



Help for Wine, Beer, Spirits, Cider Sectors

The provincial and federal governments are adding to their support of Nova Scotia's home-grown wine industry while also helping Nova Scotia beer, spirits, and cider producers get their products ready for export. The two levels of government are investing in new equipment at the Acadia Laboratory for Agri-food and Beverage. The province, through the Department of Agriculture, is providing \$145,950. The Government of Canada, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's Innovative Communities Fund, is providing a \$99,500 non-repayable contribution.

The new lab equipment will provide both new and improved testing services that measure the alcohol content, chemistry and sugars of alcoholic products. The lab currently provides a high standard of quality assurance for wine by

analyzing it for levels of nutrients, micro-biology, and yeast. The new equipment will allow the lab to provide the same analysis for craft beer, spirits, and cider.

This analysis will guarantee accurate labeling and ensure quality of taste and shelf stability. The more efficient, automated lab analysis will help producers meet regulatory requirements and get their products ready sooner for new export markets.

The investment will also help the Acadia lab work toward achieving ISO accreditation, a globally recognized standard of quality assurance. The accreditation will mean beer, spirits and cider samples will no longer have to be sent to a lab outside the province for testing, allowing for quicker test results.

No Major Budget Allocations for Colchester

By Maurice Rees

Labi Kousoulis, Finance and Treasury Board Minister's first budget, tabled on March 25th, includes funding for construction of the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, plus several other allocations including increasing the standard household rate for adults who receive income assistance by \$100 per month. Unlike Cumberland County area which will get a new Elementary School in Springhill, there were not major projects listed for Colchester. However other budgetary items contained in the overall provincial stats will accrue benefits for Colchester.

The \$100 per month increase is the single largest increase in income assistance in the province's history and other investments in key sectors that will benefit Northern Nova Scotia, including the hospitality industry, long-term care, public health, mental health and the environment.

"Our government strives to improve the lives of all Nova Scotians and defines progress through economic growth as well as well-being and quality of life," said Mr. Kousoulis. "The province's next chapter is being written right now and it tells the story of a modern Nova Scotia on the path to balance.

The 2021-22 budget estimates a deficit of \$584.9 million with revenue of \$11.8 billion and expenses, after consolidation adjustments, of \$12.4 billion.

Budget 2021-22 highlights that will benefit Northern Nova Scotia include:

- \$35.2 million in additional funds to increase the standard household rate for adults who receive income assistance by \$100 per month;
- \$24.2 million to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Nova Scotians, including locations in Amherst, Antigonish, Truro, New Glasgow, Pictou and East Hants;
- \$95.5 million for construction, repair and renewal of hospitals and medical facilities across the province, such as the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre;
- \$467 million for Nova Scotia's roads, highways and bridges and equipment, including continued construction on Highway 104 from Sutherlands River to Antigonish;
- funding for construction at Springhill Elementary School and funding to purchase the P-3 Antigonish Education Centre;
- \$12.3 million increase for new mental health programming, including single brief intervention sessions to provide rapid access to men-

tal health supports, withdrawal management hubs to support Nova Scotians with substance-related harm and addictions, and e-mental health options to increase access;

- \$1.2 million to support the hospitality industry by expanding the 10 per cent Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation discount to include bottled and canned beer and ready-to-drink products;
- \$7.6 million in focused funding for active transportation and public transit initiatives under the new Department of Transportation and Active Transit and
- \$3.7 million increase to the operating grant for post-secondary institutions to train and educate our workforce of the future

Other budget allocations include:

- \$26 million for new Green Fund climate change programs - a new climate change strategy for clean growth, a Nova Scotia regional climate representative at the Atlantic Data Hub and funding for climate change research and risk assessment;
- a total of \$1.02 billion for long-term care and home care this year;
- \$22.6 million increase to implement findings of the Expert Panel on Long Term Care;
- \$2 million to create six positions at the new Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives to address systemic racism, promote diversity and improve the economic, social, educational and health outcomes of all Nova Scotians;
- \$320,000 increase for the Accessibility Directorate, for a total of \$2.2 million this year, to support the goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030;
- \$252,000 to expand the Office of Immigration and Population Growth to attract and retain more newcomers, adding to our record high population and,
- Reduce government regulatory burden on business by \$10 million in 2021, in addition to the \$50 million in savings achieved since 2017

Quick Facts associated with release of the budget included: the final forecast for 2020-21, which updates the deficit to \$705.5 million, down from \$778.8 million projected in December; additional appropriations related to the 2020-21 forecast, totaling \$95.8 million, account for unbudgeted spending by eight departments and offices and assistance to universities and \$617.3 million was spent on COVID-19 related expenses in 2020-21.



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF COLCHESTER PROPERTY TAX SALE

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act of the Province of Nova Scotia,

TAKE NOTICE

That the lands and premises situated in the County of Colchester hereunder described shall be **SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION** for the arrears of rates and taxes due to the Municipality of the County of Colchester, unless the arrears of rates, taxes and expenses hereunder specified are paid in full. The auction will be held in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26, 42 Brunswick Street, Truro on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The Municipality will follow Public Health Guidelines and procedures, such as social distancing, providing hand sanitizer upon entry, and the wearing of masks. Masks (non-medical) will be mandatory.

1. Property Assessed to Bermuda North Inc.

Accounts # 01483099 & 05856779 (PID 20141594 and PID 20401410)
DESCRIPTION: 3343 Highway 2, Economy, Land Retail Office and Parcel C A B Highway 2, Economy, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$19,950.77 Expenses \$2,588.95 **Total: \$22,539.72**
A right of redemption exists on these properties for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

2. Property Assessed to Greg Fleming and Cathy Fleming

Account# 01867032 (PIDs 20054656 & 20311056)
DESCRIPTION: 26 Highway 336, Newton Mills, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 5,470.20 Expenses: \$13,309.87 **Total: \$ 18,780.07**
A right of redemption exists on these properties for a period of six months.
 A minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 2,500. HST Applicable.

3. Property Assessed to Louise Higgins

Account# 02712652 (PID 20128732)
DESCRIPTION: 1773 Station Road, Lot 1 Londonderry, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,698.31 Expenses: \$5,562.94 **Total: \$7,261.25**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

4. Property Assessed to Eva M. Hoare

Account# 07321988 (PID 20283529)
DESCRIPTION: Valley Road, Lot 4 East Mountain, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,231.46 Expenses: \$1,073.09 **Total: \$ 2,304.55**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

5. Property Assessed to David Ross Hopkins and Lynn Pringi Hopkins

Account# 03645711 (PID 20090742)
DESCRIPTION: Appalosa Trail, Lot 4 Bayhead, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,758.73 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 2,623.25**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

6. Property Assessed to David Ross Kaiser

Account# 01334921 (PID 20054425)
DESCRIPTION: 808 Highway 336, Lot 2 Newton Mills, Land Dwelling
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 453.83 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 1,318.35**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

7. Property Assessed to Richard K. Langille

Account# 03246655 (PID 20158861)
DESCRIPTION: 104 Loop of Highway 6, Bayhead, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 2,463.20 Expenses: \$3,309.00 **Total: \$ 5,772.20**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

8. Property Assessed to Gary William Leamont and Jeanette Heather Leamont

Account# 05229065 (PID 20129771)
DESCRIPTION: 944 College Road, Lot 30 Valley, Land Dwelling Garage
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 8,091.52 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 8,956.04**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

9. Property Assessed to Clair Marshall

Account# 03046109
DESCRIPTION: 27 Matheson Drive, Salmon River, Mobile Only
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 2,906.15 Expenses: \$1,042.61 **Total: \$ 3,948.76**
No right of redemption exists on this property.

10. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 04129946 (PID 20020293)
DESCRIPTION: 700 Brule Shore Point Road, Lot 1 Brule Point, Land Dwelling
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 6,435.80 Expenses: \$ 864.52 **Total: \$ 7,300.32**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

11. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 07382626 (PID 20021382)
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Road, Brule Point, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,148.89 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 2,013.41**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

12. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 07384866 (PID 20336913)
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Road, Lot 95-F Brule Point, Golf Courses
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 3,428.20 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 4,292.72**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

13. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 10228093 (PID 20446688)
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Road, Lot 2-D Brule Point, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 758.32 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 1,622.84**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

14. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 10273171 (PID 20457909)
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Road, Lot 1 Brule Point, Land
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,895.92 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 2,760.44**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

15. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc.

Account# 10460727 (PID 20467254)
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Road, Brule Point, Land Golf Courses
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 3,776.64 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 4,641.16**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months. HST Applicable.

16. Property Assessed to Pamela Pickles and Ronald Pickles

Account# 03737772 (PIDs 20079794 and 20447520)
DESCRIPTION: 1168 Wittenburg Road, Wittenburg, Land Dwelling
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 3,916.10 Expenses: \$ 864.52 **Total: \$ 4,780.62**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

17. Property Assessed to Mary Rushton

Account# 04085213 (PID 20130712)
DESCRIPTION: 487 Base Line Road, Londonderry, Land Dwelling
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 2,156.99 Expenses: \$864.52 **Total: \$ 3,021.51**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

18. Property Assessed to Josephine Snair

Account# 00273635 (PID 20096004)
DESCRIPTION: 1579 Highway 246, West New Annan, Land Building
 Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,886.95 Expenses: \$1,073.09 **Total: \$ 2,960.04**
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.

A description of the above properties may be viewed at the Tax Office, County Courthouse, 1 Church Street, Truro, Nova Scotia.

The Municipality of the County of Colchester makes no representations or warranties to any purchaser regarding the fitness, geographical or environmental suitability of the land(s) offered for sale for any particular use and does not certify the legal title, legal description or boundaries. The land(s) offered for sale are being SOLD ON AN "AS IS" BASIS ONLY, subject to any estates or interests of the Crown in Right of Canada or the Province of Nova Scotia.

TAKE NOTICE that tax sales do not in all circumstances clear up defects in title. A tax deed conveys only the interest of the assessed owner, whatever that interest may be. If you are intending to clear up defects in the title of your property by way of Tax Sale, you are advised to obtain a legal opinion as to whether this can be done.

All properties sold at Tax Sale may be subject to HST charges, which will be collected from the successful bidder on top of the final bid price. If the purchaser is an HST registrant, they will be required to provide their HST registration number at the time of sale, if applicable.

Terms: Payment of cash, certified cheque, money order, bank cleared draft, or Lawyer's Trust Cheque to cover taxes, interest and expenses, must be made at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price, if any, must be made within three (3) business days of the sale, (NAMELY FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021, 4:30 P.M.) in similar form of payment.

Dated at Truro, Nova Scotia, the 25 day of March 2021
 Scott Fraser, Treasurer

A man who stops advertising to save money is the man who stops his watch to save time.