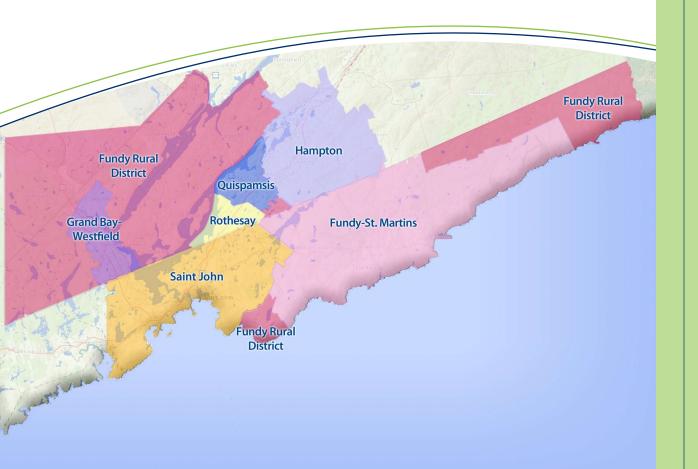
## **Stronger Together:**

Forging the Future of the Fundy Region



Fundy Region **2023 - 2028** 



## Who We Are

With our mandate of public service, the **Fundy Regional Service Commission** is committed to exploring new opportunities for our region that build on our strengths and our prosperity.

We bring people and organizations together: our focuses are collaboration and forging a sustainable future for the Fundy Region with an even better quality of life for its residents.

As we go about our work, we are continually inspired by the strength and potential in this region.

The Fundy Region is nestled along the coastline of the Bay of Fundy and is threaded by the Saint John and Kennebecasis rivers. Steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty, our region is both bustling and tranquil.

Covering an expanse of nearly 3,350 square kilometres, the region encompasses seven local communities – Fundy-St. Martins, Grand Bay-Westfield, Hampton, Quispamsis, Rothesay, Saint John and the Fundy Rural District – which are home to more than 130,000 people and growing.

We acknowledge, honour and pay respect to the land on which we gather and operate sits on traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaw, and Peskotomuhkati. Our commission is committed to developing meaningful partnerships that strengthen and honour all its relations.

In serving our communities and their citizens, we take pride in our dedication to high performance and service excellence. Our success is built not only on collaboration but on our responsiveness and financial accountability.

# Our Work and Our Vision

In serving the Fundy Region, we are committed to unlocking its full potential. With our Board of Directors, composed of elected representatives from each of the Fundy communities, we are resolute in our determination to shape a future that reflects shared values, strengthens connections between communities and builds sustainable prosperity.

Our commission was established in 2013, expanding on our

historical responsibility for solid waste management. In 2023, our

mandate was expanded again and today we seek to build collaboration and strength across the region in a number of service areas from public safety to regional facilities.

In our work, we are driven by a vision of inspiring collaborative excellence, building resilient communities and delivering valuable outcomes.

We will continue to forge strong partnerships with local governments, community organizations, government agencies and private entities. By sharing knowledge, resources and best practices, we will unlock synergies and create a unified approach to community development.

We seek to harness our region's collective strengths. We will build upon our reputation as a vibrant region that nurtures creativity, innovation and inclusivity.

In our work, we are driven by a **Vision** of inspiring collaborative excellence, building resilient communities and delivering valuable outcomes.



## **Responsible**Service Delivery

We are committed to responsible service delivery that provides equitable access to programs and services for residents across the region. Recognizing the **diverse needs** of our communities, we will work diligently to reduce barriers and promote social inclusion.

We understand the importance of balancing **growth** and **environmental sustainability**.

By leveraging data-driven decision-making, we will strive to develop **comprehensive plans** that address housing needs, promote health and well-being and contribute to the creation of vibrant communities that stand the test of time.



## Forging the **Future**

With our expanded mandate, we embarked on our first **regional strategy** in 2023. Extensive consultation with individuals and organizations across the region, encompassing a broad range of voices, unearthed a strong will within the region to work together for a stronger future for all.

The strategy combines thorough analysis, research, and investigation with tangible outcomes.

The plan, available online at **www.FundyRegion.ca**, provides a comprehensive roadmap for delivering services, fostering collaboration and building a stronger future for all communities within the Fundy Region to 2028.

Guided by the principles of sustainability, enhanced quality of life, accessibility, and economic growth, it aligns the work ahead for the region along our areas of responsibility:

#### **Regional Public Safety**



We strive to improve collaboration among diverse public safety agencies, promoting interagency collaboration and standardization, fostering consistent service levels and training opportunities as well as navigating regulatory and governance challenges.

#### **Regional Transportation**



We seek to bolster transportation across the region, exploring diverse needs and preferences and enhancing services and connections. We will foster greater collaboration within the sector, promote safe transportation, advocate to eliminate barriers and promote sustainable forms of transportation, including biking, walking and "rolling."

## Community Planning & Building Inspection Services



We will foster regional collaboration to achieve land use planning that fosters vibrant communities. preserves natural landscapes, and supports equitable and resilient development for present and future generations. In collaboration with communities, we will develop a regional land use plan to manage sustainable development, and we will work with the Fundy Rural District and Fundy-St. Martins to create modern regulations for their areas.

#### **Community Development**



will empower communities. foster inclusivity and guide equitable access to programs and services. Through collaborative regional community development initiatives, we will seek to improve the health and well-being of our residents. We will advocate for social inclusion and an inclusive approach to housing. We will foster diversity and promote the successful settlement of newcomers.

### Economic Development & Tourism Promotion



We will deliver regionally focused economic development and tourism promotion services, leveraging positive economic trends, and maximizing the collective impact on the region's economic growth.

#### **Solid Waste Management**



We will champion further waste reduction by promoting individual and corporate responsibility. We will look to the future and develop a solid waste strategy for the region for 2025 to 2030.

#### **Regional Facilities**



We will work with communities to build on the strength of our regional facilities, which stand as catalysts for community engagement and economic growth. We seek to ensure they are not only sustainable but offer exceptional service and value to the communities. and the region. We will build on a framework of trust and accountability, fairness and equity, between communities, operators, partners, and residents.

## Toward a **Stronger Future**

The Fundy Regional strategy embraces regional progress. We understand that taking action is crucial in building trust.

Under the leadership and co-ordination of the Commission's Board of Directors, committees have been struck for each area of responsibility.

These committees, made up of **representatives from communities** across the region, include not only public officials but those who are leaders and experts in the areas of responsibility. Together, the committees advise and oversee implementation.

We have a unique opportunity to introduce pilot projects that test new waters for the commission and the Fundy Region. These projects will be undertaken with careful consideration of regional agreement, the value and efficiency they create along with the resources available.

By embracing this approach, we can **explore innovative solutions**, gather valuable insights and ensure that our actions align with our mission of responsible and impactful service delivery.

As we move forward, our actions are guided by a commitment to a strong and vibrant future for the Fundy Region.

And in forging that path, we are inspired by people across the region – community leaders, partners, service providers and the citizens we are so proud to serve. We are honoured to work with them to enhance services and improve the quality of life throughout the region.

### **How to Reach Us**

Do you have ideas on how to strengthen the Fundy Region? Starting a project that could be of value across our communities? Have a question about what we do?

Call us at **(506) 657-8930** or connect with us by email at **info@frsc.ca**.

You can also reach out to an elected representative from your community. Each entity has one elected representative serving on our Board of Directors.

For more information and for a copy of the regional strategy, visit **www.FundyRegion.ca**.

