Starting this year, the picturesque harbourside along which the famed three churches are located will be getting a makeover, thanks to a \$5.6-million investment by the Province through the Municipal Capital Grant Program (MCGP).

Work will include an extension of municipal services, eliminating the last of the straight pipes on Edgewater Street, as well as enhanced lighting and the development of a multi-use coastal trail. Plus, this will expand the Living Shoreline Project, a leading climate adaptation effort for which the town and <u>Coastal Action</u> both deserve huge credit.

Along with other projects in the <u>Town</u> of Lunenburg and <u>Municipality of the District of Lunenburg - MODL</u>, it adds up to more than \$11 million in investments from the \$102-million MCGP fund (the largest provincial investment in municipal infrastructure in decades!) aimed at helping our municipalities ready for and benefit from Nova Scotia's current growth.

In a message, Mayor David Devenne noted, "this project on Edgewater Street – in particular the Living Shoreline concept - originated through community engagement nearly 10 years ago, and I am so pleased that, with the assistance of the Province of Nova Scotia, we are finally able to move ahead with improvements including, in addition to the shoreline, a new coastal multi-use trail for cyclists and pedestrians, and extension of municipal services to eliminate the last remaining straight pipes on Edgewater Street."

Other project announcements included:

MODL's Cookville Wastewater Plant Upgrades- a \$4.1 million provincial contribution for upgrades which will increase the building footprint and upgrade processing equipment.

MODL's Nathan Cirillo and Pine Grove Road Sidewalks – over \$1.3 million provincial contribution for a project that will install catch basins, mains, outfalls, and curbing.

Town of Lunenburg's Green St. Sidewalk Reconstruction – over \$186,000 provincial contribution for a project that will replace the sidewalk from High Street to Victoria Road.

The projects are anticipated to begin in the spring and must be completed by March 31, 2026.