

## **TOWN OF TRURO ENERGY AND FACILITY RENEWAL PROJECT**

Truro, NS – January 31, 2023 - Truro Town Council and staff support reducing the Town's impact on climate change and is committed to reducing the Town's carbon footprint. The Town has recently become a member of the *Partners for Climate Protection Program* through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This program has over 500 members nationally.

Beginning in 2019, the Town of Truro engaged Honeywell to provide a review of Town-owned buildings and the Town of Truro Energy and Facility Renewal project was developed and approved. Nearing completion, this project has seen several upgrades to Town-owned facilities, which helps to achieve reductions in energy use, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and it helps to address issues of deferred maintenance. This project also included improvements to the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, which was a cost-shared project with the Municipality of the County of Colchester.

“The upgrades that have been completed at our Town-owned facilities will have a positive impact on the environment,” stated Town of Truro Mayor, Bill Mills, “These improvements will reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 452 tonnes per year, the equivalent of removing 153 vehicles from the road. We're also helping these facilities operate more efficiently by installing new equipment, improving energy performance.”

While the total project cost to the Town of Truro was approximately \$2 million, the projects are turn-key with verified savings that are guaranteed to cover the cost of the improvements over the life of the upgrades. A portion of the funding for this project was obtained through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund – Community Building Retro Fit Initiative.

“The Town is proud to be able to complete capital projects that improve the efficiency of Town-owned buildings and that have a positive impact on climate change and reduce the Town's carbon footprint,” stated Mayor Mills in closing.

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