

Urban Municipalities Committee Meeting

AGENDA (FINAL)

August 23-24, 2024

Conception Bay South NL

FRIDAY, August 23 – Manuels River Interpretation Centre (7 Conception Bay Highway, CBS)	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Networking Coffee/tea service (provided by the Town of Conception Bay South)
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Call to Order (Mayor Craig Scott, UMC Chair) Land Acknowledgement, welcome from Mayor Darrin Bent, round of introductions, approval of agenda, review of last meeting report, notes about upcoming meetings
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Manuels River - Learning from the CBS Example Representatives from Manuels River Interpretation Centre will provide an overview the Manuels River trail system and local geology (presented by Andrew Coady, Operations Manager and Emma Power, CARE Coordinator)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Nutrition Break (Provided by the Town of Conception Bay South)
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Roundtable Discussion This time is dedicated to a roundtable discussion among colleagues, exploring the main challenges being experienced in your municipalities. We will begin with an update from MNL on items from last meeting. Consider these questions in advance of this discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your municipality's top challenge right now? • What are the key operational issues in your municipality today? • What are the key governance issues facing your council? • Are you ready for the upcoming 2025 municipal elections? • How can MNL support urban municipalities in 2024?
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided by the Town of Conception Bay South)
1:00 PM – 1:55 PM	Building Capacity; Building Homes This session will provide an update on progress in MNL's new housing project, including how MNL's new Housing Capacity-Building Officers (HCBOs) are supporting municipalities to act in the housing crisis, and how to get engaged (presented by Brad Power, Director of Programs in cooperation with Ben Noseworthy and Brian Coleman, MNL's HCBOs).
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Scalable Community Housing Solutions Mark Kennedy (Founder and CEO, Everbloom Homes CIC) and Mylène Vincent (Founder and CEO, Pivot Housing Solutions) will discuss their plans to facilitate a cross-sector, collaborative housing ecosystem across Atlantic Canada to build capacity in the community housing sector. Strategic partnerships, community development, and innovative financing solutions are the levers needed to protect and create more affordable housing sustainably at scale while empowering communities to thrive.
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Nutrition Break (Provided by the Town of Conception Bay South)
3:00 PM – 3:55 PM	Choosing the Right Delivery Model: Strategies for Municipal Project Success Choosing the right delivery method is increasingly important for risk-averse municipalities, with collaboration being essential for ensuring project success. Progressive design-build, which emphasizes early contractor involvement and active owner participation, improves risk management, streamlines project delivery, and is gaining popularity across the region. Attendees will receive an overview of various project delivery models, with a focus on new collaborative approaches, and will gain practical strategies through lessons learned and case studies from across Canada to enhance procurement outcomes and drive successful projects through effective collaboration. The session will be presented by Alain Grégoire (VP Infrastructure) and Jerome-Alexandre Soumestre (Principal).
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	UMC Advocacy: Next Steps Deatra Walsh, Director of Advocacy and Communications, will provide updates on advocacy items of importance to urban municipalities including wastewater, WSER next steps, and more.
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Join your colleagues for an informal social gathering @ Nine Penny Brewery (75 Conception Bay Hwy, Conception Bay South, NL A1W 3A3). The Town of CBS will provide appetizers and drinks will be available for purchase.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 – Meet at 8:30 AM for study tour at Community Park* at 20 Bishops Road. At 9:30 AM, the meetings will resume at Conception Bay South Fire Department's Station 1 (879 Conception Bay Highway)

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Study Tour Meet at CBS' new community park, which includes the province's first dual surface ice rink and splash pad (address to be provided on August 23). * Note that limited on-site parking is available; overflow parking is available at 196-202 Conception Bay Highway
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	MNL Membership Services & Programs Updates Brad Power will present updates on MNL membership service offerings and programs.
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Nutrition Break (Provided by the Town of Conception Bay South)
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD): End of Life in Public Spaces and Lessons Learned Under current federal MAiD legislation, eligible patients can choose the time and place they wish to have an assisted death. Sometimes people may wish to do this in a public space. This session will review the current practices of MAiD provincially, review the lessons learned, and hopefully help things go forward as smoothly as possible for families and municipalities. Presented by Dr. Aaron McKim (Regional Medical Director for Medical Assistance in Dying, Eastern Zones) and Dr. Mari-Lynne Sinnott (family physician, Eastern region and MAiD provider in NL).
10:50 AM – 11:40 AM	Overview of Cahill Technical Services: Building Sustainable Communities through Best-In-Class Projects and Support Presented by Brad Forsey, Director, Business Development, The Cahill Group
11:45 PM – 12:00 PM	Closing: Meeting Recap and Return to Roundtable Challenges MNL staff will provide an overview of the key discussion items from the meeting and revisit the challenges noted by municipalities from the previous morning.
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Outdoor Social Activity (Optional) Join your colleagues for short (1.5 km) walk on the Manuels River trails before heading home.



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