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Government is hiring more than 80 students across the province this spring and summer. Fifty positions, from service jobs to land surveyors, have already been posted online and more positions will be posted during the coming weeks. Students will also be hired through internships and co-op placements directly with schools or will return to summer positions they successfully competed for in the past. Positions are based throughout the province. All the summer jobs are student positions. University, college and high school students are encouraged to apply. In the last twelve months, more than 50 per cent of all those hired into the public service have been 35 or younger. Since fall 2013, more than 1,800 public service positions have been filled by younger workers. To view the positions, as well as, other public service opportunities, visit <https://jobs.novascotia.ca/go/Entry-Level-Opportunities/503017/>

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has announced two newly approved productions through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. **Cinema 902**, a TV mini-series, produced by Winter Light Productions Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$243,200 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$760,000. **The Halifax Explosion: 100 Years After**, a documentary produced by Ocean Magic TV Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$78,590 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$271,000.

Veritas Catholic Books & Gifts will open its third outlet in Truro this April 2017. The latest store will be located within Immaculate Conception Church at 669 Prince Street, Truro. Veritas is moving the flagship store to Rockingham Ridge Plaza, 30 Farnham Gate Road, Halifax on April 3 after being a presence in downtown Halifax for over 22 years. Veritas in Enfield moved into larger premises in Parker Place Mall five months ago. Veritas also launched its ecommerce store in time for Christmas last year. To learn more about Veritas visit the website at www.veritasbooks.ca.

The RCMP and the provincial government are offering up to \$150,000 for information about the murder of Elmer Yuill in 1991. In the early morning of Oct. 26, one or more people hid in the loft of Mr. Yuill's barn in Beaverbrook and shot him two times as he tended his cows. Mr. Yuill was discovered by an employee face down on the barn floor. Anyone with information that could result in an arrest and possible charges should call the Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program at 1-888-710-9090. Those who come forward with information must provide their name and contact information. They may be called to testify in court. All calls will be recorded. For more information about this case and others, visit http://novascotia.ca/just/Public_Safety/Rewards/

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a mere 5 MBPS service are barely getting 1 MBPS most of the time. And so the woman from Quebec, who would help bring more tourism dollars to a remote part of Nova Scotia, faces the unenviable task of starting a hospitality and tourism business, in the year 2017, with no ability to market her business or correspond with customers via the internet. \$500M over 5 years will not connect every household and business in Canada to a true high-speed internet service.

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with a bonus to the contractor for early completion. This will incent the contractor to be as efficient and effective as possible recognizing the inconvenience in the short term that this will cause all of us. A second part of the tender calls for widening of Trunk 2, including turning lanes, from the intersection easterly 0.3 kms towards Masstown. The Five Year Plan includes asphalt paving on the #2 (Masstown) from Masstown Market to MacElmon Road (6.4 kms). This work will also include paved widening of the shoulders, as this section of Trunk 2 has been identified as part of the

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inner city communities of their own nationality. I am confident there are many families out there who are hard working and would love to move to and put down roots in these communities, we love so much and call home. Our challenge is how do we identify them and what has to happen to enable this. I am going to a meeting tonight that is billed as the re birth of the West Colchester Community Development association. I will be asking if there is support for this type of venture. Another issue which has really got my attention is the Opioid crisis. Apparently, as a councillor from a rural community in Nova Scotia, I have had my head in the sand and thought, well, that will never happen here. Well fortunately as of now it has not affected us, but from what I learned, it is unrealistic to expect we will be immune to it. When I hear reports of 922 overdose deaths in British Columbia in one year, even though the number is shocking, I picture those fatalities being the homeless drug addicts living on the streets of the inner cities. I am told that is not the case. A vast number of these fatalities are what are identified as recreational drug users are coming from good homes, as well as, those who have been prescribed Opioids as a pain killer and become addict-

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and therefore falls under the Nova Scotia Special Places act. There is a much better understanding and working relationship between the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and the County of Colchester now than there has been in the past. The ongoing archeology throughout the area which falls under the Special Places act is much more economical and completed in a shorter time frame than in the past. It is crucial, moving forward, to recognize and take into consideration the magnitude of having a Business Park coinciding with a site where the ancestors of the Mi'kmaq people lived 13,500 years ago. Another change you will be noticing before fall, if all goes well, is the rebranding of the Debert Business Park. This is something staff and council have been working on for several months and is to the point where we will be going back to the local business community for their input into some of the design work which has been completed. This will mean new signage for the park which is way overdue. Some of the signage in place now was there when I use to drive my father to work at Scot Truck (that gives most of you some idea of how old it is). This is an exciting project that along with some new marketing and promotional programs will enhance the Parks profile. Our recreation staff will be working on creating a small bike trail in the wooded area next to the tennis court by Colchester Park and as a result from talks with the Debert Recreation

Association this and a few other projects are now underway. Land has also recently been purchased by the County adjacent to the football field for future recreational use by the community. This land is in the same area where the Debert Family Days are now held each year. August 12th is the date of the event this year, so mark your calendar! Also, this summer if all goes as planned, you will be seeing the creation of a beautiful new non-traditional playpark at the Lower Onslow Community Centre. This type of park can be utilized by not only the pre-school children who attend Lower Onslow Pre-School but also the other children in the surrounding communities. There has been an application filed for funding, which is pending approval, and proceeds from the annual Onslow Rocks fundraiser will go towards this project. Please come out and enjoy a great night of dancing to music by local band, "Nowhere Road". This year's event is being held on Friday evening June 16th, 2017 starting at 9:00 pm Central Colchester Junior High, Onslow. As always there will be a huge silent auction with some fantastic items donated by local businesses, an open cash bar and lots of dancing. Mark your calendar for this event too. In closing I would like to inform residents that EnviroSystems Incorporated located at #660 MacElmon Road is now in the process of establishing a Community Liaison Committee for their Debert facility. The purpose of the committee is to keep residents informed about potential operational activities that may affect

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester

Estimates of the cost to achieve that run well into the billions of dollars. But Connect to Innovate is a step. And in Phase 2 of the Government's Long Term Infrastructure plan, \$2 billion more is set aside for rural and remote infrastructure, including broadband. Rural Canadians should be writing their service providers, their politicians and anyone who will listen to demand highspeed internet service in their communities. We will keep encouraging providers and communities to seek assistance under these programs and to find innovative new ways to connect.

Karen Casey, MLA represents Colchester North and is Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Provincial Blue Route. As your MLA and one who travels this road on a regular basis, I understand there will be inconveniences in the short term and I ask for your patience during the construction period. I do believe that this is a necessary project in order to provide a safer travel route for those who commute to Truro and beyond via the 104, to those who work at the Masstown Market, to local residents and to the many visitors who enjoy shopping at the Market. Contract completion is set for June 30, 2017. Thanks for your understanding.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

ed after the medical situation is cured. I am told by my counterparts in the west who represent rural communities, their medical first responders are facing this on an ongoing basis. It is truly frightening both at the loss of life, as well as, well as the danger it brings to the medical first responders. It has become such a crisis in Canada the Federal Government has asked the FCM to join an intergovernmental response to this crisis. Some of the first steps are, to better inform Canadians about the risks of opioids; supporting better prescribing practices and reducing easy access to unnecessary opioids. I hope I am wrong, however indications are this is spreading across Canada and currently affecting some communities on the East Coast. To put this in perspective I will leave you with a comment made by an Alberta Councillor. In the past 12 months there have been 1,274 opioid deaths in Alberta and British Columbia alone. That works out to 106 per month. If we had a plane crash every month in Canada that killed 106 people, we would shut the aviation industry down until this problem was solved. How are we ever going to shut this down? I am sorry to be telling this tragic story, but the first step in dealing with a crisis is recognition. This story must be told! We will be fortunate if we escape this untouched.

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