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A Message From the Chair



Wow, it's almost the end of November. The holidays are around the corner. As I sit to write this message I want to share my immediate concerns for our rural and coastal communities in NS. Then I will share what we as a community foundation are doing about it. And how you can help!

I'm in awe with the warm weather we have for the time of year. Although it's great to have warm weather it's a constant reminder of the affects of climate change. It's concerning

Every trip to the grocery store, I worry about inflation, and the affect this will have particularly over the winter on the vulnerable throughout our province. The cost of fuel, groceries, and all basic needs is increasing dramatically quickly. It to is very concerning.

I have met with several different community groups trying to find solutions to their housing issues for health care workers, foreign workers and seniors this week. I'm hearing how difficult it is to get health care worker due to housing shortage. I'm grateful Nova Scotians have opened their hearts and homes to Ukrainian families who are worried about their adapting, finding safe affordable housing, work, and money enough to have healthy diets for their families. Immigration is good for us. But new people need

I am proud RCFNS is here to help. Our Pilot Project; Housing for Health is moving forward. RCFNS has given several thousands of dollars in grocery gift cards to help Ukrainian families settling in Nova Scotia. RCFNS has opened a granting program under the Joan Feynman Climate Action Fund for the second time this year to address climate change issues. RCFNS will be launching the Bruce Guthro Zero Hunger Fund to establish funds to grant to schools and community groups to establish and replenish food pantries.

Many thanks to the family of Joan Feynman, Bruce Guthro, and all those involved in the Housing for Health and Ukrainian Settlement Fund. These funds are so very important right now. So many people need help this winter and RCFNS is stepping up.

I'm very proud of our volunteer directors and committee members, and most importantly Penny, our executive director for organizing us and making all these things happen. It's amazing how much work RCFNS does. And I am so grateful for all their dedication and hard work. I see the hundreds of thousands of dollars RCFNS has put into the economies of communities through granting and the difference small grants can make when put in the right hands.

I encourage you to give to the foundation. Help make a difference in Nova Scotia. Donations can be: your time, monetary funds, assets such as real estate, or your expertise. All are welcome. We will be advertising for new directors soon. Consider what you could do to make a difference. There is nothing more rewarding than the gift of giving, not just over the holidays, but all year long. Help us help keep Nova Scotia Strong!

Sherry MacLeod, Chair, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia

A Message From the Executive Director



It has been a busy 6 months! RCFNS has opened 6 new and continuing grants including the Soaring Eagle Fund, the Spring Joan Feynman Climate Action Grant, the Gender Equality Grant, the Investment Readiness Grant, the Livia Properties Award, and the winter Joan Feynman. It does not look like we will be slowing down as many more funding and granting opportunities will be opening in the winter of 2022 and into 2023.

On top of the granting opportunities, RCFNS has doubled down on our work on the UN Sustainable Development Goals by incorporating goal 2, Zero Hunger, and goal 11, Sustainable

learning curve is steep, but we are all committed to making a difference in Nova Scotia by reducing inequalities and addressing climate issues which, when not addressed, directly results in hunger and homelessness.

No wonder I am shocked when I look at the calendar and it already says November! So much to do and so little time! It has been a pleasure working with this board over the past many months and I look forward to future relationship building, fund development, and UN Sustainable goals deep dives in the coming months and years.

Penny Cooper, Executive Director, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia

RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

April 21, 2023

NEW DAWN ENTERPRISES,
37 NEPEAN ST, SYDNEY, NS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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As a Board that is representing provincial interests, RCFNS is committed to broadening the diversity of our Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates that are committed to anti-discrimination and anti-



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disabilities, members of the LGBTQ2+ community, and those with varied areas of expertise and lived experiences. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. [Click here to apply.](#)

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April 22, 2023

New Dawn Enterprises
37 Nepean St. Sydney NS

COMMUNITY IMPACT CONFERENCE:

Climate Commitments In Action



DANA DECENT
Keynote Speaker



ALBERT MARSHALL
Speaker



DRAKE JENSEN
Performer



Current & Emerging Funds

Gender Equality Fund

The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia is proud to be one of participating community foundations across Canada taking part in the Fund for Gender Equality in Canada, a new collaboration between Community Foundations of Canada(CFC)

Canada. In 2022, the Fund will be hosted by participating

community foundations who will make a total of \$3.4M available to projects in their communities. The maximum value for each grant is \$40,000.



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Investment Readiness Fund



Funded by the Government of Canada, the Investment Readiness Program (IRP) supports social purpose organizations as they contribute to solving pressing social, cultural and environmental challenges across Canada.

Its goal is to help social purpose organizations build their capacity to participate in Canada's growing social finance market and prepare for the Government of Canada's broader investment in social finance via the [Social Finance Fund](#).

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Awarded to female student, or student who self-identifies as female, who graduated from Cobequid Educational Centre (CEC) and is enrolled full or part-time in any trade specific area of study offered at any of the Truro, Pictou or Cumberland NSCC Campuses.

One award will be offered in 2022. Applications close November 25th 2022.

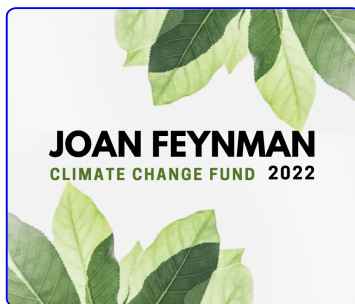
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The situation in Ukraine will have devastating humanitarian



Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia has created the Ukrainian Nova Scotia Resettlement Fund to help Ukrainian and those charitable organizations who are helping Ukrainians come to Nova Scotia. RCFNS offers tax receipts for your donation and ensures that it goes directly to help a Ukrainian family coming to Nova Scotia.

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This fund was created in 2019 with a private donor grant in order to ignite creativity, innovation and change through community projects on climate change. During the next 3-5 years RCFNS plans to greatly increase our Feynman Fund granting and to coordinate with other sectors to leverage progress on climate change throughout the province.

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Projects



Your land & property gift to the Rural Community Foundation of Nova Scotia can create a lasting legacy for generations to come. We would like to work with you to make your tax creditable gifts transform the sustainability of rural communities. You can give your home or cottage, vacant land or investment properties to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Together we can develop grants for a program you and your family are passionate about. Imagine, your family legacy strengthening rural community!

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Vital Signs

Vital Signs is Canada's most extensive community-driven data program. Spearheaded by Community Foundations of Canada and led by the Rural Community Foundation of Nova Scotia and around the world, more than 65 national community foundations and 41 international community foundations produce an informative Vital Signs web site. Vital Signs uses local knowledge to measure the vitality of a community and support action towards improving collective quality of life. Local data gathered through the program is used to support evidence-based, locally-relevant solutions to improve the quality of life at the community level. Vital Signs aims to inspire civic engagement, to provide focus for public debate, and to help a range of actors take action and direct resources where they will have the greatest impact. RCFNS will be launching their Vital Signs web site in 2022/23 once all information is uploaded.

[For more information:](#)

Land & Real Estate Donations

A charitable gift of property can make a lasting difference to our rural communities throughout Nova Scotia. Making a charitable gift of real estate through the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia (RCFNS) can help you turn your property gains into community good. The value of your real estate may exceed that of any other asset you own. With the help of RCFNS, you can use it to fulfil your charitable interests and receive financial and tax benefits.

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Gifts in Wills and Estates

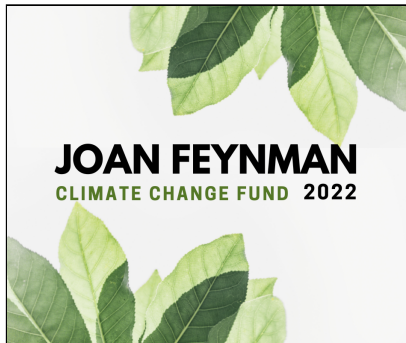
Remembering your rural community with a planned gift is a way of giving that is thoughtful, generous and helps change the future of your community. By making a planned gift today you are part of a growing community that leaves a legacy that helps sustain your rural community. Making a gift in your will is simple and you still retain control of your assets. You can bequeath cash, securities, property or even a percentage of your estate.

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DONOR ADVISED FUND

A donor advised fund is a charitable giving vehicle. It is initially established through an up-front donation by a donor - such as an individual philanthropist or family - to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia. While you, the donor, advises how funds are distributed, all administrative, operating and governance matters are taken care of by RCFNS. Donor advised funds are ideal for those who have always wanted to set up a charitable foundation in order to be strategic in their giving and create a legacy but feel that the cost and burden of setting up a registered foundation is too great. You direct where the work is to be done and we do all the work!

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Nova Scotia's rural communities are directly affected by climate change through such factors as sea level rise, storms, weather, disease and species shift, all of which can cause major economic impact. As such, our communities are on the front-lines of Nova Scotia's efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and they have a vital role in finding solutions to this enormously difficult and complex issue.

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