



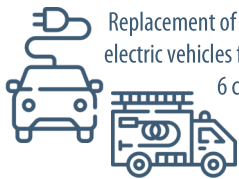
# ANNUAL MUNICIPAL REPORT

## 2024 - The Year in Review

*Community commitments and promises successfully kept in 2024...*

*Protecting the*

## ENVIRONMENT



Replacement of costly fossil fuel town fleet vehicles with 6 electric vehicles funded primarily through FCM which included 6 charge stations. We also have the province's very first all electric fire response vehicle.

Hugely popular and well-utilized **Septic Pumping Rebate Program** which put \$20,000 back into resident's pockets.

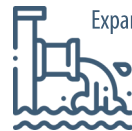


Solar powered trail lighting throughout Voisey's Brook Park trail system which enhances and allows all season use of a great community assets.

*Responsible and accessible*

## SERVICES & SAFETY

Upgrades to Dogberry Hill Road, School Road and Spurrells Road Bridge, sidewalk installations along Dogberry Hill Road, and stormwater infrastructure upgrades on Dogberry Hill Road and Ursula Crescent.



Expanded access to water and sewer services along Dogberry Hill Road, water access on Jendarmie Place and upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure. Expansion of the St. Philip's Waste Water Treatment Plant and upgrades to both the St. Philip's and Portugal Cove Waste Water Treatment Plants.

Back up generators for the Town Hall and Portugal Cove Fire Hall to enhance resources in time of emergency need, as well as expanded emergency preparedness training.



*Enhancing and preserving our*

## COMMUNITY ASSETS

Installation of all new **splash pad** and changing facility supporting increased accessibility and inclusion, opening in 2025. As well, upgrades to existing parks and recreation facilities.



Installation of an all new **outdoor classroom** bolstering environmental education and expanding education outreach. Upgrades to existing trails and working on new trails.

Hosting of the **2024 Killick Coast Games** for more than 400 regional athletes while engaging local business sponsors for improved economic development potential.



*Rural-urban balance with*

## SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Complete and thorough review of the **Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations** undertaken which provided multiple progressive updates to the draft **2024-2034 Municipal Plan and Development Regulations** with accompanying public engagement and consultations.

Launching of a new Business Permit Compliance campaign which provided outreach to more than 175 businesses.



The Planning & Development Department processed more than 380 development applications and 59 permits for new homes and apartments.

*Building the economy through*

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



Implementation of a regional agreement for improved Municipal Enforcement (MEO) services with increased enforcement presence and greater community security.

Grant program supported continued investment in community organizations such as the PCSP Partners for the Arts, the Regional Food Hub and the Arts, Wellness & Heritage group.



More than **4100** residents attended **26** events and participated in more than **30** programs, most of which sold out completely.

Recreation Centre rentals increased to a booking rate of **96%** of available dates, as well as a marked increase in field and facility use.

Spectacular community spirit evident in **one of the largest** Christmas parades to date and abundant attendance numbers for all of our holiday events.

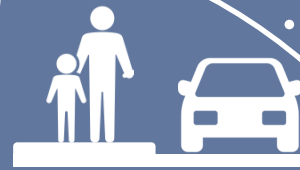
*Thank you for supporting your community!*

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## Shaping the Future in 2025

*Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community.*

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WILL REMAIN THE SAME.



- \$1.1 million budgeted for enhancement to sidewalks, trails and trail development to increase walkability and support safe active transportation.
- Infrastructure upgrades and applicable cost share (both federal and provincial) \$8,541,960.20.



- New garbage compactors will be leased to replace the currently aging fleet to lower costly maintenance and repairs and increase waste collection and operational efficiency.
- A new loader will also be leased to enhance operational capacities.



- Budget allocation for the leak detection program to continue lowering water supply costs and improving long-term asset management for water infrastructure.



- Continuation of the very successful **Septic Pumping Rebate Program** with an increased budget of \$30,000.
- In response to the current economic deficit and resulting cut in funding, the Town is proactively building on the asset management reserve.



- Continued support for the arts and preservation of our heritage including a vibrant community mural being commissioned for the St. Philip's harbour front.



- Completion of a civic center feasibility study.



- Continued commitment to inclusive programs and services helping to remove barriers for all residents and help to encourage a healthy lifestyle.



- Continued commitment to responsibly enhancing our open spaces, and superior sporting facilities with the resurfacing of the Voisey's Brook soccer field.

FOR A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF THE 2025 BUDGET, VISIT [PCSP.CA](http://PCSP.CA)