

# Strategic Plan Update

*November 20, 2025*



- The Town's Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 outlines the community's vision, mission and values, while establishing clear pillars, strategic outcomes, and actions that guide the Town over this three-year period.
- The Strategic Plan provides overall direction to guide decisions, projects, and initiatives.
- Strategic Plan was approved by Council, May 2025.
- November 2025 - first bi-annual update.



A thriving economy characterized by robust innovation, diversified industries, and equitable wealth distribution, where individuals and businesses are empowered to grow, and communities benefit from sustainable, long-term prosperity.

## Strategic Outcome Economic Growth

Truro will drive sustainable economic growth by supporting local businesses, highlighting the community's unique strengths, and fostering a collaborative environment. Through strategic partnerships and regional cooperation, we will create a resilient economy that benefits all residents and businesses.

### Strategic Action

In collaboration with the Downtown Truro Partnership, develop an updated Downtown Master Plan

Work with regional partners to develop regional transportation plans which include both public and active transportation

Reestablish the Regional Transportation Committee to discuss all aspects of regional road network, process, and municipal investment in roads

Develop strategies and plans around intensification to encourage more residents to live in the Downtown Core

Update the Victoria Square Revitalization Plan

Develop an Infrastructure and Servicing Plan for the undeveloped lands south of William Barnhill Drive

Support the Downtown Truro Partnership in its efforts to encourage local shopping and support downtown businesses

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	2025	2026	2027	2028	
In collaboration with the Downtown Truro Partnership, develop an updated Downtown Master Plan		X	X		
Work with regional partners to develop regional transportation plans which include both public and active transportation	X	X			Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study is underway and expected to be delivered to Council in early 2026.
Reestablish the Regional Transportation Committee to discuss all aspects of regional road network, process, and municipal investment in roads	X				Staff will be arranging an initial re-engagement with the province's Area Manager and staff to identify any common potential initiatives.
Develop strategies and plans around intensification to encourage more residents to live in the Downtown Core		X	X		
Update the Victoria Square Revitalization Plan	X	X			Conceptual Plan for the revitalization/redevelopment of Victoria Square was prepared a few years ago. The next step will require public consultation/engagement, similar to the design process used for Herb Peppard Park and the Civic Square. This will require a budget to be set aside in the 2026-27 budget year and will include the cost of preparing design drawings and a tender package.
Develop an Infrastructure and Servicing Plan for the undeveloped lands south of William Barnhill Drive		X			Staff are currently reviewing the concept development plan for this area for feasibility of completing preliminary detailed design of the associated infrastructure and services. Staff want to be well positioned to take advantage of future funding (Spring 2026).
Support the Downtown Truro Partnership in its efforts to encourage local shopping and support downtown businesses	X	X	X	X	Ongoing initiative. DTP presented Inglis Place Closure Plan to Council at May COW. The town supported DTP with the closure of the Inglis Place event in the Summer of 2025. Staff assist with DTP events.

## Strategic Outcome Talent Attraction & Retention

Truro will attract and retain top talent by partnering with post-secondary institutions, ensuring a sufficient housing supply, and fostering a welcoming, inclusive community. Together, we will build an environment where skilled individuals can live, work, and thrive.

### Strategic Action

Review the Town's role in ensuring a range of housing options are available in Truro

In collaboration with the Truro and Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity, develop workforce recruitment strategies

Promote Truro as a great place to live and work

Work with regional partners to improve the student experience in Truro to help retain students from Dalhousie and NSCC

Enhance the physical connection between Dalhousie University and Downtown Truro

In collaboration with community partners, develop immigration retention strategies

TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
2025	2026	2027	2028	
	X			
		X		
X	X	X	X	Ongoing Initiative. Completed through collaborations with TCPEP, County of Colchester, DTP. This is also an initiative through the Town's own corporate communications (highlighting Town initiatives that make Truro a great place to live and work).
		X	X	
			X	
		X	X	

## Strategic Outcome Strengthening Unique Advantages

Truro will strengthen its unique advantages by promoting the vibrant Truro Farmers Market, expanding tourism assets like Victoria Park, trails, and Civic Square, and supporting tourism businesses. Leveraging our central geographic location, we will position Truro as a regional hub for visitors and residents alike.

### Strategic Action

Work collaboratively with regional partners to implement the recommendations from the Regional Strategic Tourism Plan to guide the use of regional Marketing Levy funds

Develop a policy and procedure for Town Council to consider funding requests for tourism events, outside of support from Marketing Levy funds

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X	X			Society has now been established. Board of Directors are in place to guide the STEP Plan. ED is in the process of being hired.
X				Not started. Awaiting Tourism Development Society to provide guidance.

A governance framework that is transparent, accountable, and inclusive to promote effective decision-making, encourage civic participation, and safeguard the rule of law to ensure that the interests of all stakeholders are represented and protected.

## Strategic Outcome Community Engagement

The Town of Truro will actively foster an inclusive and collaborative community where all voices are heard, valued, and empowered to shape the future. Through innovative engagement strategies and accessible opportunities, Truro will build lasting connections and ensure meaningful participation in decision-making processes.

### Strategic Action

	TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
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Review the function, terms of reference, and abilities of Town Committees	X	X			Ongoing. Staff are updating TOR and adding Council Committees to website.
Ensure engagement tools are interactive and easily accessible	X	X	X	X	Ongoing.
Expand on youth and student engagement strategies	X	X	X	X	Ongoing.
Explore options for citizens to provide legacy funding to the Town		X			
Ensure engagement considers a variety of tools and perspectives.	X	X	X	X	Ongoing.

## Strategic Outcome Trust & Transparency

The Town of Truro will prioritize open communication, accountability, and honesty in all governance practices to foster trust within the community. By ensuring transparent decision-making and consistent sharing of information, Truro will strengthen its commitment to integrity and build lasting confidence in its leadership.

### Strategic Action

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Ensure public communications are transparent, consistent, and continue to evolve and be responsive to the needs of citizens	X	X	X	X	Ongoing initiatives completed.
Share information widely before, during and after a project	X	X	X	X	Ongoing. Detailed briefing note on Stadium. Discussions have started regarding project charters. Project audit/lessons learned underway on Stadium, TAAC and ballfield. Monthly council reports have been enhanced.
Ensure the public are informed and understand the reasoning behind Council decisions	X	X	X	X	Ongoing. Town uses social media, press releases, website, etc and will continue to review best practices. Mayor message also adds context.
Review processes for community feedback to ensure concerns and diverse perspectives are heard	X	X	X	X	Ongoing.
Leverage digital platforms like websites and social media to share information widely and engage with the community	X	X	X	X	Ongoing initiatives completed.
Actively engage with community leaders and diverse groups to foster understanding and trust	X	X	X	X	CAO and Senior Staff are active on numerous committees and hold one-on-one meetings with the community.

## Strategic Outcome Operational Efficiencies

The Town of Truro will streamline operations through innovative leadership, embracing data-driven solutions and continuous improvement to enhance service delivery. By fostering a culture of efficiency and collaboration, Truro will optimize resources, reduce waste, and ensure effective governance that meets the evolving needs of the community.

### Strategic Action

Foster cross-departmental collaboration to demonstrate the effectiveness of teams that serve the community

Conduct an assessment of staff to identify skills and operational gaps. Align training where appropriate

Ensure the Town is collaborating and partnering where operational efficiencies can be developed

Review service exchange agreements with other municipalities

Review and update policies that have the potential to enhance operational effectiveness

Ensure the Town's Water Utility is sustainable by updating the Water Rate Study

Explore shared services with other municipalities where appropriate

TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
2025	2026	2027	2028	
X	X	X	X	Ongoing work with Senior Staff to work as a team through projects and initiatives.
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
X	X			Forecasted expenses for current year to find financing to complete a Property Condition Assessment to better understand capital needs for the water rate study. Staff attended 4 days of training (in June and July) related to doing a water rate study. PW is conducting an analysis on bulk water usage.
	X	X	X	

## Strategic Outcome Regional Partnerships & Collaborations

The Town of Truro will strengthen regional partnerships by fostering collaborative relationships with local governments, stakeholders, and provincial and federal partners. By working together, Truro will drive shared solutions, amplify regional growth, and enhance community well-being across all levels of government.

### Strategic Action

Enhance working relationships between other regional partners, municipalities and other levels of government

Request joint strategic planning sessions to align plans and initiatives with other local government partners

Work collaboratively with the County of Colchester to finalize the Waste Water Treatment Plant Agreement

TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
2025	2026	2027	2028	
X	X	X	X	Ongoing. CAO, Mayor and Council continue to work with local partners and meet with regional municipalities on common interest and concerns.
	X	X		
X				Ongoing discussion between CAOs.

## Strategic Outcome Prioritized Municipal Spending

The Town of Truro will prioritize municipal spending by focusing on the essential needs of residents, ensuring that resources are allocated to improve quality of life and community infrastructure. By balancing fiscal responsibility with strategic investments, Truro will meet the immediate and long-term needs of its residents while remaining responsive to evolving priorities.

### Strategic Action

Assess service levels and programs to ensure they align with the needs and desires of residents, while balancing fiscal responsibility to avoid overburdening taxpayers

Ensure the asset management plan and long-term financial plan are aligned and adaptable to Truro's future needs, with current planning effectively supporting long-term goals

Develop a long term Capital Plan

TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
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X	X			Jurisdictional scan of other Town/County's currently underway. Recommended timeline for comprehensive review should be 26/27.
	X	X		
X	X			Preliminary internal discussions underway, with goal of completing a 5 year capital plan in advance of budgeting cycle (26-27).

A balanced and healthy environment where natural resources are responsibly managed, ecosystems are preserved, and climate resilience is prioritized, fostering a community where both human and ecological well-being are safeguarded for generations to come.

## Strategic Outcome Reducton & Mitigation

The Town of Truro will lead in sustainability by implementing initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy, and enhance green spaces. Through proactive policies and climate-conscious planning, Truro will protect the environment for future generations.

### Strategic Action

Investigate collaboration on a PACE program with the County of Colchester

Develop an implementation plan based on the recommended actions outlined in the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)

Continue partnerships with the Clean Foundation and Quest Canada, and seek other partnership opportunities that further implementation of the CEEP

Revisit the Honeywell Retrofit and Renewal Program and determine next steps

Continue to investigate a deep energy retrofit of Market Hall (Truro Farmer's Market building) with ReCover Initiative

Explore the feasibility of public transit with regional partners

Investigate the requirements to implement the Active Transportation Plan

Build decarbonization into capital planning (fleet replacement, building upgrades, etc)

Continue to investigate a community solar garden with the County of Cumberland

Identify gaps in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Truro

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Investigate collaboration on a PACE program with the County of Colchester			X	X	
Develop an implementation plan based on the recommended actions outlined in the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)	X	X			Completed in partnership with Clean Foundation. Current initiatives underway include Fleet Conversion Study, Climate Adaptation Plan, Community Solar partnerships, Downtown District Energy, Retrofit Study at TFM.
Continue partnerships with the Clean Foundation and Quest Canada, and seek other partnership opportunities that further implementation of the CEEP	X	X	X		Ongoing initiatives involve continued partnerships. New partnerships with ReCover Initiative, Net Zero Atlantic, Rochelle Owen Consulting, S2E/Asante Community Solar Garden.
Revisit the Honeywell Retrofit and Renewal Program and determine next steps	X	X			Data gaps related to power and heat have been addressed with data up to date as of summer 2025. Working with Honeywell on a report to collect the final Green Municipal Fund.
Continue to investigate a deep energy retrofit of Market Hall (Truro Farmer's Market building) with ReCover Initiative	X				RFP currently issued to hire a consultant to undertake this study.
Explore the feasibility of public transit with regional partners	X	X			Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study is underway and expected to be delivered to Council in early 2026.
Investigate the requirements to implement the Active Transportation Plan		X			Staff met with representatives of the County of Colchester to discuss the Town's Active Transportation Plan and to initially engage in identifying opportunities for connectivity of each of the two Municipalities proposed AT networks.
Build decarbonization into capital planning (fleet replacement, building upgrades, etc)		X	X		
Continue to investigate a community solar garden with the County of Cumberland	X	X			Council voted in Sept 2025 to pause program application. Community Solar partnerships continue to be explored (ie. Asante Community Solar Garden partnership approved October 2025).
Identify gaps in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Truro		X	X		

## Strategic Outcome Adaptation & Resilience

The Town of Truro will adapt to the impacts of climate change by implementing strategies that enhance resilience to extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and shifting ecosystems. Through thoughtful planning, infrastructure upgrades, and community engagement, Truro will safeguard its environment, ensuring long-term sustainability and a livable future for all residents.

### Strategic Action

Implement strong stormwater management practices in collaboration with the County of Colchester

Develop a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan

Build an operational emergency response plan to address wildfire risk in Victoria Park

Continue to ensure collaboration through the Joint Flood Advisory Committee

Investigate the possibility of neighbourhood plans and citizen programs that are responsive to climate adaptation

Ensure we are prepared and know the risks of invasive species (Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, etc)

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	X	X			Staff are re-developing new Municipal Service Standard Specifications in conjunction with the revisions being developed to the Town's Subdivision By-law. These Municipal Service Standard Specifications will include improved detailed stormwater management requirements and means. Once these are developed, staff will engage with the County of Colchester to look at alignment of stormwater management requirements of each.
X	X				RFP issued in August 2025. Eastpoint awarded contract to develop plan in October 2025. To be completed in 2025/26.
	X	X			Operational planning has started with multiple Departments. Leaf collection to Young Street has been closed and investigating opportunities for removal. Majority of trails have a fire buffer completed.
X	X	X	X		Staff and a representative from Town Council recently participated in a Joint Flood Advisory Committee meeting. The intention is that this committee will resume meeting every six months.
	X	X			
X	X	X	X		Ongoing. Public education done on spraying program against HWA in Victoria Park.

## Strategic Outcome Civic Engagement & Education

The Town of Truro will engage and educate citizens on environmental sustainability through accessible programs, resources, and community initiatives. By fostering a culture of environmental stewardship, Truro will empower residents to take action and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

### Strategic Action

Enhance promotion of the Tree Planting Program. Ensure promotion includes the benefits of the program in addressing climate concerns

Educate on the Town's response to climate adaptation measures (such as HWA, wildfires in Victoria Park, etc)

Promote opportunities for citizens to take action against climate change on their own properties (solar panels, retrofits, etc)

Educate developers on the sustainability requirements included in the new 2020 National Building Code

Promote opportunities for citizens to reduce consumption

Educate citizens on the initiatives of the Urban Tree Committee and Coordinator

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X	X	X	X		Ongoing. Over 200 street side trees planted in 2025. This is helping to grow awareness of the Town's Urban Forest goals/objectives. Worked with a number of schools to engage students in the process.
X	X	X	X		Promotion on stormwater management projects (Cobequid Drive, etc), and the Town's HWA program in Victoria Park. Additional education as the Town develops the Risk and Resilience Plan through 2026.
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	X	X			
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X	X	X	X		Ongoing. Over 200 street side trees planted in 2025. This is helping to grow awareness of the Town's Urban Forest goals/objectives. Worked with a number of schools to engage students in the process.

## Strategic Outcome Sustainable Development

The Town of Truro will work to ensure that developments and infrastructure are designed with sustainable practices that reduce environmental impact and adapt to climate change. By integrating green building standards and innovative solutions, Truro will create resilient, eco-friendly spaces that protect the environment for future generations.

### Strategic Action

Ensure that development on the flood plain is responsible and responsive to changing climate. Work with regional partners to develop consistent regulations

Investigate the possibility of adopting sustainable development guidelines for private developers

Consider implementing sustainable standards in the Town's Purchasing and Procurement Policies

Enhance the requirements for stormwater management plans from private developers

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	X	X		
		X		
X	X	X	X	Plan to update the Policy in Fall/Winter 2025.
	X			Staff are re-developing new Municipal Service Standard Specifications in conjunction with the revisions being developed to the Town's Subdivision By-law. These Municipal Service Standard Specifications will include improved detailed stormwater management requirements and means. Once these are developed, staff will engage with the County of Colchester to look at alignment of stormwater management requirements of each.

A community where every individual has access to quality social opportunities and infrastructure, ensuring that people live in safe, nurturing communities that promote physical, emotional, and social health for all.

## Strategic Outcome Safety & Resiliency

The Town of Truro will prioritize community wellness and safety by providing proactive, responsive services and infrastructure that support the well-being of all residents. Through collaborative efforts, Truro will create a resilient community where citizens feel secure, valued, and empowered to thrive.

### Strategic Action

	TIMELINE				October 2025 Update
	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Review and update police and fire services based on community needs	X	X	X	X	This is ongoing for TPS through the Police Board and based on the new Provincial Standards from DOJ.
Review the annual performance of the Truro Fire Service and Truro Police Service through the Police Board and Fire Chief	X	X	X	X	Ongoing annually for TPS and shared with the community in the TPS annual report.
Maintain commitment to REMO/REMAC with regional partners	X	X	X	X	Working with the NS Dept of Emergency Management on an enhanced regional model in conjunction with the County of Colchester.
Execute actions from the flood management review in the Land Use Bylaw		X	X	X	
Continue to review the Deer Management Strategy and Controlled Managed Hunt to increase efficiencies	X	X	X		Staff expanded program in 2025 to include urban site to target the more urban population. Proposal submitted to Colchester to collaborate on broadened scope outside of Truro. Continued partnerships with DNR, Dal AC, Millbrook, and Feed NS. Second Hunt Coordinator contracted for expanded program.
Include the impact of proposed development in long term financial forecasting	X	X	X		Part of the longer term operational forecast (currently underway, to be completed and intergrated into budget process 2026/27).
Ensure Council has a cohesive voice in the Town's response to Housing and Homelessness		X	X		
Review two-tiered models for recreational services in Truro	X	X			Staff have completed jurisdictional scan of other municipalities and have yet to determine a successful model.

## Strategic Outcome Integrated Mobility

The Town of Truro will create an integrated mobility system that offers safe, sustainable, and accessible travel options for all residents. By enhancing transportation infrastructure and promoting multi-modal solutions, Truro will ensure convenient movement throughout the Town, supporting both community wellness and connectivity.

### Strategic Action

Develop a Public Transit Feasibility Study and review and consider options that result from that study with the County of Colchester

Review and consider the options outlined in the Active Transportation Implementation Plan

Assess and update the Town's traffic studies in light of proposed future developments

Evaluate and update road and sidewalk maintenance standards

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Develop a Public Transit Feasibility Study and review and consider options that result from that study with the County of Colchester	X	X			Currently underway. To be delivered to Council in early 2026.
Review and consider the options outlined in the Active Transportation Implementation Plan		X			Staff met with representatives of the County of Colchester to discuss the Town's Active Transportation Plan and to initially engage in identifying opportunities for connectivity of each of the two Municipalities proposed AT networks.
Assess and update the Town's traffic studies in light of proposed future developments		X	X		
Evaluate and update road and sidewalk maintenance standards		X			

## Strategic Outcome Involved & Connected Community

The Town of Truro will foster an involved and connected community by offering a diverse range of accessible leisure, learning, and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Through inclusive programs and spaces, Truro will create a vibrant environment where everyone feels engaged, supported, and connected to one another.

### Strategic Action

Improve public access to Council meetings and increase opportunities for community engagement

Revise and implement a new Communications Plan that aligns with evolving media platforms and addresses the changing wants and needs of citizens

Continue to promote recreational and cultural opportunities that foster community engagement and enrich residents' lives

Continue support for the Senior Safety Program to enhance a more connected and engaged senior population in Truro

Complete the revitalization and recognition project at the new No. 2 Construction Battalion Athletic Facility

Celebrate the efforts of the volunteers and sponsors for the TAAC Revitalization Project - both the baseball field and track and field facility

Update the Recreation Open Space Plan

Complete the Railyard Master Plan Phase 1 and 2 recommendations

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Improve public access to Council meetings and increase opportunities for community engagement	X	X	X	X	Council meetings are advertised in advance through multiple channels. Available for viewing online (Council, COW, PAC). Multiple public engagement sessions hosted May - October 2025 (Economic Prosperity, Environment, etc).
Revise and implement a new Communications Plan that aligns with evolving media platforms and addresses the changing wants and needs of citizens		X			
Continue to promote recreational and cultural opportunities that foster community engagement and enrich residents' lives	X	X	X	X	Ongoing.
Continue support for the Senior Safety Program to enhance a more connected and engaged senior population in Truro	X	X	X	X	Ongoing. Grant renewal is annual. TPS continues to deliver programs focused on senior safety, crime prevention and wellness.
Complete the revitalization and recognition project at the new No. 2 Construction Battalion Athletic Facility	X				Currently underway to be completed before November 8, 2025. Commemoration event and official renaming to take place on November 8, 2025.
Celebrate the efforts of the volunteers and sponsors for the TAAC Revitalization Project - both the baseball field and track and field facility	X				Grand Opening planned for Spring 2026, sponsorship signage and donar wall currently being developed and installed.
Update the Recreation Open Space Plan	X				Staff will work with a consultant to undertake. Expected to start in late 2025/early 2026.
Complete the Railyard Master Plan Phase 1 and 2 recommendations	X				Paved pump track currently under construction. This will complete the Master Plan.

## Strategic Outcome Inclusive & Welcoming Community

The Town of Truro is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming community where all residents and visitors feel valued and respected. By embracing diversity, promoting equality, and driving meaningful change, Truro will foster a sense of belonging and connection for everyone.

### Strategic Action

Execute action items and recommendations outlined in the Equity and Anti-Racism Plan

Maintain commitment to the African Nova Scotia Community Strategy Committee to support ongoing efforts for equity, inclusion, and community empowerment

Review the mandate of the Equity Diversity Committee to ensure it aligns with the evolving needs of the Town and its residents

Support and promote inclusive events like Pride, Embrace, Diwali, Pow Wow, and other cultural celebrations

Strengthen partnerships with educational institutions to ensure the Town is effectively meeting students' needs

Strengthen relationships with Millbrook First Nation to ensure the Town is advancing truth and reconciliation

Explore ways the Town can support community sport and recreation associations as volunteer numbers decline

Review and revise the Municipal Grant Policy to better align with Council's objectives

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2025	2026	2027	2028	
X	X	X	X	Equity and Anti-Racism Plan has been completed. Presentation to Council October 22nd, with final Council approval in November 2025. Town wide EDI Training to begin November 2025.
X	X	X	X	Numerous projects completed/underway in 2025 (No. 2 Construction Battalion Athletic Facility renaming and commemoration, Ford Street Women Educators, George Jones Memorial Fire Station, etc. Continue to meet as a Committee monthly.
	X			
X	X	X	X	Ongoing.
X	X	X	X	Ongoing. Participated in Dalhousie's Strategic Engagement Sessions. Dal and NSCC currently sit on the Public Transit Feasibility Study Advisory Group to ensure student voices are represented.
X	X	X	X	Ongoing. Currently reviewing agreements and support commitments to see how they can be strengthened.
X	X	X	X	Staff have offered low/no cost options on facilities and offer the Community Action Fund. Staff continue to assist with training opportunities and promote volunteer recruitment.
X				First step is to consult with Council to get feedback on priorities for updates.

## Strategic Outcome Affordable Community

The Town of Truro is dedicated to creating an affordable community by providing a range of quality services, amenities, and housing options that meet the diverse needs of all residents. Through thoughtful planning and investment, Truro will ensure that every individual and family has access to the resources that enhance their quality of life.

### Strategic Action

Support affordable housing through advocacy for programs from other levels of government

Develop regulations and policies that strengthen the Municipal Planning Strategy's emphasis on affordable housing. Ensure this is reflective of the affordable housing framework and housing needs assessments completed

Enhance food security and local food systems by supporting programs and services like the Truro Farmers' Market, Colchester Food Bank, community gardens, and youth breakfast programs

Support local agencies addressing housing and homelessness, and actively advocate on their behalf

Support programs that enhance access to affordable recreation and cultural activities

Ensure that any public transit model is developed with a focus on affordability and accessibility for all residents

Advocate to the Province of Nova Scotia to include affordable housing development on the former hospital site on Willow Street

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X	X				Advocacy to PNS for former hospital site. Ensuring projects are ready to take advantage of Provincial/Federal funding for affordable housing.
X	X				Draft affordable housing framework has been created and presented to Town Council. Initial meeting with County Staff (CAOs and Planning Directors) took place in November 2024. Awaiting the County to review the proposed framework with their Council and provide a response.
X	X	X	X		Colchester Food Bank will have access to a Community Garden Box at King Street in 2026.
X	X				With Mayor and Council, meetings with housing not for profits taking place regularly to assist local agencies and collaborate on strategies.
X	X	X	X		The Town's Community Action fund has currently supported 5 individuals.
		X	X		Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study is underway and expected to be delivered to Council in early 2026.
X	X	X			Ongoing advocacy to PNS for former hospital site.



Questions