

AGENDA

Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners

July 17th, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Community Room – Bridgewater Police Service

Order

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Land Acknowledgement

Acknowledged that the Town of Bridgewater is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Minutes

April 2025

Correspondence & Information

25-018 Recognition email – D/Chief MacPhee

Board Vacancy Update

Unfinished/Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

New Business

Provincial Policing Review Update – Chief Feener

25-019 Letter from Virginia Brooke, President of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance

25-020 Memo from Chris MacNeil, Managing Auditor, Public Safety Audit Function NS Justice

25-021 BPS Monthly Report

Specialized Services List – Chief Feener

Sundry

Next Meeting

September 4th, 2025

Adjournment

There will be an In-Camera meeting held immediately following this meeting to deal with matters under the Municipal Government Act, Section 22 (2) (c), 22(2) (d)

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 3rd , 2025

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on April 3rd , 2025 the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS commencing at 5:30 pm with Board Chair Darren Lipsett presiding.

In attendance: Commissioners Palma Champoux, Fay Patey, David Mitchell and Cheryl Fougere

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

Regrets: Chief Feener, Commissioners Diane Spencer & Mike Conklin.

Guests: Two members of the public.

ORDER

Call to order: 5:30PM.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

New Highway/Traffic Legislation – impact to police

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair, Darren Lipsett acknowledges, the Town of Bridgewater is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Commissioner Patey also noted, the 400 years prior, of African Nova Scotians and the land we call Mi'kma'ki.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AGENDA

25-017 Moved by Commissioner Patey and second by Commissioner Fougere to approve the April Agenda. Motion Carried.

TRAINING

Major Investigations

Deputy Chief MacPhee spoke on two major investigations. He explained the importance and benefits of body worn cameras, drone footage as well as forensic equipment used during these investigations.

A video of members as well as EHS approaching the scene of the homicide was viewed by board members. Deputy MacPhee shared the importance of the clip and how easily this information can be transcribed and placed into evidence.

The recently purchased forensic equipment was proven invaluable, as it was used to process fingerprints as well as DNA. This process allows investigators to fast track the forensic analysis and complete the investigation quite rapidly. Prior to the purchase of this equipment, the forensic analysis process and turn around was six months to one year.

The drone has been used in three high end investigations over the last few months. Video footage shared with the commission members, and was noted, the clear picture the drone provides. Deputy also explained a few additional features, such as inferred imaging as well as hover mode.

Commissioner Champoux commented on this new technology, quick process and the potential cost savings associated.

Members are interested in a synopsis of the homicide case in terms of hours saved, due to this new technology. Deputy MacPhee will provide a general idea at the next meeting.

MINUTES

25-018

Moved by Commissioner Champoux and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Minutes of the March 6th , 2025 regular meeting as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

MOU – Language Interpreters

The deputy described a new Language Interpreter's software which is being considered.

It is web based and interprets 250 languages, provides transcriptions as well as court testimony, if required.

This will fill the gap on some language barriers which are pertinent during investigations.

The software is very affordable and is pay per use and will be rolled out in the next few weeks through dispatch, computers and cell phones.

Letter from DOJ, Public Safety – DRE Program

doc# 25-008

Correspondence received from DOJ regarding the funding associated with the Drug and Impaired Driving Unit.

Effective March 31st, 2025, the Federal funding for this unit has been discontinued. The member, who had been seconded to this unit, returned to general patrol.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Standards Update - 25-010 through to 25-017

BPS Standards, noted above, were circulated to the Commission. The deputy shared the five sections (below), created by the Province, and briefly explained the content of each. The revised standards listed above belong to the Use of Force Section.

Use of force
Emergency management
Records management
Investigations
Police Service

As each section is complete, they are shared with the staff and kept on a shared drive for reference. The remaining SOPS in these sections will be re titled and placed in the same format.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

Board members agree, it is time to begin discussing the next Strategic Plan process.

Deputy CAO, Mark Flint, expressed willingness to work with the chief and deputy to coordinate the next three-year Strategic Plan.

- 25-019** Moved by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Fougere, The Deputy CAO be tasked with consulting with the board, a timeline and process of strategic planning. Motion carried.

March Monthly Report

doc # 25-009

Circulated to the Board. Discussion under following topic.

Commission Reports & Topics

Board Chair, Darren Lipsett raised the topic, and discussion of commission reports as well as the type of information and data, board members would find useful.

It was agreed, the monthly report currently being created by BPS is outdated and requires tweaking. What is the best way to relay a truer picture, based on data.

Deputy MacPhee reached out to neighboring agencies to compare and discovered there is no consistency as each agency is unique in their own style.

Suggestions:

- Quarterly budget reports
- Headings, such as training, significant files, etc.
- Include media releases – including links
- Specialized reports from SSRO and Senior Safety only
- Include operational stats & prisoner lock ups
- Highlights only, not the day to day
- Identify wins and losses

Board members expressed interest in a sample of modified format/report at the May meeting.

New Highway Traffic Legislation – Impact to Policing

The new highway traffic legislation, in terms of policing the 100 series highways is currently being reviewed by the province.

Commissioner Mitchell raised this topic as an information item.

Currently, the 100 series highway, in Bridgewater, is the responsibility of the RCMP, as it is a very small piece of highway. It is possible, this responsibility could be placed on Bridgewater Police.

Additional discussion on this topic will take place at both the upcoming NSFM meeting as well as the NSCPA spring conference. Details to follow.

Sundries

- Bill Rogers spoke briefly on EDI Training and its importance. He also thanked the Board for its mention of the Land Acknowledgment.
- Commissioner Patey presented her resignation, excusing herself as a Commission member, effective April 3, 2025.

25-020 Moved by Commissioner Mitchell to go In-Camera. Motion Carried.

25-021 Moved by Commissioner Mitchell to Rise and Report. Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st, 2025. Due to conflicts, this date may change.

ADJOURNMENT

25-022 Moved to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Fougere. Motion Carried

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

Darren Lipsett
Board Chair

POL

25 - 018

From: Matthias Tuttlies <Matthias.Tuttlies@bridgewaterpolice.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2025 10:02
To: Derek Childs <Derek.Childs@bridgewaterpolice.ca>; Adam Kosiba <Adam.Kosiba@bridgewaterpolice.ca>
Cc: Angela Wareham <Angela.Wareham@bridgewaterpolice.ca>; Danny MacPhee <Danny.MacPhee@bridgewaterpolice.ca>
Subject: 2025806054 - DRENNAN

FYI,

Just took a call from Candice DRENNAN regarding the above file. Candice called to pass on that she is extremely grateful and appreciates the time the officers spent with her son with how they handled the situation. Mentioned that there was not as great of an experience when her son was in Halifax so it amazing to see how well BPS handled the whole situation and appreciated Cst. CHILDS dropping by this morning once her son was released of SSRH.

Candice also mentioned the dispatcher was great with taking the phone call and caring regarding the given situation.

Thanks,



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July 7, 2025

The Honourable Becky Druhan
Minister of Justice
1690 Hollis Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

Dear Minister Druhan,

I am writing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG), which serves as the collective representative of all police boards across the province. We wish to bring to your attention several matters of ongoing concern related to the recently released Policing Review documents, which we believe have significant implications for public safety, law enforcement operations, and the civilian governance and oversight of police services in Nova Scotia. As President and based on the conclusions of NSAPG's Board meeting held on July 3, 2025, I respectfully submit this correspondence for your consideration and welcome the opportunity to engage further on these important and shared provincial-municipal concerns.

At the outset, we wish to commend the Department of Justice and Deloitte Canada on the scope, depth, and clarity of the "Comprehensive Nova Scotia Policing Review." The Foundational Changes outlined in this report are forward-thinking and present a meaningful opportunity to modernize law enforcement in our province. In particular, the Board solidly supports a unified Records Management System (RMS), which we believe will greatly enhance efficiency and information-sharing across jurisdictions. We also endorse the move to ensure equitable staffing levels across the province. Your current work on strengthening policing standards is a much-needed step toward ensuring that all Nova Scotians receive consistent and adequate public safety services.

Nonetheless, the Board has identified several key concerns that we believe require further review and discussion. Chief among them is the assumption embedded in the report that the RCMP should automatically serve as the provincial police force. While Deloitte's report states that the term "Provincial Police Service" may refer to the RCMP, a newly established provincial service, or both, we are concerned by the Department of Justice's apparent decision to interpret this as an exclusive endorsement of the RCMP. In our view, such a default position is unwarranted and appears inconsistent with the RCMP's documented performance challenges within the province. *Unless and until compelling evidence is presented to justify the RCMP's continued designation as Nova Scotia's provincial police service, we must respectfully but firmly object to this presumption.*

Additional concerns raised by the Board include:

- What are the proposed funding mechanisms for implementing the foundational changes?
- How will the Department address persistent staffing shortages, particularly within RCMP-policed municipalities?
- When will the Department resolve delays in appointing ministerial representatives to municipal police boards, as required under the Nova Scotia Police Act?
- Many municipal police services have established successful regional partnerships for specialized services. What is the rationale for replacing these proven arrangements with new, untested shared service models?

While we will reserve further comments for future correspondence, we must emphasize that the NSAPG--and by extension, the police boards of Nova Scotia which we represent--expects to be meaningfully engaged in the ongoing development and implementation of the recommendations stemming from the policing review. Civilian oversight is a foundational element of accountable policing, and the role of police boards must be maximized in this critical period of reform.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and your continued efforts to advance public safety across Nova Scotia. I would be pleased to discuss any of the points raised above in more detail at your convenience. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Department to help shape a modern, effective, and community-responsive policing model for our province.

Sincerely,

Virginia Brooke
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cc: Ms. Haley Crichton, DOJ
Ms. Charcy Marchand, DOJ



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MEMORANDUM

PC 25 - 020

TO: Chief Scott Feener, Bridgewater Police Service
FROM: Chris MacNeil, Managing Auditor, Public Safety Audit Function
DATE: July 8, 2025
RE: Request For All Agency Policies/Procedures Addressing Nova Scotia Policing Standards

Chief Feener,

As the Public Safety Audit Function prepares for its first audit(s) starting in the fall of 2025, and as we previously indicated that we would, we are now formally requesting digital copies of all written policies, procedures, and/or protocols your agency has that you believe address any of the [Nova Scotia Policing Standards](#).

We will gladly accept this information via whatever means best suits your operational needs, including USB key, secure file transfer protocol (SFTP), or email.

The deadline for submission of this information is on or before **August 1, 2025**, at which point—unless we have granted you an extension in writing—we will consider what we have received from you to be all that you have.

We appreciate your engagement in this process and look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris MacNeil

Chris MacNeil, CPA
Managing Auditor, Public Safety Audit Function

Cc: Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, Bridgewater Police Service



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Monthly Report

April, May, June 2025

Chief's Update

Capital:

Lease has been bought out.

New Marked Hybrid Police Enforcer has been ordered expected early fall.

Range Upgrades have been completed except for a new roof over the container (Ex Week)

Operational:

Body Cameras have been purchased and operational.

ICE Computer and Exhibit Storage has been purchased. Training has occurred and waiting for stand alone secure server to be set up for the images.

PAT ticketing, equipment has been ordered requests submitted to Ottawa for access.

Licence plate reader. FOIPOP request/approval has been completed. Access NS has been requested for required information.

Management continues to work with WCB to assists with managing staff and return to work plans. Details to follow In Camera.



Training

Digital Technology

Sgt. Bennett, & Det/Cst. Creamer

Attended Halifax for a 1-week course

Internet Child and Exploitation

Sgt. Bennett, & Det/Cst. Creamer

Attended Halifax for 2-week course

Firearms Recertification

All Members Completed Firearms Re Certifications

Major Crime Investigators Course

Cst. D Jones, Det/Cst. A Clarke, Cst. C Basdeo

Attended Debert for a 1-week course

Team Commander

Deputy/Chief MacPhee & Det/Cst. Clark

Attended Debert for a 1-week Course

K9

Cst. Gibson

Attended Halifax for 1-week training

Taser

Sgt. Bennet

Attend APA in PEI for a 2-day Taser recertification

Counter Terrorism

Sgt. Rogers

Attended Halifax for a 3-Day Course with HRP



Calls for Service

April 1 – June 30, 2025 Total calls: 1150

Call Type		Total
Criminal Code		
Robbery/Utter Threats		18
Sexual Assault/Distribution of Images		11
Assaults		24
Impaired Driving		25
Thefts		50
Fraud		15
Breach of Order		15
Damage to Property		17
Other		
Mental Health		46
MV Collisions	3 Injuries	46
Traffic	221 SOT issued	271
Liquor		22

Police Budget

April, May, June 2025

	Fiscal YTD	Commitment	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Income	\$265,929.18	\$0.00	\$301,083.00	\$1,151,540.00
Total Expenses	\$1,316,304.58	\$113,179.42	\$1,697,151.00	\$5,948,183.00
Totals	\$(1,050,375.40)	\$(113,179.42)	\$(1,396,068.00)	\$(4,796.643.00)



Major Case Files

April

- CID currently investigating a Robbery at Bridgewater Hotel. Male was identified, located and arrested. Police executed search warrants at the residence. Male charged with Armed Robbery and disguise with intent.
- Det/Cst. Arns did a fraud prevention presentation with Senior Safety to seniors at Stone Mount. In regards to target frauds of Seniors and Crypto Currency.

June

- CID Investigating a Distraction Fraud/Theft over \$5000 at the Superstore. The victim (an elderly person) was distracted while a second person stole purse from vehicle. Pair used credit cards in excess of \$9,000 in purchases.
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- CID Investigating Fraud Over \$5000 involving crypto currency. Current loss exceeds over \$14,000

K9 Unit

- K9 assisted Kentville Police Service for the opening of Apple Blossom Friday Night
- Kentville also requested the assistance of K9 for an armed robbery. Cst. Gibson attended, successful track two suspects who were apprehended. Police recovered all the money, and charged laid.

Senior Safety Coordinator

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

SSRO

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Scott Feener



SSRO- April Report

School Matters:

- BJHS – patrol school zone during opening
- PVEC – patrol school zone during opening
- BJHS – SAC
- PVEC – SAC – Chair
- Foot patrols at identified locations at PVEC continue.
- Restorative Justice – meeting
- Follow up with Career Pathways
 - o Ongoing meetings to attend.
- 4 assaults took place at PVEC – these matters were addressed and outcomes were used through the school discipline model.
- The last week of this month SSRO left for training on Digital Information Technology.

Police Occurrences:

- BJHS – Male yelling references to raping young girls in the school zone. Follow up with male who made the statements located a short distance from the school zone
- BJHS – PPA served on male making concerning statements. (During this interaction individual was illegally operating a motor vehicle. Vehicle seized)
- Traffic stop of suspended driver. Vehicle towed and summary offence tickets issued.
- Traffic stop – unregistered motor vehicle circled BJHS school zone. Summary offence ticket issued for unregistered motor vehicle.
- Intimate Partner Violence – Former student who has a bus exchange at PVEC expressed safety concerns in relationship. Attempts made to interact at bus exchange. No longer attending school. Follow up with known friend group of possible victim. New information obtained from these conversations
 - o Members attended residence of SOC and arrested boyfriend.
 - Subsequent charges laid for assault, choking, uttering threats * 2
- BJHS – student took pills. Transported to SSRH.
- PVEC – Parent reports distribution of son's intimate images.
 - o Investigation confirmed image does not meet the definition of child pornography.
 - o Referral to Family and Children Services as pictures reported by mother were likely taken by her.

Submitted by Cst Will Creamer



SSRO- May Report

School Matters:

- Two weeks training – Child Internet Child Exploitation
- BJHS – patrol school zone during opening
- PVEC – patrol school zone during opening
- BJHS – SAC
- PVEC – SAC – Chair
- Foot patrols at identified locations at PVEC continue.
- PVEC – working with student support services on different issues
 - o 12 meetings in total with students
- PVEC – follow up conversation with Law class
- 3 meetings in conference room for groups of students that are graduating interested in a future career in law enforcement.

Police Occurrences:

- Assisted general patrol in taking statements regarding a sexual assault that took place within the BJHS school zone.
 - o Students have known the SSRO for years and requested to provide statements to officer that they know
- PVEC – following up on Intimate images concerns

Submitted by Cst Will Creamer



SSRO- June Report

School Matters:

- BJHS – patrol school zone during opening
- PVEC – patrol school zone during opening
- Foot patrols at identified locations at PVEC continue.
- PVEC – working with student support services on different issues
 - o 12 meetings in total with students
- PVEC – Presentations 02
- PVEC – Presentation Law
- PVEC – Alternative School – Q&A
- PVEC – student services – meeting one student
- BJHS – Prom
- PVEC – Prom

Police Occurrences:

- LCA – returning to office. Assisted general patrol arresting an intoxicated male on King Street.
- Student reports information of frequent impaired driver. Information forwarded to general patrol
- Traffic stop – Suspended driver, and no insurance, vehicle towed.
- Lost and Found – Cellphone turned in
- Traffic stop – unlicensed driver, no insurance, no ownership papers. SOTS issued and vehicle towed.
- BJHS school zone – report of drug activity behind BJHS by church. On arrival group of known youth observed and took flight on foot from Cst. CREAMER. Drugs and vapes located in the area. Continued to look for youths who fled on foot. Located a short time later coming out from behind the North parkade on King Street attempting to hide. At this time no one had any more illegal substances on them. Parents of youth updated along with school as students did this during school hours.
- PVEC – needles located on the sidewalk in front of the school.

Submitted by Cst Will Creamer



Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Monthly Report – April 2025

Prepared: May 1, 2025

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LCSSP April highlights:

- **April 11th** met with Cathine-Anne Murray regarding **Dignity of Risk** program through NS Health on future training with Senior Safety Coordinators in the Southwest Region.
- **April 22nd** virtual training with **A Friendly Voice** on Elder Abuse through Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario.
- Scam/Fraud presentation at Stonemont by the shore on **April 24th** with DET/CST Jodi Arns.
- Scam/Fraud pop-up at Bridgewater BMO **April 28th**.
- ESS/Nova Scotia Works presentation on LCSSP and ideas on filling the gaps in regards to odd jobs required by older adults on **April 30th**.
- Please follow the link for important information on intimate partner violence.
<https://www.bridgewaterpolice.ca/services/intimate-partner-violence>
- Follow this link for LCSS resources on Mental Wellness in older adults
<https://www.bridgewaterpolice.ca/services/special-services/seniors-safety-learning-resources>
- 4-week **Seniors Safety Academy** at the **Riverport District Community Centre** on May 8, 15, 22 and 29.
- Collaborative client specific meetings with Western Region Housing Authority, SSRH/NSHA, CCC, Adult Protection, VON, MODL, and SSODA.
- Collaborations for clients also include SSODA, WRHA, United Way, PHA, SSRH, MLA offices, Service Canada, Continuing Care, AP.
- Collaborative visits with BPS, RCMP and Continuing Care





Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Monthly Report – April 2025

Prepared: May 1, 2025

Referrals:

New Referrals: **12** + Re Referrals: **2** Home/site Visits: **15** Active clients: **71** Closed files: **12**

New Referrals Service Area in Municipal Units (#'s have been rounded either up/down)	%
MODC	7%
MODL	35%
Mahone Bay	16%
Lunenburg	14%
Bridgewater	28%

Referral Source:

Community Partner **64%** Self/Family **1%** RCMP **21%** BSP **14%**

****** Please note that there has been a significant increase of referrals from community organizations.

Areas of concern: Safe/affordable/accessible Housing, Seniors' Mental Health/Addictions, Adult Protection, Hoarding, Scams/Fraud, 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 and collaboration with multiple disciplinaries.

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 April, 2025 float count balance: \$502.64: \$52.40 client prescription.**

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LCSSP May highlights:

- **May 6th** Presented to Town of Lunenburg Council with Board Chair David Murdoch.
- **May 6th** virtual training with **CAMH** - Mindfulness for Leadership and Frontline Professionals in Health, Home Care, and Disability Support Services. This is a six-part series.
- **May 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th** Seniors Safety Academy in the Riverport District Community Centre. CST Hazenbush and CST Bailey presented on Scams and Fraud. Service Canada, lawyer Tim Reid and the Alzheimer's Society and Caregivers NS presenting the next 3 sessions. Thank you to all who made this event possible. Attendance ranged from 8 older adults to 26. I look forward to planning our fall sessions.
- **May 13th** Alcohol Policy Forum Planning hosted by Nova Scotia Health – Mental Health and Addictions Health Promotion. This was by invitation only event and an opportunity for older adults' perspective to be shared in relation to LTC planning and decision making, how it effects in-home services to an already vulnerable sector.
- Scam/Fraud presentation New Germany Lion's Club in collaboration with Annapolis County Senior Safety Coordinator. **May 14th**. I'm told this went well and look forward to future collaborative opportunities.
- Virtual meeting with Pamela El Francaoui, Program Director and Project Manager for Partners for Care; a non-profit organization tasked by NS Health with building a collaborative healthcare model for a new facility in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. This was a great opportunity to share some of the unique needs of our older adults while identify gaps.
- More social workers are working in family practices. This has allowed older adults (patients in general) to have extra support navigating health care and supportive resources. This has also allowed for Senior Safety to meet with clients in a safe and confidential space as needed.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is June 15th!! To mark this important day, we have 5 baskets to giveaway. 1 for each Municipality with a chance to enter your ballot from June 9th to June 15th. You're invited to follow us on Facebook and share locations of the baskets/ballot boxes while creating conversation and awareness of Elder Abuse in our communities. The draws for each basket will take place Monday June 16th. The generosity of the Municipalities and several community partners and volunteers have made this possible.

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Prepared: June 1, 2025

- Follow this link for LCSS resources on Mental Wellness in older adults
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- Collaborative client specific meetings with Western Region Housing Authority, SSRH/NSHA, CCC, Adult Protection and SSODA.
- Collaborations for clients also include SSODA, WRHA, PHA, SSRH, MLA offices, Service Canada, Continuing Care, AP.
- Collaborative visits with BPS, RCMP and Continuing Care.

Referrals:

New Referrals: **17** + Re Referrals: **4** Home/site Visits: **12** Active clients: **77** Closed files: **15**

New Referrals Service Area in Municipal Units (#'s have been rounded either up/down)	%
MODC	19%
MODL	33%
Mahone Bay	5.5%
Lunenburg	19%
Bridgewater	23.5%

Referral Source:

Community Partner **38%** Self/Family **16%** RCMP **23.5%** BSP **21.5%** AP **1%**

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Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Monthly Report – June 2025

Prepared: July 3, 2025

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LCSSP June highlights:

- **June 11th** – Attended the Annual Seniors Expo at the Michelin Social Club with the RCMP member CST Bailey.
- **June 17th** – Virtual training has been rescheduled for July 22nd on **Dignity of Risk** presented by NSHA Catherine-Anne Murray with other Seniors Safety Coordinators from the Southwest Region has been rescheduled.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is June 15th!! To mark this important day, we had 5 baskets to giveaway. 1 for each Municipality with a chance to enter a ballot from June 9th to June 15th. People were invited to follow LCSS on Facebook and share locations of the baskets/ballot boxes while creating conversation and awareness of Elder Abuse in our communities. The draws for each basket took place on Monday June 16th. Congratulations to all the winners. The generosity of the Municipalities and several community partners, plus volunteers have made this possible. The YMCA Youth also passed out purple ribbons on June 14th with the mention they would like to do the same next year. 😊 Thank you to CKBW who helped us spread the word.

One day set aside for awareness was spread throughout an entire week. Well done! Thank you!

- **June 24th**, we held our AGM in person at the BPS Community Room. Thank you to those who were able to attend.
- **June 26th Presentation to Chester Municipal Council has been rescheduled for July 10th.**
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- Collaborations for clients also include SSODA, WRHA, PHA, SSRH, MLA offices, Service Canada, Continuing Care, AP.
- Collaborative visits with BPS, RCMP, SSODA, SSRH and Continuing Care.

Do to the volume of referrals Clients' needs are being triaged. Initial contact from LCSSP to client occurs with 48hrs upon receipt of referral to help accurately facilitate this process.

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New Referrals: **10** + Re Referrals: **2** Home/site Visits: **19** Active clients: **75** Closed files: **14**

New Referrals Service Area in Municipal Units (#'s have been rounded either up/down)	%
MODC	25%
MODL	25%
Mahone Bay	8.5%
Lunenburg	8.5%
Bridgewater	33%

Referral Source:

Community Partner **33.5%** Self/Family **25%** RCMP **16.5%** BSP **25%** AP **0%**

Areas of concern remain unchanged: Safe/affordable/accessible Housing, Seniors' Mental Health/Addictions, Adult Protection, Hoarding, Scams/Fraud, 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 and collaboration with multiple disciplinaries.

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 June balance \$411.44:** accessible phone.

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