size for this group was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

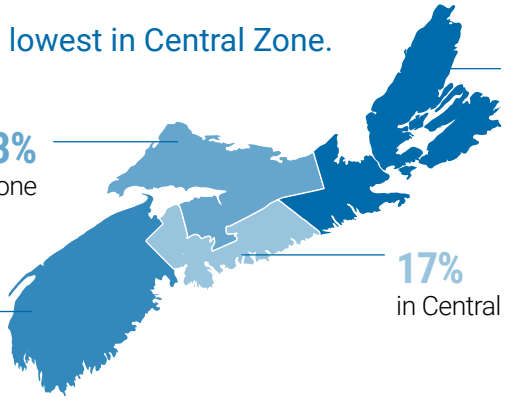
High Blood Pressure (HBP)

HBP is a disease where the force of the blood pushing against the arteries is consistently too high. As a result, the heart must work harder to pump blood. HBP prevalence was self-reported.

21% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported HBP. This was higher than the 18% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

HBP prevalence was lowest in Central Zone.



29% in Eastern Zone

23% in Northern Zone

17% in Central Zone

26% in Western Zone

Sex

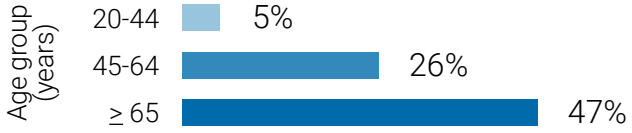
HBP prevalence was comparable among females and males.

21% of females

22% of males

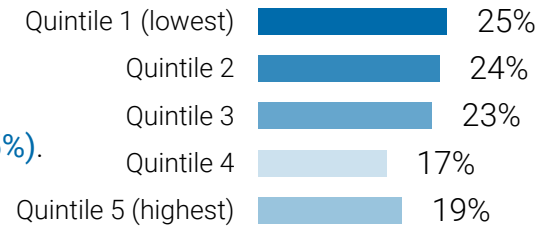
Age

HBP prevalence was highest among Nova Scotians age ≥ 65 years; approximately half reported HBP.



Household Income

HBP prevalence was highest among those with the lowest household income (25%).



Education

HBP prevalence was lowest among Nova Scotians with at least at a Bachelor's degree (15%) and higher among those with less than a Bachelor's degree (≥ 23%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2020 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who responded "yes" to the question "Do you have high blood pressure?" Age-specific prevalence for age 12-19 years were suppressed because of small sample size.

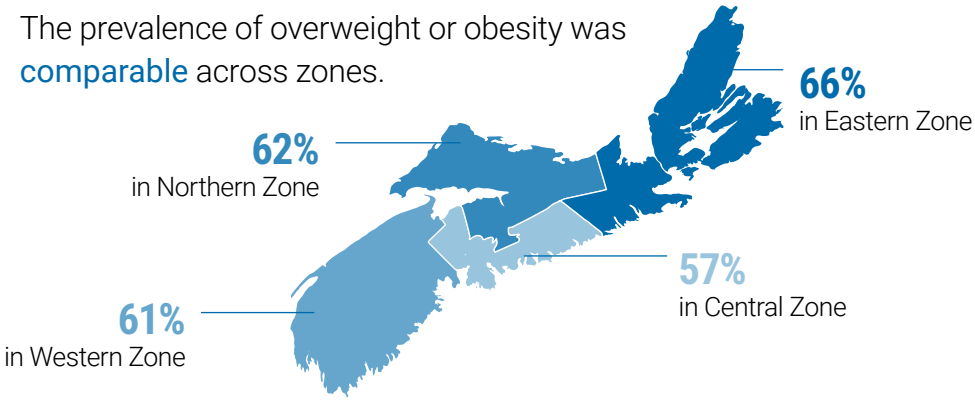
Overweight or Obese

Overweight or obese is based on body mass index (BMI) which is calculated from self-reported height and weight.

60% of Nova Scotian adults were classified as overweight or obese. This was higher than the 54% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The prevalence of overweight or obesity was comparable across zones.



Sex

The prevalence of overweight or obesity was lower among females than males.

56% of females

64% of males

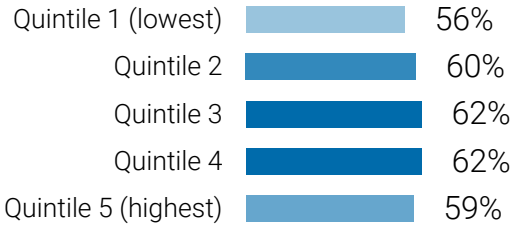
Age

The prevalence of overweight or obesity was lowest in those age 18-44 years (51%) and highest in those age 45-64 years (69%).



Household Income

The prevalence of overweight or obesity ranged from 56% (household income quintile 1) to 62% (income quintiles 3 and 4).



Education

The prevalence of overweight or obesity was highest among individuals with trade certificates, college, or some university. (67%)

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 18 years in 2019-2022 who are classified as overweight or obese class I, II, or III. This measure excludes those who are pregnant or age < 18 years. BMI classification was calculated using weight in kilograms/height in metres^2.

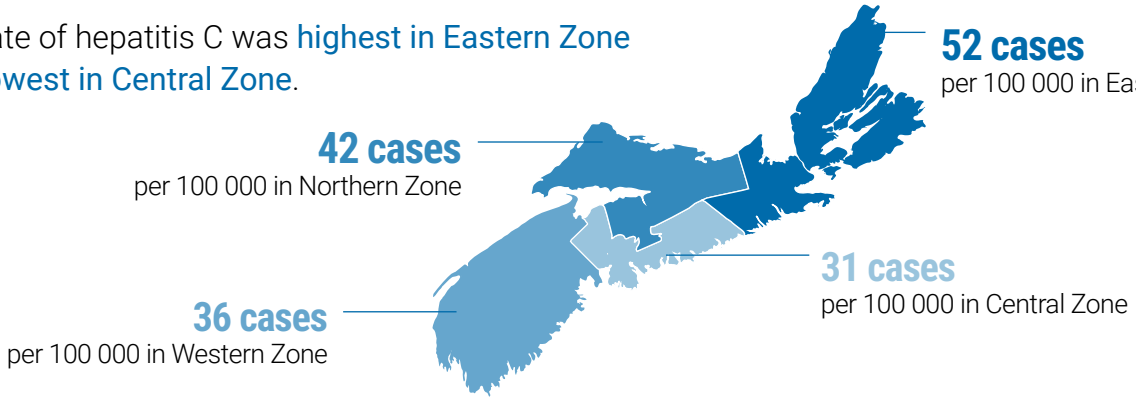
Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C is a chronic liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV).
HCV is spread through contact with infected blood.

In 2023, there were 393 new cases of hepatitis C in Nova Scotia (37 cases per 100 000 population).

Health Zones

The rate of hepatitis C was highest in Eastern Zone and lowest in Central Zone.



Sex

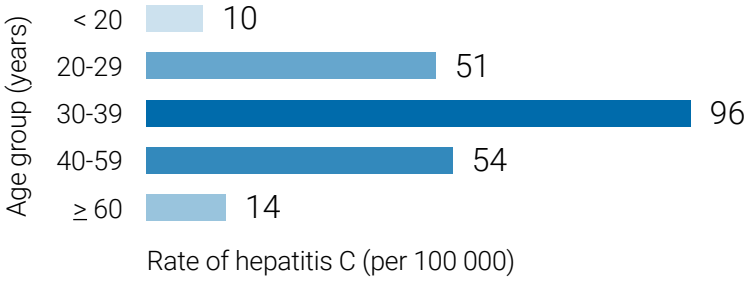
The rate of hepatitis C was higher among males than females.

29 cases per 100 000 in females

46 cases per 100 000 in **males**

Age

In 2023, the rate of hepatitis C was highest among Nova Scotians age 30-39 years.



Injection Drug Use

60% of new hepatitis C cases had used injection drugs.

42% of new hepatitis C cases had shared needles or other drug equipment.

Data Source: Nova Scotia's public health information system, Panorama. Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Note:** Data on risk factors are not mutually exclusive.

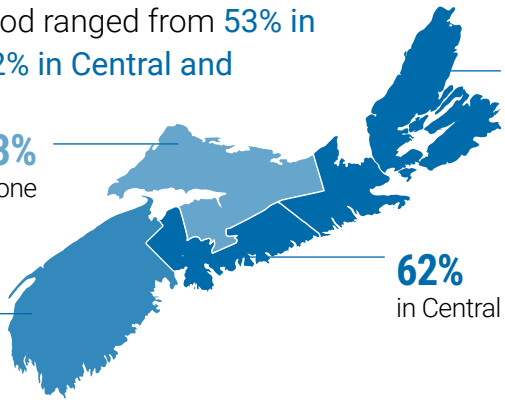
Oral Health

Oral health is a measure of how individuals perceive their oral health. Oral health was self-rated.

59% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported excellent or very good oral health. This was comparable to the 60% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The percentage of Nova Scotians rating oral health as excellent/very good ranged from 53% in Northern Zone to 62% in Central and Eastern Zone.



Sex

A comparable percentage of females and males rated their oral health as excellent/very good.



Age

The percentage of Nova Scotians rating oral health as excellent/very good ranged from 53% (age ≥ 65 years) to 66% (age 20-44 years).



Household Income

The percentage of Nova Scotians rating oral health as excellent/very good ranged from 45% (lowest household income) to 70% (highest household income).



Education

The percentage of Nova Scotians reporting excellent/very good oral health was highest among those with at least a Bachelor's degree (73%).

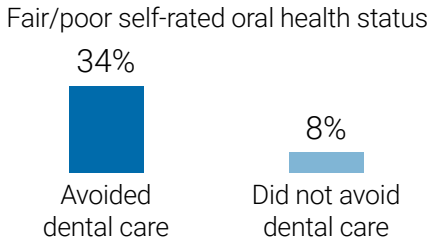
Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Note:** The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2022 who answered "very good" or "excellent" to the question "In general, how would you rate the health of your mouth?"

Avoiding Dental Care Because of Cost

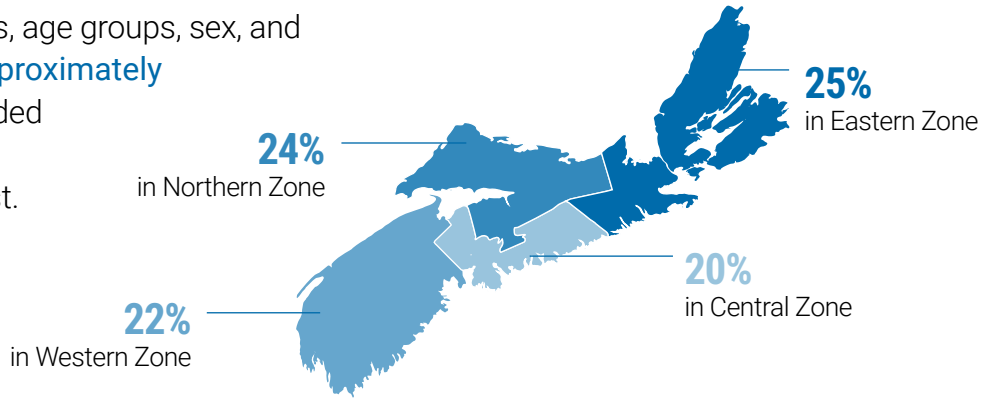
Avoiding or postponing recommended dental care because of cost can contribute to poor oral health. Avoiding dental care because of cost was self-reported.

22% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported avoiding dental care in the past 12 months because of cost. This was comparable to the 23% among Canadians overall.

34% of Nova Scotians who avoided dental care because of cost rated their oral health as fair/poor. However, among those who did not avoid dental care due to cost, only 8% rated their oral health as fair/poor.



Across categories of zones, age groups, sex, and educational attainment approximately 1 in 5 Nova Scotians avoided dental care in the past 12 months because of cost.



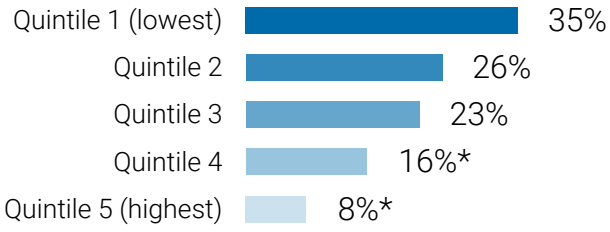
23% of females

21% of males



Household Income

The percentage of Nova Scotians avoiding dental care ranged from 8% (highest household income quintile) to 35% (lowest household income quintile).



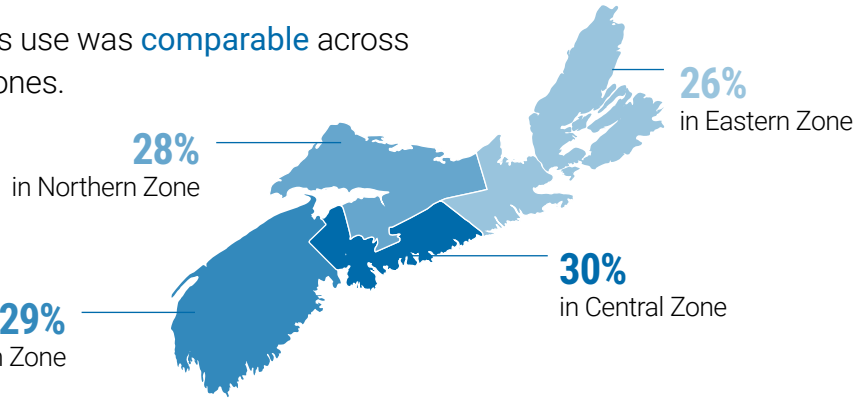
Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** The percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2022 who responded "yes" to the question "In the past 12 months, have you avoided going to a dental professional for your dental care due to the cost?". Age-specific prevalence for age 12-19 years was suppressed because of small sample size. *Sample size for these groups was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

Cannabis Use

29% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported using cannabis in the past 12 months. This was higher than the 21% among Canadians overall. Cannabis use was self-reported.

Health Zones

Cannabis use was comparable across health zones.



Sex

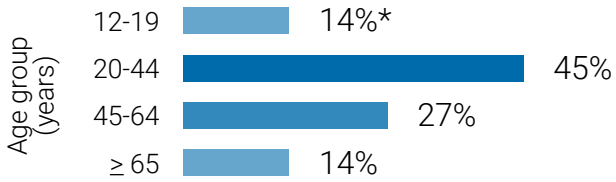
Cannabis use was lower among females than males.

25% of females

32% of males

Age

Cannabis use was highest among those age 20-44 years (45%).

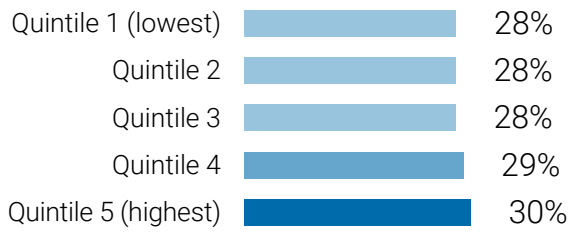


Education

Cannabis use was lowest in individuals with less than high school completion (16%).

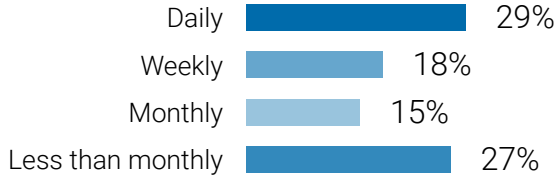
Household Income

Cannabis use was comparable across all household incomes.



Frequency of cannabis use

Among those reporting cannabis use in the past 12 months, cannabis was most commonly used daily (29%) and less than monthly (27%).



Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who responded "yes" to the question "Have you used cannabis in the past 12 months?" *Sample size was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

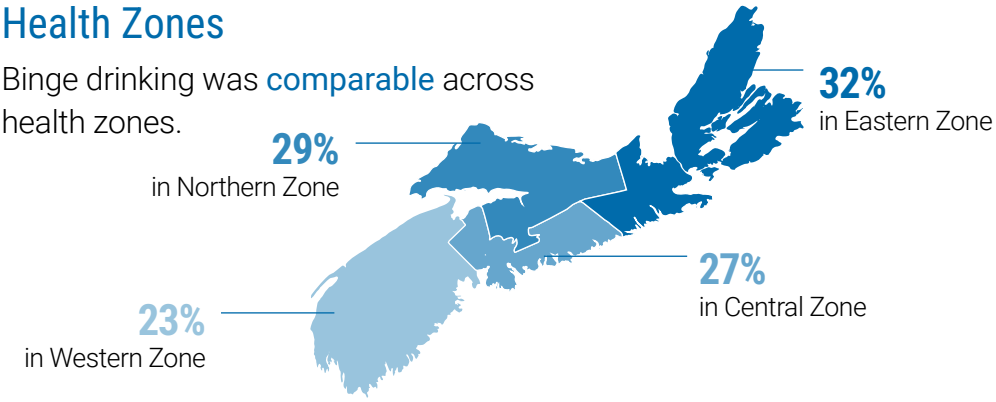
Binge Drinking

Binge drinking is consuming excessive alcohol in a short period of time. For men, this is having ≥ 5 drinks and for females, ≥ 4 drinks on one occasion ≥ once/month in the past year. Binge drinking was self-reported.

27% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported binge drinking. This was higher than the 24% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Binge drinking was comparable across health zones.



Sex

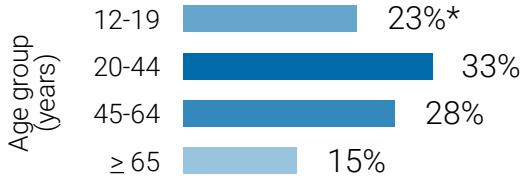
Binge drinking was lower among females than males.

22% of females

32% of males

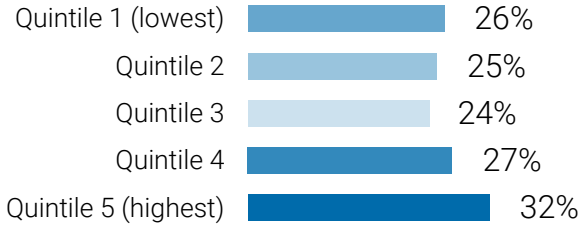
Age

Binge drinking was lowest among those age ≥ 65 years. Approximately 1 in 3 Nova Scotians age 20-44 years reported binge drinking.



Household Income

Binge drinking ranged from 24% (household income quintile 3) to 32% (household income quintile 5).



Education

Binge drinking ranged from 22% (less than high school completion) to 30% (high school completion).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who responded with at least "once a month" to the question "How often in the past 12 months have you had [4/5] or more drinks on one occasion?". *Sample size for this group was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

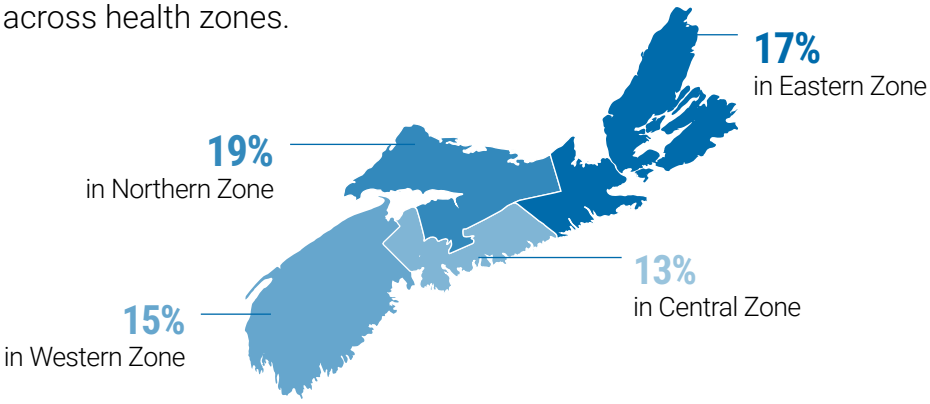
Current Smoking

Daily and occasional smoking can increase risk of early death and tobacco-related cancers. Smoking status was based on self-report.

15% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported they currently smoke. This was higher than the 13% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

Current smoking prevalence was comparable across health zones.



Sex

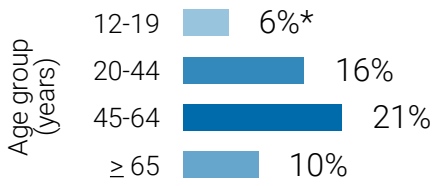
Current smoking prevalence was comparable among females and males.

14% of females

17% of males

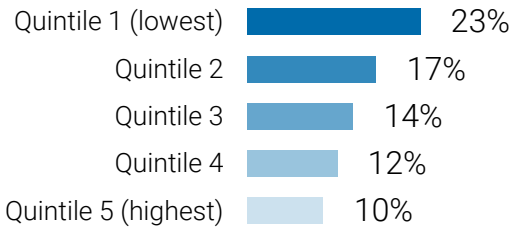
Age

Current smoking prevalence ranged from 6% (age 12-19 years) to 21% (age 45-64 years).



Household Income

Current smoking prevalence was highest among those with the lowest household income (23%).



Education

Current smoking prevalence was lowest among individuals with at least a Bachelor's degree (7%).

Data source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2022 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2022 who reported currently smoking, based derived from responses to a series of questions. Current smoking included those who reported occasional tobacco use. This includes self-made cigarettes and excludes e-cigarettes. *Sample size for this group was small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

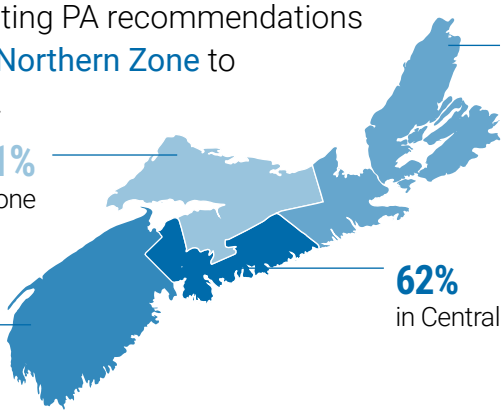
Physical Activity (PA)

Canada's Physical Activity Guidelines recommend adults engage in ≥ 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity PA each week to experience physical activity's maximum health benefits. PA was based on self-report.

58% of Nova Scotian adults reported meeting PA recommendations. This was higher than the 54% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The percentage meeting PA recommendations ranged from 51% in Northern Zone to 62% in Central Zone.



Sex

The percentage meeting PA recommendations was comparable among females and males.

55% of females

61% of males

Age

The percentage meeting PA recommendations was lowest in those age ≥ 65 years (42%) and highest in those age18-44 years (68%).



Household Income

The percentage meeting PA recommendations ranged from 49% (lowest household income) to 69% (highest household income).



Education

The percentage meeting PA recommendations ranged from 40% (less than high school completion) to 71% (at least a Bachelor's degree).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2020-2021 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Note:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 18 years in 2020-2021 who reported ≥ 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity per week derived from responses to a series of questions about their physical activity.

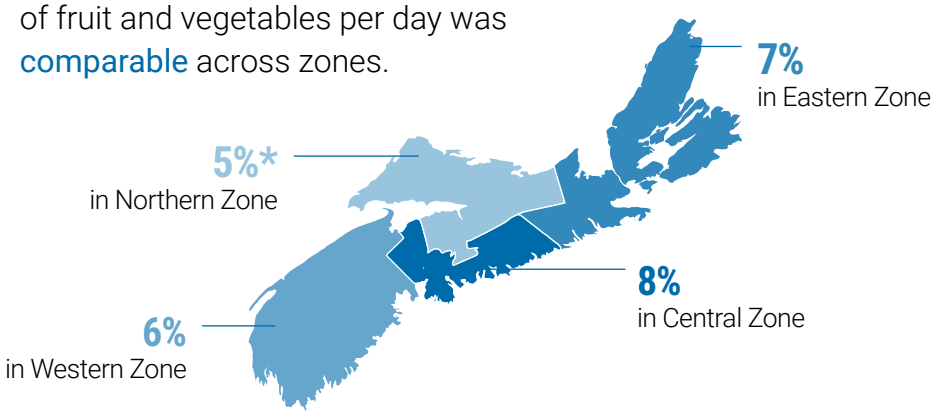
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Canada's Food Guide recommends that teens and adults have ≥ 7 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Fruit and vegetable consumption was self-reported.

7% of Nova Scotians age ≥ 12 years reported having ≥ 7 servings of fruits and vegetables per day. This was lower than the 8% among Canadians overall.

Health Zones

The percentage consuming ≥ 7 servings of fruit and vegetables per day was comparable across zones.



Sex

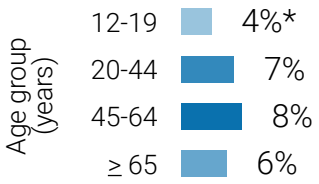
The percentage consuming ≥ 7 servings of fruit and vegetables per day was comparable among females and males.

8% of females

6% of males

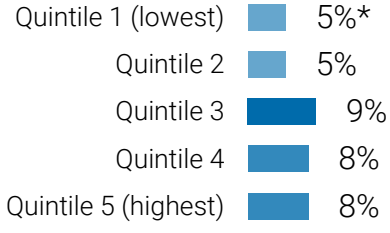
Age

The percentage consuming ≥ 7 servings of fruit and vegetables per day was comparable across age groups.



Household Income

The percentage consuming ≥ 7 servings of fruit and vegetables per day was comparable across all household incomes.



Education

The percentage consuming ≥ 7 servings of fruit and vegetables per day was highest among individuals with at least a Bachelor's degree (11%).

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2019-2021 Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis **Notes:** Annualized percentage of persons age ≥ 12 years in 2019-2021 who reported consuming fruits and vegetables ≥ 7 times per day derived from responses to a series of questions about fruit and vegetable consumption answered by direct respondents only. *Sample sizes were small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent.

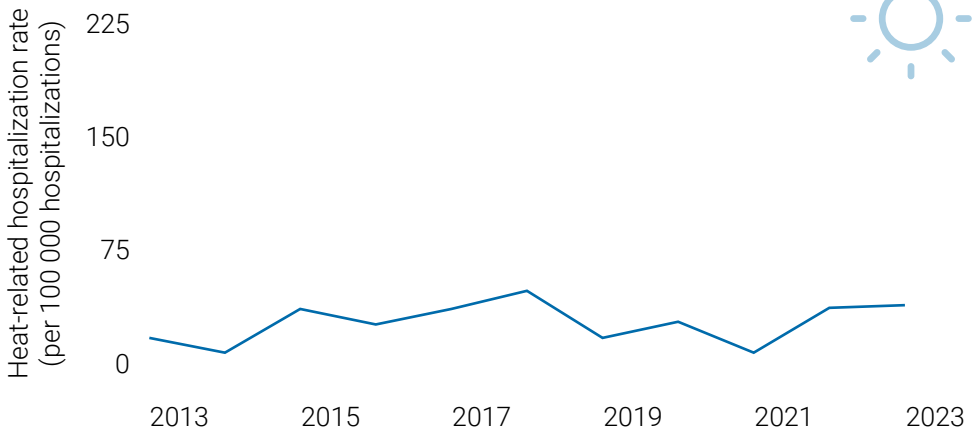
Extreme Temperatures and Human Health

Heat and cold hospitalizations typically represent the most critical extreme temperature cases requiring inpatient care. These hospitalizations demonstrate that the effects of climate change are impacting personal health and healthcare systems. Climate change has a bigger impact on vulnerable populations. These groups include, but are not limited to, older adults, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, and people living in low-income.

Heat

Climate projections suggest that extreme heat will become more common in Nova Scotia.[1]

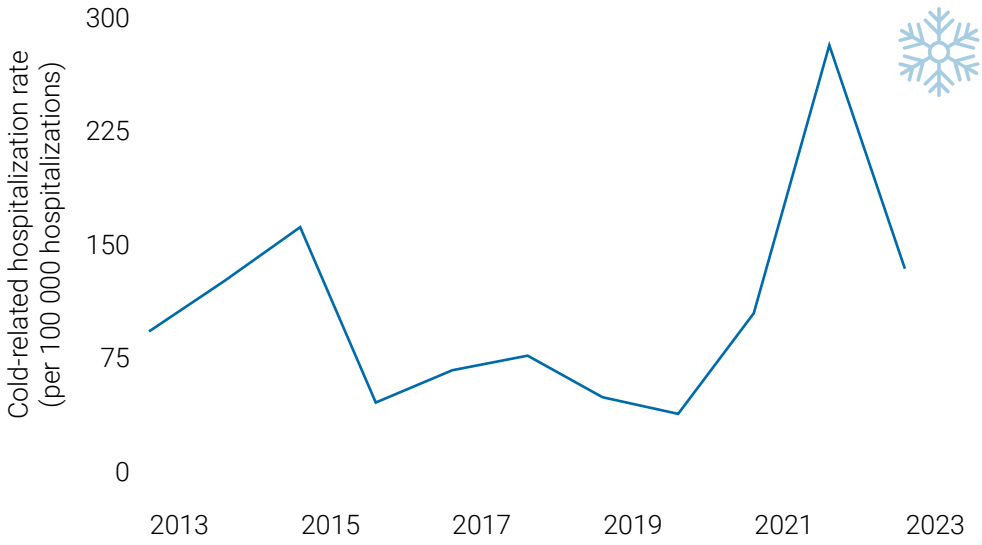
From 2013 to 2023, heat-related hospitalization rates varied yearly, ranging from 0 to 42 hospitalizations per 100 000 hospitalizations[1,2].



Cold

Climate projections suggest that Nova Scotia will have fewer days with extreme cold and an increase in precipitation (snow and rain) in the winter and spring.[1] This can increase risk of flooding.

From 2013 to 2023, cold-related hospitalization rates varied yearly, ranging from 31 to 275 cold-related per 100 000 hospitalizations.[1,2]



Data Sources: [1]NS Climate Change Projections (CMIP5) | Open Data | Nova Scotia; [2]Discharge Abstract Database from Nova Scotia's acute care facilities Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness analysis. **Notes:** Heat waves occur when there are three or more consecutive days above the 90th percentile baseline temperature. Cold waves occur when there are three or more consecutive days below the 10th percentile baseline temperature. Vulnerable populations include seniors, Indigenous peoples, people living in low-income, people with low literacy levels, transient populations, people with disabilities, people who are medically dependent, children and youth, women, and new immigrants and cultural minorities.

Methods

This section describes the selection of indicators, data sources, analyses, and interpretation of results.

Selection of indicators: Nova Scotia's DHW Public Health Branch led the creation of this 2026 report, which is an update of the 2015 report. Indicators in the 2015 report were selected through consultation with public health and clinical partners. Updated data were available for most indicators reported in 2015 and are included. Additionally, DHW added select indicators of emerging public health issues and priorities in Nova Scotia since 2015.

Data sources and analysis: Indicators were obtained through abstraction and analyses of multiple data sources. For abstracted data, report pages presenting indicators include links to the data source where further information on methods is available. Abstracted data were from published Statistics Canada or Open Nova Scotia data. For data analyzed for this report, details on the data source and analytic methods are described in the table below. DHW conducted abstraction and analyses from July 2024 to January 2026, using the most recent data available; years of data and age groups used for indicators differ across the report because of varying data availability. For some characteristics, categories presented in the 2026 report differ from the 2015 report because of changes in disease patterns or data collection methods across time. Definitions of indicators are provided in text and/or footnotes of the report.

The 2011 Canadian Census population was the standard population for age-standardized incidence and mortality rates. Sex and gender were defined using the terminology in the original data source. Zone level results were based on the Statistics Canada definition of Nova Scotia's health management zones; for the years of data analyzed, the geographic boundaries for the Statistics Canada definition differ slightly from the Nova Scotia Health Authority definition.

Data Analyzed for 2026 Population Health Report

Cancer Data

Nova Scotia Health, Cancer Care Program – Registry and Analytics conducted all analyses of Nova Scotia specific cancer counts and rates. Canadian incidence and mortality rates (which do not contain data from Quebec) were abstracted from Statistics Canada. Counts and rates for Nova Scotia and Canada are for all age groups and represent the underlying population. Incident cancer was newly diagnosed invasive cancer in the time period of interest, identified with International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition, 2nd revision (ICD-0-3); cancer deaths were those for which cancer, identified with ICD-0-3, was the underlying cause of death. The denominator for annual rates were the census counts for the respective population during the same year as the numerator. Statistics Canada reports Nova Scotia-specific counts and rates that are lower than those in this report for at least two reasons. First, Nova Scotia results in this report include multiple primaries whereas Statistics Canada counts a single case per person; second, annual estimates from Statistics Canada site are based on a static file and do not reflect ongoing updates to provincial cancer registrations.

Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS)

DHW calculated a range of health characteristics using combined 2019 to 2022 CCHS data. CCHS is a telephone and internet administered cross-sectional survey of individuals age ≥ 12 years and is designed to provide population health estimates representative of Canada, provinces, and territories for persons age ≥ 12 years. For each measure, annualized percentages and 95% confidence interval (CI) were calculated using data for all years that the characteristic was measured, with exceptions on the following pages: educational attainment and household income page and self-rated physical and mental health, stress, and sense of belonging were calculated using 2022 data only. For each indicator, the denominator of percentages includes respondents who did not respond to the question about the characteristic and therefore the percentage (prevalence) with the characteristic may be underestimated. All characteristics measured in the CCHS are self-reported. During the CCHS interview, the section on chronic diseases begins with a statement asking respondents to report conditions based on health care provider diagnosis; some questions about each chronic disease do not refer to health care provider diagnosis and therefore condition status reported may not be limited to those diagnosed by a health care provider.

CCHS Continued: For each indicator, results on the page are based on the same age groups and definition. Analyses were conducted for overall population (Nova Scotia and Canada) and for Nova Scotia, stratified by age, provincial health management zone, sex, annual household income (quintiles), and highest educational attainment. Percentages were calculated for all ages for which data were collected except for results on the educational attainment and household income page which were limited to adults (respondents age ≥ 18 years). Annual household income, calculated by Statistics Canada, was from respondents' income tax returns for the previous year; results were imputed for those who did not consent to release of income information.

Sampling and bootstrap weights were applied in all CCHS analyses. Statistics Canada's release guidelines, based on sample size and coefficient of variation, were used to identify results to be suppressed or released with caution (noted in the footnotes as "Sample size for these groups were small and may not fully represent the larger group the survey is intended to represent"). CCHS methods, including sampling frame, are described elsewhere.

Climate-Related Health Data

DHW calculated cold- and heat-related hospitalizations for 2013 to 2023 using the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD). Heat and cold-related exposure events based on International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Canada (ICD-10-CA): excessive natural heat (ICD-10 X30) and excessive cold (ICD-10 X31). For each temperature related outcome, hospitalization rates were calculated during the period where excessive exposure was most likely, defined in the NS Climate Change Projections data. For each year, the numerator of the rate was number of hospitalizations related to temperature event and denominator was number of all-cause hospitalizations during the year. For Nova Scotia, DAD contains hospital discharges from most acute inpatient hospitals.

Hepatitis C Data

DHW calculated hepatitis C incidence rates using data from Panorama, Nova Scotia's public health information system of reportable diseases and immunizations. The prevalence of each risk factor was calculated among all those with hepatitis C and the denominator included cases with missing risk factor data (completeness of risk factor range=60 to 80%).

Material Deprivation Data

NS Material Deprivation Index was calculated for Nova Scotia using 2021 Canadian Census data. Material deprivation was calculated using the following census characteristics and age groups: median individual income (≥ 15 years), count of unemployed individuals (25-64 years), and count of individuals with high school diploma (≥ 20 years). The index was derived as follows: community-level age-standardized (indirect) rate ratios calculated using the Nova Scotia 2021 population as the standard population (communities definition: NS Department of Finance Community Counts); rate ratios for characteristics with skewed distribution across communities were normalized. For each characteristic and community combination, scores - based on weighted rate ratios - were calculated, ranked in order of deprivation magnitude across communities based on magnitude, and then classified into quintiles representing level of deprivation (Mikiko Terashima, Nova Scotia Deprivation Index Constructive Guide, 2015). For this report, DHW calculated percentage of the Nova Scotia population in each quintile for material deprivation.

Interpretation of results: Differences in percentages and rates (e.g., between Nova Scotia and Canada; by subgroups) were assessed in two ways. First, for measures with variance estimates (95% CI for HALE, all CCHS measures; margin of error for life expectancy), measures were interpreted as different if CIs did not overlap. Several measures in this report were derived from a count of the entire population and therefore variance calculations are not indicated; in this case (or when variance estimates were unavailable), measures were interpreted as different when the relative percentage difference between two estimates was ≥ 10%. Tests for trends were not conducted for the report's analysis. Trends across time were interpreted as different (e.g., increasing) if interpretation of differences were described in a published report or through communication with an official representative from the data source. Results from analyses conducted by DHW are available on request.


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