

Municipal InNOVAward - 2002
- Applicants -

Municipality	Project/Service Title	Project/Service Summary
Annapolis Royal	Zero Waste 2005 Initiative	<p>Zero Waste 2005 is the Town of Annapolis Royal's low-tech, cost effective, locally managed and very successful waste management initiative. To achieve its waste-free goal, the town implemented its <i>Only In Your Backyard</i> project in 1999 to facilitate the on-site composting of waste. Using food/waste digesters (Green Cones), along with traditional backyard composting units and Earth Tubs, the majority of households and businesses can now dispose of all food and yard wastes on-site. This means Annapolis Royal is able to dispose of its organic wastes within the town's limits - an achievement that delivers significant cost savings to the community.</p>
Argyle/Yarmouth/ Yarmouth	Mariners Centre	<p>The recently completed Mariners Centre in Yarmouth is truly an innovative project in that it involved three neighbouring municipal units and the private sector in an initiative that has provided for the construction of a two ice surface multi-purpose complex that will serve the needs of recreational, cultural, and tourism/business related activity. The project involved the public, municipal units, and various community groups who were sincere in their efforts to build a better, stronger, progressive community. Since its completion, the facility has proven to be a focal point for major events for the community of Southwestern Nova Scotia.</p>
Berwick	Beautiful Berwick Initiative	<p>The Town of Berwick and the Berwick & District Board of Trade began the Beautiful Berwick Initiative by discussing projects and efforts that could be undertaken by businesses, community groups and the Town to enhance the appearance of the Town. The innovation was community driven, with not-for-profit groups partnering with businesses and the Town to create and maintain new green spaces throughout the downtown business core. The project promoted and improved community spirit and moral, provided cost savings to the Town, businesses and ratepayers, and provided non-traditional financial and human resources to complete the tasks.</p>

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CBRM	CBRM Emergency Preparedness Plan	CBRM, for the safety of its residents, has recently unveiled a state of the art, unified, technologically based emergency preparedness plan to replace the eight, individual un-coordinated plans of the former municipalities.
	Homework Assistance - Community Liaison Program	The Homework Assistance Community Liaison Program, currently operating in Glace Bay, Sydney, North Sydney and their surrounding communities, serves the dual purpose of helping students with their schoolwork and providing quality police programs to the community in general.
	Homeowner's Guide to Building & Renovation in CBRM	CBRM has created a Building Permit Information brochure as well as a Road Map to the Occupancy of Your Home, to better inform the public as to when a building permit is required, the information necessary when applying for a permit, the types of permits, the fee structure and the inspections required.
	Parking Peter Ticket Application	CBRM has established a technologically advanced Parking Meter Ticket Application system to manage parking meter violations. The system was developed to more effectively enforce the Parking Meter By-law including the collection of unpaid parking tickets. The system uses hardware such as a hand held computer to record information and issues tickets and a software program developed by the municipality in conjunction with a Sydney technical/research company.
East Hants	Automation of the Offices of Municipal Councillors	The Municipality of East Hants undertook an exciting project to move toward a paperless operation, in an effort to provide information to Councillors, staff and the public in a more timely way. The Council now relies almost exclusively on the provision of information in electronic format. Each Councillor is provided with a laptop computer, e-mail capabilities and access to a dynamic Council Website, where all the information previously provided them on paper is posted. In the course of undertaking the project, the project designers dealt with the administrative issues that arose from the introduction of such a system as well as many technical issues, which became apparent, as the project was being tested and implemented. All in all, it is considered an unqualified success to date with much more to follow in efforts to move to an increasingly paperless operation. A tutorial has been prepared and has been attached to provide a pictorial overview of this exciting innovative and successful project.

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Guysborough	Little Dover Decentralized Sewer Solution	<p>The Innovative Project which is being submitted by the Municipality of the District of Guysborough for the Municipal InNOVAward is a decentralized wastewater collection and treatment system specifically designed and implemented to meet the challenges faced in rural Nova Scotia, particularly for small coastal communities. Little Dover, like most fishing villages in Nova Scotia, has extremely poor soil conditions including a lot of rock; and, with the decline of the fishing industry the income levels are very low. Therefore, this project provides a practical and efficient wastewater collection system at an affordable cost using innovation in both the design and the funding/cost sharing methods.</p>
Kings	Kings County Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program	<p>In 1997, Kings County Council adopted lake capacity based policies and regulations to manage development on freshwater lakes. The use of official water quality objectives to guide land use decisions represents a first for municipal government in Nova Scotia.</p>
	Computer Assisted Emergency Fire Response	<p>Response time is crucial to emergency responders. Knowing exactly where to go and the quickest way to get there can save lives. Kings County can now generate a locational map to assist its fire departments when responding to emergencies.</p>
Queens	Working Model Forestry Management Initiative	<p>In October of 2001, the Region of Queens Municipality and the Nova Scotia Community College – Lunenburg Campus formed a strategic partnership in the creation of a working model forestry management initiative on municipal lands in Middlefield, Queens County, Nova Scotia. The Joint project exhibits the best practices of forest management in an educational environment.</p>

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Wolfville	The Mayor's Advisory Group on Community Living Issues	<i>The Mayor's Advisory Group on Community Living Issues</i> was formed in 2000 to address community living concerns that would lead to improvements in the relationship between Town residents and Acadia University. Issues addressed included noise, trespassing, property damage and respect related to the quality of life for both the university community and the Town.
	Wolfville & Kings County Safe Communities Coalition	The Wolfville & Kings County Safe Communities Coalition is a registered non-profit society whose mission is <i>to make Wolfville and surrounding communities in Kings County the safest places in Canada to live, learn, work and play</i> . The Coalition became the first community in the Maritime Provinces to be officially designated as a "Safe Community" by the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada. The designation was presented at the 11th International Conference on Safe Communities held in the Rainy River District of Northwestern Ontario from May 7th to 9th.