

AGENDA

Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners
December 5, 2024 @ 5PM
BPS Community Room

Order

Additions/Deletions

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Training

Body Cam

Minutes

November 7th, 2024

Correspondence & Information

24-044 Drone - Standard Operating Procedure

24-045 Prisoner Care & Control - Standard Operating Procedure

Old/Unfinished Business

24-037 Orientation Booklet

Policing Standards Audit Update

New Business

Meeting & Documents Directive

Meeting Location

Capital & Operating Budgets 25/26

24-046 November Month End

Next Meeting

January 2, 2025

Adjournment

There will be an In-Camera meeting held immediately following this meeting to deal with a matter under the Municipal Government Act, Section 22(c) Personnel.

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
November 7th , 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on November 7th, 2024 at the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS, commencing at 5:30 PM with Board Chair Darren Lipsett presiding.

Those in attendance: Commissioners Palma Champoux, Fay Patey, Cheryl Fougere, Mike Conklin and David Mitchell.

Also present: Chief Scott Feener, Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, Deputy CAO Mark Flint and Recording Secretary, Patty Sleep.

Regrets: Diane Spencer

ORDER

Call to order at 5:31PM

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

DECLARATION OF Conflict of Interest

TRAINING

Drone Demonstration

Brief overview of the Drone, purchased by BPS and BFD, was discussed.

Full drone demonstration to be held at a later date.

MINUTES

24-026 Moved by Commissioner Fougere and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the Minutes of the October 3rd, 2024 regular meeting approved with noted changes. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

Letter – Town of Lunenburg By-Law Enforcement

doc # 24-041

Letter received from the Town of Lunenburg, effective immediately, they no longer require BPS to provide By-Law Services.

Letter – DOJ – Advisory Services/Public Safety Audit Function

doc # 24-042

Letter received from Department of Justice, Public Safety & Security Division advising that staff from the Public Safety Audit Function will be travelling to the Province to meet.

The PSAF's will discuss their roles and responsibilities, as well offer advisory services to police agencies and police boards.

The actual Audit will not take place until September 2025.

UNFINISHED/OLD Business

Additional Officer Program

Due to the call of provincial election, there has been no change to the AOP funding or useage.

Crossing Guards

Chief Feener advised, BPS has successfully hired a crossing guard who started in October.

Commission had brief discussion on TIR data. Chief offered to compile, if interested.

Orientation Draft

doc # 24-037

Commissioner Fay Patey prepared an Orientation Booklet which was circulated to the commission for input.

Commission members agreed, the wording and structure was fine and a few suggestions noted below

- Updated every year
- Only Summary Budget documents included
- Add location, time and date of meetings
- Enhance on roles and responsibilities/functions of the Board
- Code of Conduct
- Mandate of the Board
- Links to Minutes, Agendas and Docs on website
- Link to the Police Act

Commissioner Patey will revised with noted changes and bring to the next meeting for a vote.

NEW BUSINESS

BPS Range

BPS secured funding, up to \$25,000.00 for the range. An inspection was completed by the firearms officer, as part of the process, to determine and advise what changes would be needed.

The Town of Bridgewater, Public Works Department will complete these upgrades, which should take approximately 1-2 weeks, in the next few months.

PC Meeting Location

Vice Chair Cheryl Fougere raised the topic of the current Police Commission meeting location, seeking feedback from board members in terms of public perspective, space, layout, etc.

Members agreed, perhaps the current space is not public friendly and other locations should be explored.

Items to consider while seeking other venues:

- Privacy for In-Camera meeting, which directly follows regular meeting
- Meeting layout
- Accessibility
- Complete separation from BPS and Town Hall

October Month End

doc # 24-0??

October Monthly Report circulated to Board members. No questions or discussion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th, 2024.

Regular meeting concluded.

24-027 Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Fougere to leave regular meeting and go In-Camera. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

24-028 Moved by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Fougere to adjourn meeting. Motion carried

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

Darren Lipsett
Board Chair

Drone – Remotely Piloted Aircraft System

PC 24-044

GENERAL

The Bridgewater Police Service maintains a UAV (drone) which can be deployed in support of police operations. The deployment of this specialized equipment is to enhance community and officer safety during emergency situations, and to increase our capacity in supporting investigations.

POLICY

The Bridgewater Police Service UAV (drone) will only be deployed for authorized missions, approved by the Chief of Police or designate and piloted by Transport Canada certified, designated police pilots.

The Bridgewater Police Service UAV (drone) authorized missions may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Training missions for UAV (drone) pilots
- b. Situational awareness during police operations
- c. Search and rescue
- d. Tactical deployment
- e. Incident / scene documentation
- f. Requests from another agency or Town of Bridgewater department for assistance, with approval of the Chief of Police or designate.

Operational Procedures

1. BPS will comply with Transport Canada guidelines when deploying the UAV (drone)
2. Only designated police pilots with valid Transport Canada license shall operate the UAV
3. All drone flights require a flight and safety plan prior to deployment of the UAV including reason for the flight, date /time and location, and an assistance file is to be generated on PROS.
4. BPS will attempt to notify the public in the immediate area when the UAV is deployed, except where officer or public safety could be jeopardized, and when reasonably practical.
5. When the UAV is deployed at a crime scene, crime scene management policy shall be followed, including obtaining any warrants or other judiciary authorizations.
6. Any evidence that is gather will be handled as per BPS policy and be treated like any other exhibit.
7. All operational flights will utilize a new SD card to record each flight. The operational SD cards must be handled as evidence and exhibited according to BPS exhibit policy.

UAV Pilots

1. All BPS UAV pilots must be certified by Transport Canada and designated as a BPS pilot by the Chief of Police.
2. BPS UAV pilots will be responsible for the care and upkeep of the UAV, and conduct regular inspection of the BPS UAV to ensure it is ready to fly at all times.
3. Any maintenance issue must be documented and immediately reported to the Chief of Police or designate.
4. UAV pilots must ensure they keep records of their training and operational flights.
5. BPS UAV pilots will adhere to and follow all policy and Transport Canada guidelines when operating the BPS UAV.
6. The BPS UAV will be stored in the Bridgewater Fire Service when not in use.

BPS



24-045

PRISONER CARE AND CONTROL

GENERAL

The Bridgewater Police Service will ensure those held in custody are treated with dignity and respect.

POLICY

Roles and Responsibilities

1. The Bridgewater Police Service currently uses the Lunenburg County RCMP as a lockup facility. The lockup facility will be staffed by personnel approved by the RCMP.
2. BPS members will follow the current MOU signed with the RCMP.
3. In the event of a prisoner's death or serious injury while in the custody at the RCMP lockup, RCMP shall be responsible to contact the Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) and notify immediately. Police and Public Safety shall be notified as soon as practicable, as per Department of Justice Standing Orders for lockup facilities.

Booking

1. A person detained in the custody of the Bridgewater Police Service shall be treated with decency and respect, and provided with all the rights accorded to them by law.
2. A Prisoner report Form C -213, will be completed by the arresting member on each person arrested and held in cells. Arresting officer will also enter prisoner's name in the prisoner log book located in booking.
3. The arresting officer will conduct a personal search of all persons arrested to remove any item that could be used by the prisoner to cause harm to themselves, as well as, to secure and protect personal property. If a prisoner is a female, the search shall be conducted by female custodian or female police officer whenever practicable.

4. All items removed from prisoner shall be listed on a prisoner report form, stored and secured in lockers located in cell area until such time as the prisoner is released.
5. Any item seized from the prisoner, which could be used as evidence, will be recorded on the prisoner C -213 form, added to PROS and processed as per Standard Operational Procedures.
6. All prisoners held in custody at the RCMP lockup will be checked on CPIC for warrants, CNI history, and PROS for history of mental health, substance abuse or violence. Such checks shall be noted on Prisoner Report Form C -213.
7. The health of the prisoner, including any injury, or medical alert bracelets shall be determined prior to him/her being placed in the cells.
8. Prisoners shall not be in possession of medication while in RCMP cells.
9. At any time during incarceration, should a prisoner complain of a non - emergency medical problem or the need for medication, the on duty N.C.O. shall be notified and EHS will attend the lock up to assess the prisoner.
10. The on duty N.C.O. will be advised of individuals in a state of apparent intoxication who have a known history of drug overdose, a medical history that may be associated with an altered level of consciousness (diabetes), or a history of significant head trauma. These individuals shall be examined by a physician prior to being held in lockup.
11. An individual who is detained in lockup for intoxication shall be woken according to RCMP policy and assessed for alertness.
12. Anytime a prisoner is not able to be woken or is found unconscious, EHS will be contacted immediately. The on-duty NCO will attend the lockup.
13. The arresting officer is responsible for placing the detained person in the cell prior to departing lockup.
14. Male and female prisoners can be held in same cell block area (adult side) provided no physical or visual contact can be made between prisoners.

Rousability

If a person is unconscious or unresponsive at time of arrest or at any time while in the custody of police, they are to be taken for an immediate medical assessment.

1. When assessing a person for admission to cells, in an apparent intoxicated or unconscious state, police records checks must be made (if there is identification) to ascertain if there is a known history of drug overdose, attempted suicide or other record of drug use that may be associated with their state of consciousness.
2. Determine if there is the presence of medication or prescription bottles - with or without pills.
3. If either 1 or 2 exist but the person is conscious and responsive, they are to be closely monitored and if any decline in responsiveness is noted, they shall be immediately assessed by a qualified medical practitioner.

In Custody Rousability

1. All prisoners who are presumed to be intoxicated by either drugs or alcohol or both shall be reassessed to ensure that they are awake or arousable at least every 15 minutes.
2. If during any assessment the prisoner is not arousable, they shall be immediately assessed by a qualified medical practitioner. **Note: Screening tool such as the 4R's should be used-same attached.**
3. Prisoners who fall asleep after being aroused shall be placed in the recovery position.

Treatment of Prisoner

1. Persons in custody must be held safe, secure and treated with dignity and professionalism.
2. Should a prisoner soil their clothing or show up with soiled clothing while in custody, a sanitary disposable suit can be provided at the approval of the on-duty NCO.
3. Should the prisoner be moved outside the cell area, footwear shall be provided. If none are available disposable booties will be provided.

Telephone Calls

1. It is incumbent that any person being arrested or detained be provided with the means of making a telephone call (s) in private to retain and instruct counsel as provided under Sec. 10(B) Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
2. The holding room (located in booking) will be used for this purpose. The arresting officer is to assist prisoner in contacting counsel.
3. Persons in an intoxicated condition shall be provided with the opportunity to telephone legal counsel upon demand provided that their state of sobriety is such that the request can be facilitated without potential difficulty or safety concerns for the prisoner or arresting officers.

Meals

1. Prisoner's held in cells will be provided a meal time if they are held for extended time for Criminal Code, CDSA or warrants.
2. If a purchased meal is required, an officer will be assigned by the on duty N.C.O. to obtain the food and sign for the prisoner's meal. The officer will obtain a receipt initialing receipt then placing same in administrative assistance mailbox.
3. An NCO can provide a meal, outside of the times mentioned for feeding, if he/she feels it is necessary for the prisoner.
4. The lockup custodian will record all meal times on the Prisoner Log sheet.

Young Offender

1. Young Offenders shall be housed separate from adult prisoners
2. The arresting officer shall notify the young person's parents, guardian, or other responsible adult that the child is in police custody as per Youth Criminal Justice Act.
3. Any young person detained in the custody of the Bridgewater Police Service shall be informed of their right to contact the Children's Ombudsman and provided with the phone number 1-888-839-6884.
4. Any young person held in custody shall be notified that a blanket is available should one be required.
5. All female young persons shall be advised that feminine protection (sanitary napkins) are available should one be required during their stay.

Guard / Custodian Duties

1. The custodian will assist arresting officer in completing Prisoner Report Form, C 213, and provide any other form the arresting officer may require from booking counter.
2. The custodian will immediately start a Log Book, noting prisoner's name, condition, date, time, and cell number the prisoner is placed.
3. The custodian will be given the original Prisoner Report Form C 213 which will be attached to the Prisoners Log sheet. The custodian on duty at time of release shall ensure these documents are filed in cabinet marked 'Lockups' located next to booking counter.
4. The on-duty custodian shall physically check each prisoner at least every fifteen minutes, or more frequent should conditions such as mental stability, or intoxication dictate as per the *In Custody Rousability, Section 51.05* of the Prisoner Care and Control Policy. The times of these checks, and actions of prisoner shall be recorded on the Prisoner Log Sheet.
5. The on-duty custodian shall observe the monitors located at the booking counter during the time between physical checks of prisoners, and record any pertinent observations on the log sheet.
6. When the prisoner is detained for intoxication, the custodian shall wake the prisoner as per the *In Custody Rousability Section 51.05* of the Prison Care and Control Policy.
7. Should a prisoner complain of any illness, injury, or a suicide attempt be made, the on duty N.C.O. shall be notified immediately and medical aid provided as soon as possible as required.
8. Should a prisoner request a mattress, blanket, or any other item, the custodian will advise the on duty N.C.O. of the request. Prisoners should not be given a blanket until they are observed for a minimum of three (3) hours to ensure prisoner is not a danger to themselves. If a person is given a blanket prior to being in custody for three (3) hours, this may only be done with the approval of the on-duty NCO.
9. Once a prisoner is released, the on-duty custodian will physically search the cell, recording property found, or any damage noted. This shall be documented on the Prisoner Log sheet. Anything noted will be reported to the on duty N.C.O. immediately by the custodian.

10. At the start of each shift the on-duty custodian shall check lockup equipment drawer ensuring all items listed on equipment inventory are present. Should any item be absent from this drawer, the custodian will notify the on duty N.C.O.
11. If the on-duty custodian requires additional assistance in monitoring numerous prisoners they shall advise the on duty N.C.O. who will assess the requirement for additional staff.
12. The on-duty custodian shall remain in the cell block area at all times, unless they are relieved by another custodian or a police officer. The on-duty custodian must first be given permission from the on duty N.C.O. to leave the cell block area.
13. The on-duty custodian shall ensure all keys for the lockup are in their possession at all times when prisoners are in cell block. Lockup keys shall not be left on desk, or counter where prisoner may have access to keys.
14. When the lockup is not in use, cell keys are to be stored in equipment drawer next to booking counter.
15. The spare cell key is located in the key storage cabinet in dispatch. This key is only to be removed by the on duty N.C.O. in the event of emergency.
16. Anytime a prisoner is not able to be woken or is found unconscious, the lock up custodian shall immediately contact EHS. The on-duty NCO will be notified immediately after EHS has been contacted and will attend the lock up.

Duty N.C.O.

1. The on duty N.C.O. is responsible for the care and control of the prisoners in custody during the course of their shift.
2. When prisoners are being held during the course of their shift, the on duty N.C.O. shall ensure all staff comply with the policies outlined in the Standard Operational Manual.
3. The on duty N.C.O. shall ensure no prisoner is held beyond the twenty-four (24) hour period without having prisoner appear before a Justice of the Peace or taken to Provincial Court.
4. If a prisoner is held beyond your shift, the on duty N.C.O. shall brief the incoming shift N.C.O. on the status of all prisoners being held and the terms of their release.

5. The on-duty NCO will provide care and control to all persons in the lockup during their shift and will brief the oncoming NCO on the status of all prisoners in the lock up, prior to going off shift.

Release of Prisoners

1. All persons shall be released from Bridgewater Police custody according to release provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada.
2. The on duty N.C.O. shall be designated as the officer in charge in order to fulfill procedures defined by Sec. 493 Criminal Code of Canada.
3. The on duty N.C.O. shall ensure prisoners are served with all appropriate court documents prior to being released from custody.
4. Upon releasing prisoner, the N.C.O., or designate, shall return all seized property directly to the prisoner. The prisoner must sign Prisoner Report Form acknowledging return of property.
5. The on duty N.C.O. is responsible for ensuring prisoners held in custody are taken to Provincial Court as required.
6. Prisoners held in custody will be encouraged to make transportation arrangements upon their release (taxi, friend, relative etc.). The on duty N.C.O. will ensure prisoner has access to a telephone for this purpose.
7. In the case of intoxicated persons, the on duty N.C.O. shall release as soon as practicable, considering state of persons intoxication.

Prisoner Escape from Custody

1. In the event of an escape from the RCMP lockup, the on duty N.C.O. will be immediately advised.
2. Dispatch shall immediately advise all patrol units to be on the lookout for escapee via police radio. Subjects name, physical description, clothing, and direction of travel shall be given to patrol units as soon as available.
3. Bridgewater Police Service K-9 Unit shall be summoned to the scene of the escape to assist in tracking / apprehending the escapee.
4. R.C.M.P. communications shall be advised of escape and subjects name, physical description, clothing, and direction of travel provided as the escapee occurred in R.C.M.P. jurisdiction.

5. Dispatcher shall, as soon as possible, add the escapee to C.P.I.C. and fanout province wide.
6. The on duty N.C.O. shall notify the Chief of Police, or Deputy Chief of Police of an escape from the Lock -up.

Visitation of Prisoners

1. There shall be no visitors permitted in the lockup area while prisoner(s) are in cells.
2. Should a prisoner need to meet with counsel during their stay in lockup, the N.C.O. on duty shall be advised to approve this request. The secure holding room in the cell block shall be utilized for this purpose, and a police officer is to observe such a meeting through the window of secure holding room. Upon completion of meeting, the prisoner will be searched prior to being placed back in cell. Counsel shall only be permitted visitation to the lockup under emergency circumstances.

Release of Prisoner Information

1. The on duty N.C.O. is the only person permitted to release information regarding a prisoner in Lock up.
2. Information released shall not be sensitive, or pertain to any charges or matters before the courts. The rights of the prisoner must not be violated by the information released.
3. Information regarding prisoner shall only be released to a confirmed next of kin.
4. Information released will be restricted to confirmation of subject's identity and future disposition, i.e. court appearance, remand, warrant for another jurisdiction.

Non - release of Prisoner

1. Should a prisoner not be released from lockup under provision of the Criminal Code of Canada, the on duty N.C.O. shall be responsible for ensuring the prisoner is transported to Provincial Court as required.
2. Should a prisoner be remanded while in lockup, the on duty N.C.O. shall be responsible to ensure the Nova Scotia Sheriff's Department is notified and transportation to a correctional facility is arranged via Sheriff's Department as soon as practicable.



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Monthly Report - November 2024

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION:

On November 5th Chief Feener and Deputy Chief MacPhee met with Chief Smith (Kentville PS) and Chief Kane (Annapolis Royal PS) to discuss dispatching, training and support. We then met with Superintendent Popik, RCMP about organized crime in Southwest Nova.

A meeting took place on November 7th with the chief, deputy and Motorola representatives to discuss digital video options, including body cameras.

Deputy Chief MacPhee completed a Traffic Unit survey with HRPS, CBPS and TPS for planning and scheduling options.

Modular police building designs were discussed with Deputy Chief Skolrood Tsuuut'ina with National Police Services this month.

Chief Feener attended the Police Executive Committee (PEC) meeting in Halifax on November 26th.

Christmas on Lahave meetings were conducted this month, to prepare for the event on November 30th.

Cst Deidra Jones attended Fredericton to attend the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Conference (AWLE).

Newly hired Csts Ava George and Charles Bruce successfully completed the mandatory PROS training in HQ from November 4-8th.

Cst Chris Basdeo joined the BPS team this month, as well as part time dispatcher, Rebecca Messom.

Remembrance Day ceremonies was well attended this year by BPS members.

A review of the confidential source files completed by the chief and deputy.

BPS assisted the OPP in another search warrant with two additional assistance orders.



Monthly Report – November 2024

FINANCIAL - October ending:

	October 2024	YTD	2024/25 Budget
Parking Fines	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 9,715.00	\$ 7,000.00
Parking Meter Revenue	\$ 5,044.99	\$18,097.35	\$ 22,500.00
Provincial Act Fines	\$ 2,642.27	\$24,964.87	\$125,000.00

Senior Safety Coordinator

Attached, please find the monthly report for October, submitted by Ms. Lisa Bennett.

SSRO

Attached, please find the monthly report for November submitted by Cst Will Creamer.

CID

n/a

K-9 Unit

Attached, please find the monthly report for November submitted by Cst Morgan Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Scott Feener



SSRO- November Report

School Matters:

- Daily foot patrols in school zone area of PVEC. To do address safety around substance abuse issue and overconsumption.
 - o Students identified from October are now taking part in self check-ins with student health before leaving school to walk into the woods; The idea is to identify emotions when the desire to take substances is greatest and a trained health professional being with them in that moment. This health professional does not require appointments and is a drop-in style approach. (Noted the number of students using this service has been increasing)
- Out of province for a week and school updated into issues that took place.
 - o A group of students proceeded to harass/assault other students, attempted to intimidate school staff. 10 students suspended for this behavior
 - o Another 8 students out of anger for others being suspended attempted to corner staff and intimidate them. Those students were also suspended.
 - o Follow up has taken place with most suspended students that this time and going over expectations for them.
- Cst. CREAMER was approached by students about threats received from a suspended student. Threats are in relation to stabbing. This suspended student has a previous history of attempted stabbings. Student does not wish to provide a statement but is concerned for everyone's safety. Parents contacted with student present and follow up took place with all of them.
 - o Later that day the suspended student was noted in the hallway running at another student.
 - o Escorted suspended student to the office and turned over to parents' custody.
 - o At this time no one wishes to have a formal police investigation.
 - o Recommendation for expulsion for the year to prevent any further safety concerns.
- Assault in woods cross the street at PVEC. Assault stems from intimate images been sent to another person. Assault was recorded and posted on social media. Steps taken to get video taken down. As the victim is unsure if they want charges there was no follow up with those suspended from school until its confirmed level of jeopardy for those students.
- PVEC – SAC – Chaired November meeting.
- BES – follow up with well-being check on student who has not been to school. Assisted with making connection to schools plus to provide family supports.

Police Occurrences:

- o PVEC – student removed from school for threatening and attempting to assault another student. No victim wishes to come forward, no charges to be laid. Subject of complaint will not be returning to PVEC.
- o PVEC – parking complaint at student parking by parent.

Submitted by Cst Will Creamer



K-9 Month End - November 2024

Calls for service

- Called out for missing suicidal person. Davis started a successful track but person walked out of woods to officers before reaching them.

Training Keiji

- successful validation in tracking and article searching
- began building and compound searching - going very well
- expecting to validate remaining skills with in the next two weeks.

Submitted by Cst Morgan Gibson

The LCSSP is a free confidential community-based non-profit service that works collaboratively with BPS, RCMP, and many community partners to help address the safety concerns of older adults (55 years of age+), residing in Lunenburg County. Service is provided through awareness campaigns, advocacy, community outreach projects, educational programs, community presentations and one to one service.

LCSSP October highlights:

- **United Way Funding Grant-** Emergency Food and Essentials – to address immediate food security needs of seniors in our communities has impacted **210** seniors in Lunenburg County. Funds were in the form of grocery gift cards in \$50 and \$100 increments. These cards can be used to purchase food, incontinence products and personal care items. All grocery cards have now been purchased and mostly distributed to older adults with an urgent need. The UW Grant feedback survey has also been submitted.
- Presentation on **Elder Abuse Awareness** to the CCA class at NSCC on **October 10th**.
- The popular **“Warmline” program is coming to an end**. Seniors Connections will be taking on the clients and available for more referrals in the new year as **“Connecting with A Friendly Voice”**.
- Participated in Seniors Safety Coordinators online training from **MAiD on Oct. 16th**. This gave an overview into the safe guards of the program, how a referral is made and dispelled common myths.
- The **Fall Seniors Safety Academy** has come to a successful end. The 6 sessions at the Bridgewater Fire Hall were very well attended with an average of 30 seniors attending. A warm and sincere thank you to all who made this possible. Looking forward to the spring for the next Academy: location to be determined.
- **October 29th** LCSSP Presentation at Stonemont
- **October 30th** LCSSP Presentation at the New Ross Family Resource Centre as part of their **“Wise Wednesday”** senior series.
- Again, a huge **Thank You** to the **South Shore Multicultural Association** for their generous **donation of 50 VON's Frozen Favorite Meal certificates of 5 meals each**. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. These certificates are still being distributed.
- LCSS is working with the YMCA Youth program and Flourish 55+ on an intergenerational project which addresses isolation issues, bridging the generational gap and preserving knowledge for prosperity. The YMCA has secured funding through the Health Foundation to make this venture possible. Seniors and youth will spend time over the next several weeks getting to know each other before creating podcasts to share. It a chance to learn from each other and build on their circle of supports.



Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Monthly Report – October 2024

Prepared: November 01, 2024

Special request for used iPhones – Used iPhones are repaired and other working cell phones (android or flip phones) are distributed to seniors, and others in need, to keep them connected to essential service providers, healthcare and emergency services. For isolated older adults this can be extremely important. If you have a cell phone not being used, please consider donating to either the Lunenburg County United Way or LCSSP for redistribution.

**** The United Way's "Coats for Kids" drive is on the way with drop off at the Bridgewater Mall location. This is a valuable program for adults and kids. If you have gently used winter items please consider donating them to those in need. Thank you!**

- Collaborative Home Visits in August with PHA, RCMP and CCC.
- Collaborative client specific meetings with Western Housing Authority, SSRH/NSHA, CCC, Adult Protection. Mental Health/Addictions, Palliative Care and SSODA.
- Collaborations for clients also include St. Vincent de Paul, PHA, SSRH, MLA offices, Service Canada and many more.

Referrals:

New Referrals: **11** Re Referrals: **4** Home/site Visits: **20** Active clients: **64** Closed files: **16**

New Referrals Service Area in Municipal Units (#'s have been rounded either up/down)	%
MODC	36%
MODL	27.5 %
Mahone Bay	.5 %
Lunenburg	9 %
Bridgewater	27 %

Referral Source:

Community Partner **36%** Self/Family **18%** RCMP **27%** BSP **19%**

Areas of concern: Seniors' Mental Health/Addictions, Adult Protection, Hoarding, Scams/Fraud, Safe/affordable/accessible Housing, Cost of living, Community resources/connections, Health Care (no primary care physician). LCSSP is seeing an increase of complex issues and concerns at the time of referrals/intakes. This translates into clients being active clients longer.

LCSSP Client Emergency Contingency Fund (CECF):

The CECF continues to serve the community in partnership with other organizations to help mitigate risk for seniors experiencing financial hardship. **The end of October, 2024 float count balance: \$867.14: unchanged.**

*'Thank you to all Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program supporters.
We couldn't do what we do without you.'*

