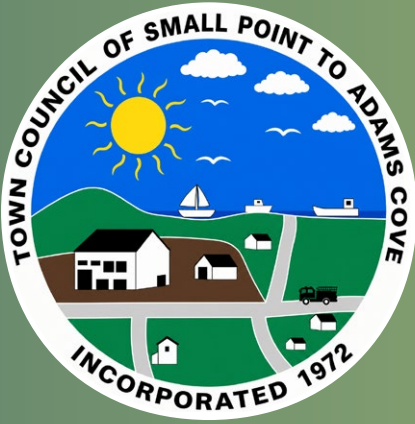




1-YEAR REPORT

Community Recovery and Resilience

TOWN OF

**SMALL POINT, BROAD COVE,
BLACKHEAD, ADAM'S COVE**





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Message From the Town

One year has passed since the Kingston wildfires changed our communities in ways none of us could have imagined. While time has brought healing, it has also reminded us that recovery is not measured in months, but in years. Today, we recognize the strength, resilience, and compassion shown by residents, volunteers, first responders, businesses, organizations, and every partner who stood together during one of the most difficult chapters in our community's history.

Over the past year, we have made meaningful progress. Families have been supported, recovery programs have been established, partnerships have grown, and our communities have continued moving forward together. At the same time, we recognize that recovery is far from complete. Many residents are still waiting to return home, housing remains one of our greatest challenges, and the emotional impacts of the wildfires continue to be felt across the North Shore.

As Council, we remain committed to supporting our residents for as long as recovery requires. This report reflects not only the work that has been accomplished, but also reflects the work that still lies ahead. We move forward with gratitude for those who answered the call when our communities needed them most, and with hope that, by continuing to work together, we will build a stronger and more resilient future for everyone affected by the Kingston wildfires.



Curtis Delaney
Mayor



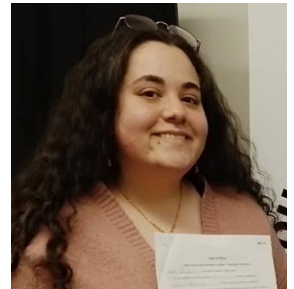
Mark Ploughman
Deputy Mayor



Susan Rose
Councillor



Paul Adams
Councillor



Annalea Pudan-Sproule
Councillor





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Executive Summary

This is the one-year progress report for the Kingston fires, impacting the Town of Small Point, Broad Cove, Blackhead, Adam's Cove (Town) and the communities of the North Shore.

This report reflects the successes, ongoing efforts, and areas of continuous improvement. Over the past year, people from the North Shore and beyond have banded together as we recover from the Adam's Cove and Kingston Fires in 2025. Community members, local volunteers, supporting agencies, and governments have worked to move forward and build forward better.

This report shares insights as to some of the milestones the Town has made in our recovery, where current priorities are focused, and how recovery will continue into the future. Throughout the document, achievements will show the strength, unity, and resilience the community has shown through an extraordinary event.



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Adam's Cove Wildfire

Residents and community members gathered to mark the one-year anniversary of the Adam's Cove fire, taking time to reflect on a difficult chapter while also recognizing the resilience, recovery, and strength of the community as it continues to move forward.

The gathering took place at the site of the former Adam's Cove Methodist School Hall, a building that held significant heritage and community value. More than just a structure, it represented years of care, effort, and dedication from residents who worked to preserve it.

"One year later, we continue to be reminded that recovery is not a moment—it's a process," said Mayor Curtis Delaney.

Special thanks were extended to local resident and community advocate Rob Hudson for his assistance preparing the site and for his continued support and representation of Adam's Cove residents throughout the recovery journey. Following the gathering, attendees came together at the Salem Community Centre for coffee and conversation.

While the road to recovery continues, so does the spirit and resilience of the community.



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Kingston Wildfire

On August 2nd, the community came together to acknowledge the one-year mark of the Kingston wildfires with a First Responders Gratitude Gathering. The gathering provided an opportunity to connect and recognize the dedication, courage, and compassion of the first responders and important volunteers across the North Shore.

Welcoming over 250 residents, first responders, and supporters from across the North Shore, people came together to share a meal, share their stories, and reflect. Mayor Curtis Delaney and Fire Chief Roger Gillingham spoke about the resilience and strength our communities have shown this past year. Community members were invited to share photos, and youth were encouraged to use an art table to draw pictures of their thanks.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the event or showed support online. Recovery continues for many families, but we will continue to show up, work together, and move forward.



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Recovery To Date

Community Priorities, Objectives, and Actions



Social and Community Wellbeing

Rebuild a connected, inclusive, and resilient community where every resident has opportunities to contribute, heal, and thrive.



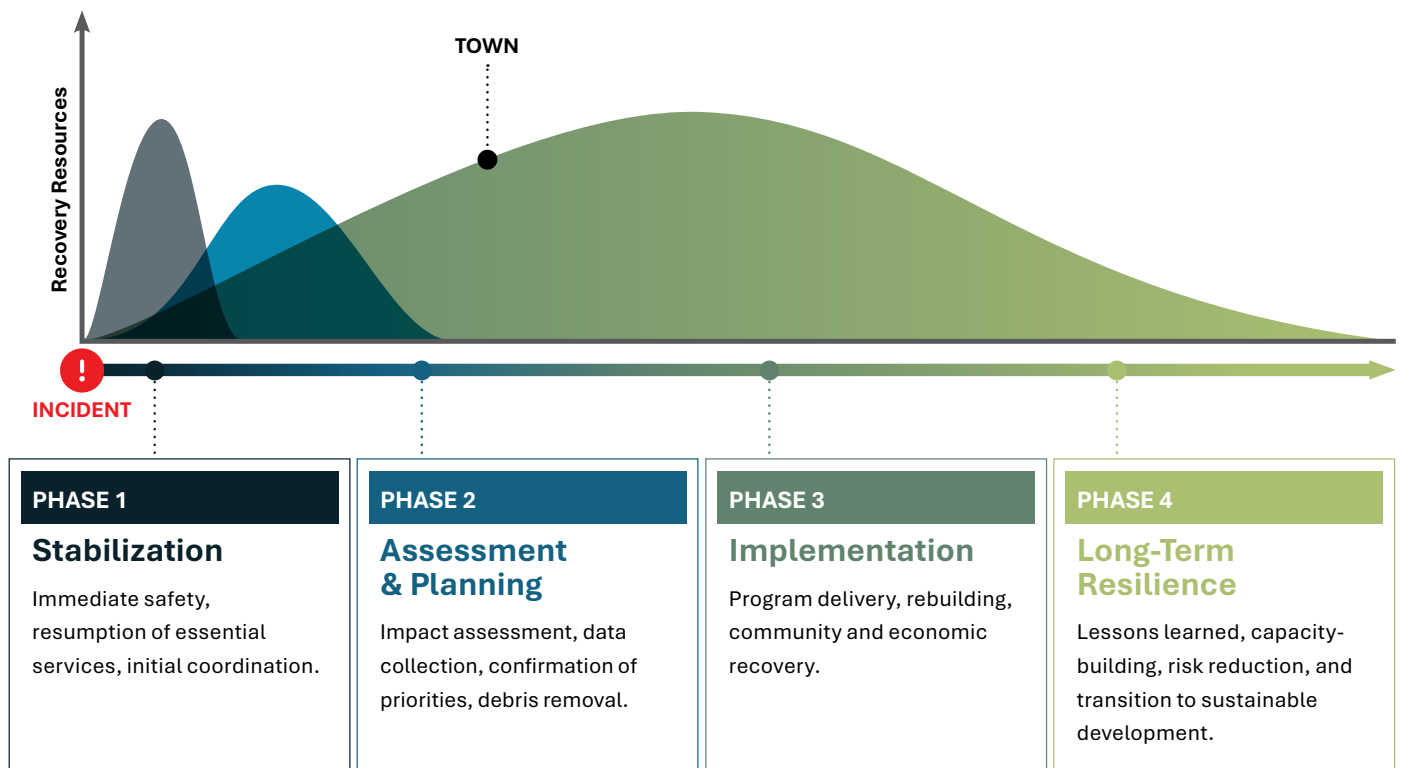
Housing and Community Infrastructure

Restore essential housing stability and strengthen shared community spaces, creating an inclusive foundation for long-term renewal and resilience.



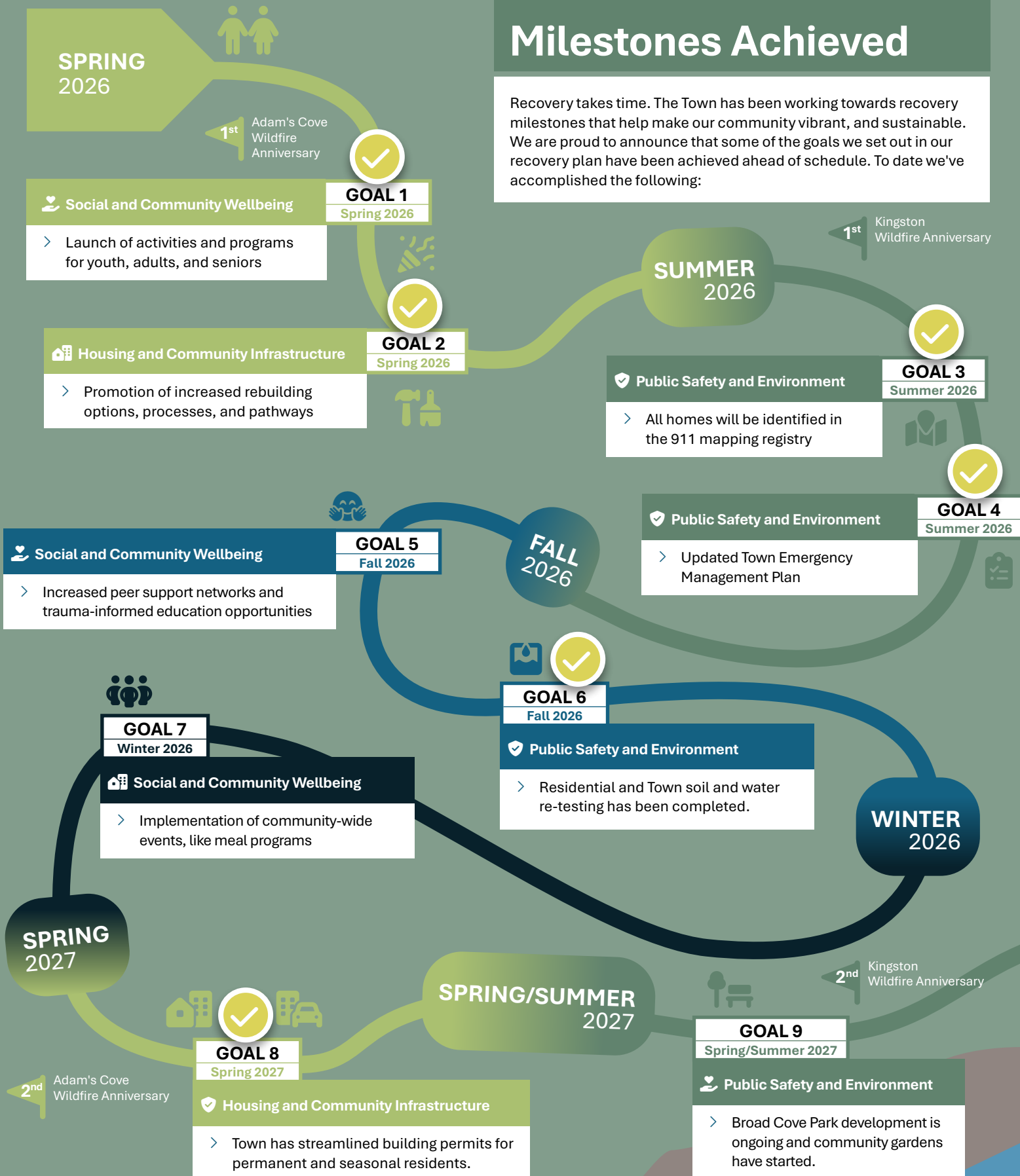
Public Safety and Environment

Strengthen environmental health, enhance public safety, and foster a resilient, secure, and connected community. One that is prepared to face future challenges while preserving the town's unique identity and connection to the natural environment.



Milestones Achieved

Recovery takes time. The Town has been working towards recovery milestones that help make our community vibrant, and sustainable. We are proud to announce that some of the goals we set out in our recovery plan have been achieved ahead of schedule. To date we've accomplished the following:



Coordination, Planning, and Advocacy

Since re-entry into community, the Town has led coordination, partnerships, and advocacy with numerous government agencies and non-governmental organizations to manage recovery.

The creation of a [Recovery Framework](#) and [Recovery Plan](#) shows how the Town is approaching, planning for, and carrying out recovery activities. To achieve these goals, they established a coordination structure with government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and community members. This structure ensures community priorities are maintained, needs are being addressed, and opportunities can be explored collaboratively.

Recovery is expensive, and the Town has continuously advocated for resources and services to support those affected across the North Shore.



Some areas of advocacy include:

- The extension and expansion of housing and rebuilding options;
- The extension of NL Housing Corporation Interim Housing Program;
- The rebuild of Cabot Elementary and the Western Bay Post Office;
- Increasing public safety measures and resources;
- Increasing accessibility to mental health and social wellbeing services;
- Facilitating ongoing debris and clean up programs;
- Improving multi-agency coordination and information sharing;
- Increasing resources and opportunity in the area.



Through consultation with government agencies, participation in after action reports, and ongoing relationship establishment, the Town has worked tirelessly to have community voices heard and needs addressed. This advocacy, while focused on immediate needs, is future focused; promoting longer-term and sustainable resource allocation to improve the safety and prosperity of the North Shore.

To advance these goals, the Town has entered into partnerships or agreements with multiple supporting organizations and agencies. These partnerships have different purposes, but together, they create a robust pool of resources the Town can coordinate with to ensure recovery continues effectively. While the Town does not raise, hold, or allocate funding, they work with funding agencies as the local leadership body to advocate for resources and programming, as well as plan for and coordinate supports for the residents of the Town of Small Point - Adam's Cove. Where applicable, the Town collaborates with representatives with the unincorporated areas for larger North Shore initiatives.



Social and Community Wellbeing

The heart of our community comes from the connection that we have with each other; encouraging people come together for a meal, a listening ear, and for fun events for all ages.

Through the Town's Social and Recreation Committee and the Social Recovery Coordinator, we have been able to launch and maintain numerous community events and spaces for gathering including; and movie nights, crafting workings, holiday events, community meals, clean up days, and new gentle exercise groups. We've provided free mental health first aid training to the community, and deepened our relationship with Western Bay clinic to increase access to supports.





05 RECOVERY TO DATE

Objectives

	Increase opportunities for connection through accessible events and activities.	Offer inclusive, low-barrier programs and events for all ages that support recreation, culture, wellbeing, and intergenerational connection.
	Improve mental health and wellbeing.	Work with health and community partners to provide accessible mental health and wellbeing supports, and offer community-based programs that respond to grief, stress, and post-disaster needs.
	Reduce social isolation and strengthen peer networks.	Support connection between residents through group programs, peer supports, and outreach to people who may be isolated or at higher risk of loneliness.
	Enhance residents sense of safety, belonging, and confidence in recovery.	Provide regular, clear updates on recovery progress and create ongoing opportunities for residents to share feedback so it can help shape recovery priorities over time.
	Support connection to the land and nature.	Provide safe opportunities for people to access and enjoy natural spaces through community activities that support wellbeing and connection to place.

Actions

Progress

➤ Offer and facilitate a wide range of low-barrier and inclusive activities for all age ranges. (social groups, movement and walking groups, community meals, workshops, movie nights, holiday events)	COMPLETE / ONGOING
➤ Collaborate with unincorporated areas to encourage North Shore community initiatives. (North Shore Clean Up Day, Storytelling workshops, social and movement groups)	COMPLETE / ONGOING
➤ Increase the relationship with Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services and integrate them into community initiatives and activities.	COMPLETE / ONGOING
➤ Offer peer-to-peer mental health and wellbeing training opportunities. (Free mental health training)	COMPLETE / ONGOING
➤ Update Town website and include a Recovery Hub with wildfire and general resources and information.	COMPLETE
➤ Facilitation of monthly Town Hall's, where community can be informed on recovery topics and ask questions.	COMPLETE / ONGOING
➤ Increase opportunities for intergenerational learning and connection. Identify and coordinate programs to bring youth and seniors together.	ONGOING





Housing and Community Infrastructure

Our community is rebuilding, bringing old characteristics and new features to our area.

The Town has issued 15 building permits to residents, and 4 houses have been completed and families have moved in by the date of this report publication. In addition to permitting and supporting rebuilds, we've taken measures to increase the visibility of community properties. Implementing civic numbering requirements for all properties and completing 911 digital mapping of all properties in the Town will help first responders find people and properties quicker in the event of an emergency. We have also been upgrading our signage to be more prominent, and are actively working through updating bylaws to reduce barriers to property builds in the Town.

We've continued to advocate for the extension and allocation of resources and funding to the North Shore and supporting those who need support in their housing recovery. We've been engaging with multiple government agencies, non-profits, and businesses to provide resources, programming, financial supports, and navigation of the home repair and rebuilding process. Facilitation of events like The Home Show, information sessions, and insurance and crown land workshops have provided opportunities for the community to be informed of their options and what next steps are best for them.



05 RECOVERY TO DATE

Objectives

	Support the transition of displaced households to safe, permanent housing, prioritizing equity.	Support residents in moving from temporary to permanent housing by assessing needs, providing navigation support, and working with housing partners to expand available options
	Reduce legal and documentation barriers for households.	Help residents navigate legal, permitting, insurance, and property-related issues, and work with partners to reduce system barriers where possible.
	Strengthen resident confidence in rebuilding through clean communication.	Share clear, consistent information about rebuilding options and processes, and connection residents with experts and services that can help them make informed decisions.
	Support restoration of community infrastructure and enable long-term sustainability.	Work with partners to restore key infrastructure and services while supporting housing recovery and local economic rebuilding.

Actions	Progress
> Repairs to roads, water systems, and telecommunications.	COMPLETE
> Complete civic numbering for all private and public properties in the Town.	COMPLETE
> Complete 911 digital mapping of all properties in the Town to increase first responder capabilities.	COMPLETE
> Remove Town permit fees to increase speed and accessibility of rebuilding.	COMPLETE
> Support residents accessing pre-existing Town property paperwork.	COMPLETE
> Facilitate and organize information sessions for rebuilding, insurance, and legal topics. (Home Show, insurance workshops, town halls)	COMPLETE / ONGOING
> Increase community garbage dumping capacity.	COMPLETE / ONGOING
> Identify and partner with organizations that can support home rebuilds after disasters. (Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canadian Red Cross, Mennonite Disaster Services)	ONGOING
> Advocate for longer term temporary housing supports and programs.	ONGOING
> Review and update Town By-laws to help reduce barriers for property builds and renovations.	ONGOING
> Update Town signage.	ONGOING





Public Safety and Environment

Part of the identity of our community is our relationship to the land. As we continue to recover and rehabilitate the area, there are also opportunities to create something new.



The Broad Cove Park Development Project is a multiyear project in partnership with Tract Consulting. The Park will extend from Broad Cove Beach to Broad Cove Pond, connecting through the Melvin Burden Memorial Ball field and Broad Cove Brook corridor. The park will feature trail systems and lookouts, picnic areas, playgrounds, improved access to the swimming hole and the Broad Cove Beach, and recreational amenities. Focused on accessibility and natural restoration, this project will increase public access and recreational opportunities in the area.

The project has already begun due to the incredible support from multiple agencies. NL Power sponsored the NL EnviroFest Community Day, where 80 community volunteers joined NL Power employees to revitalize the entrance area with signage, benches, trees and shrubs, and lay sod. The project was also recently awarded approximately \$37,000 through the CFNL as part of a North Shore community infrastructure fundraiser. An additional Broad Cove Park Fund has been established with CFNL for donations.

The Broad Cove Park Development Project will be multi-phase approach, guided by community input, environmental sustainability, and available funding. We look forward to continue this project.



05 RECOVERY TO DATE

Objectives

	Support environmental restoration and hazard mitigation.	Carry out environmental cleanup and restoration work, reduce wildfire and landscape hazards, and support replanting and land recovery in coordination with provincial and technical partners.
	Enhance emergency response capacity and coordination.	Improve emergency preparedness and response through planning, training, mapping, and coordination between agencies and local responders.
	Increase resident sense of safety at home and throughout the community.	Support community safety through prevention programs, partnerships, and local initiatives that strengthen overall safety and awareness.
	Increase resident awareness of risks and mitigation strategies.	Provide clear, practical information and education to help residents prepare for and reduce risks at home and in the community.
	Support environmental stewardship and restoration of natural and community spaces.	Promote climate education and community involvement in environmental care to support the restoration and resilience of outdoor and recreational spaces.

Actions	Progress
> Update the Town's Emergency Management plans with best practices and lessons learned.	COMPLETE
> Update Town fire policies.	COMPLETE
> Participate in inter-agency after-action reports and provide recommendations.	COMPLETE
> Increase communications about current hazards and risks in the area.	COMPLETE
> Facilitate debris clean-up for residents and community spaces <i>(Team Rubicon, Christian Aid Ministries, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador)</i>	COMPLETE
> Re-test soil to confirm there are no long-term impacts or contamination due to the fire or firefighting efforts.	COMPLETE
> Accelerate brush clean up in the Town through increased clearing and cutting permits.	COMPLETE
> Re-test water systems to ensure no long term impacts or contamination due to the fire or firefighting efforts.	COMPLETE
> Strengthen relationship and coordination with local responders and law enforcement agencies. <i>(North Shore Volunteer Fire Department, RCMP, Department of Forestry, Agriculture, and Lands)</i>	COMPLETE / ONGOING
> Facilitate FireSmart information session and encourage residents to mitigate hazards on their properties.	COMPLETE / ONGOING
> Development of the Broad Cove Park for increased recreation access and community revitalization.	ONGOING / FUTURE FOCUS
> Advocate for more enforcement resources on the North Shore and maintained inter-agency coordination.	ONGOING
> Explore increased responder access to emergency resources and infrastructure in the Town.	ONGOING
> Clear and maintain walking trails around Town.	ONGOING
> Coordinate with Department of Forestry, Agriculture, and Lands on replanting / reforestation in the Town <i>(debris removal, residential tree saplings, public space replanting)</i>	COMPLETE/ONGOING
> Explore peer & community driven safety initiatives.	FUTURE FOCUS
> Map out high risk areas in the community and implement mitigation strategies.	FUTURE FOCUS



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Thank You

This past year has shown how a community can come together and support one another through the challenges and triumphs of recovery. Countless people have stepped up, leaned in, and held steady those around them.

We'd like to give a deep and heartfelt thank you to all those who have lent their time, expertise, resources, and ears throughout this journey. Below is a showcase of how contributions, no matter the size, help us build forward together with strength and resilience.

We recognize that many thank you's are nameless; please know that your efforts are recognized even if we may not have been able to meet face to face. It truly takes a community, and we take great pride in being able to say that about ours.



Town of Small Point - Adam's Cove Town Staff
Town of Small Point - Adam's Cove Social and Recreation Committee
North Shore Volunteer Fire Department
Western Bay Health Clinic Staff
Ronnie Johnson Memorial Centre
Avalon North Wolverines
Ground Search and Rescue
Small Point General
Foodland Small Point
Avalon Industrial
Quinlan Brothers
Red Ochre Café
Kays Restaurant
Sliceberg pizza
Mess Tent Poutinerie
Fortis Inc.
NEWCO Metals
Alex Twells
Presentation Sisters of NL

SSVP Carbonner Food Bank
Carbonear Lions Club
Knights of Columbus (Monsignor McCarthy Council #5902)
Ladies Auxiliary - Old Perlican
Western Seed Library
Hickman's Carbonear
Powell's Grocery Stores
Foodland Carbonear
Dominion
NAPE
Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services
Department of Justice and Public Safety
Department of Forestry, Lands, and Agriculture
MHA Riley Balsom
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Newfoundland Power
The Cabinet Committee on Conception Bay North Response and Recovery

RCMP
Emergency Services
Memorial University
Community Foundations of Newfoundland and Labrador (CFNL)
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
Canadian Red Cross (CRC)
Canadian Mental Health Association (CHMA)
Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC)
Christian Aid Ministries
Salvation Army
Team Rubicon
Mennonite Disaster Services
KCD Web Services
Jungle Jim's
Mary Browns
Tim Horton's
McDonalds
Starbucks

