

Bearcat Bytes: Dell Welton



March 15, 2021
#20 Dell Welton
 17-year-old Defense
 Baddeck, NS
 6'2", 168 lbs

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to sophomore, Dell Welton. He didn't pick up any points in Truro's lone game of the week, a 7-4 win over the Summerside Capitals, but he continued to provide steady defensive zone coverage against some very offensive Capitals. He's clearly developing into a reliable young blueliner.

He came up through the Nova Jr. X-men Major Bantam program, displaying an offensive flair the second season picking up 13 goals and 12 helpers. Next up were two years with the Cape Breton West Islanders Major Midgets, drawing attention from both the Truro Bearcats and Charlottetown Islanders, both drafting him in 2018.

He had a solid rookie season with Truro last year and dressed for 7 Islander games as well. He has a strong skill set, always comfortable with the puck. He gained experience playing forward, showing his versatility.

March 22, 2021
#27 Alex DeGagne
 20-year-old Defense
 Mississauga, ON
 5'10", 180 lbs



Bearcat Bytes: Alex DeGagne

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to defenceman Alex DeGagne. The Bearcats acquired his playing rights in early February. His arrival made the defensive corps deeper, faster, and more skilled. He's used in all situations.

Following a season of U16 hockey with the Vaughan Kings (GTHL) he moved on to Terrebonne, QC for a year with College Esther-Blondin Pheonix. At the end of that 2017 season he was drafted by the Shawinigan Cataractes, suiting up for two seasons with the Cataractes. Last year a trade brought him to the Victoriaville Tigres. After 10 Tigres games this year, he was traded to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies in this Covid year. The option to play hockey brought him to Truro. He was a great fit from the outset. In his first 6 Bearcat games, he's scored 2 and assisted in 2 others.

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Strengthening Laws on Police Impersonation

New legislation introduced on March 11 will restrict access to police items, making it more difficult for someone to impersonate a police officer. The Police Identity Management Act will strengthen existing legislation by prohibiting the sale, reproduction or possession of police issued items by or for others. It prohibits the sale of marked police vehicles and restricts possession of police vehicle decals and police vehicle equipment to authorized individuals and uses.

"In April 2020, Nova Scotia endured a tragedy that few can comprehend. The lives of 22 innocent people were lost and our province was left traumatized and heartbroken," said Randy DeLorey, Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

The legislation covers the use, management, possession, sale and reproduction of police-issued items. It also requires police agencies in the province to have asset management and disposal policies in place for uniforms, badges, police vehicles, decals and vehicle equipment. This includes a requirement for all retired police vehicles to be decommissioned, with the removal of all equipment, decals and other markings.

Police asset management and disposal policies must include: a process for tracking items; requirement for police issued items retained by former or retired officers to be made unserviceable and a process for individual citizens to forfeit, or have permanently altered, any currently used police issued items they own.

Working with Affordable Housing Commission

Nova Scotians now have more ways to help shape the future of affordable housing in the province. The Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission has launched an online survey and will host a series of virtual public workshops with housing stakeholders in March and April.

Individuals and organizations are invited to share their knowledge and experiences by writing or emailing the commission. The survey is available at www.nsaffordablehousingcommission.ca and details of the workshops will soon be available on the website.

The feedback will be used to help develop recommendations that will be presented to government by May 31.

Rents cannot increase by more than two percent per year and landlords will not be able to get an eviction order for renovations until Feb. 1, 2022, or until the state of emergency is lifted. Government is investing \$513 million over 10 years in affordable housing projects and programs under the National Housing Strategy. Over the past six months, more than 900 low-income homeowners have received a home repair or adaptation. More than 2,700 households currently receive a rent supplement.

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