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Amendments to Construction Projects

Amendments to the Construction Projects Labour Relations Act will broaden the legislation to include large-scale green hydrogen production facilities as Nova Scotia transitions to renewable energy. "Large-scale green hydrogen projects provide significant investment, economic activity and jobs for our province," said Jill Balser, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration. "This legislation provides certainty and labour stability for companies and investors as they work to complete their projects on schedule. This will encourage and support the timely completion of large-scale green hydrogen projects in Nova Scotia." Under the Construction Projects Labour Relations Act, unionized contractors and unions enter into a collective agreement for the construction project, safeguarding it from work stoppages. The amendments will take effect upon royal assent.

Legislation to Improve Patient Access to Care

Nova Scotians will be able to get healthcare faster with new legislation introduced March 21. The Patient Access to Care Act includes new measures to reduce administrative burdens on healthcare providers, giving them more time to see patients. It also makes it easier for healthcare professionals from other parts of Canada to work in Nova Scotia. The Patient Access to Care Act includes measures to reduce paperwork, allowing healthcare professionals to focus more on patient care and support healthcare recruitment and retention efforts in Nova Scotia. Highlights of the act include: licensing or registration criteria will be waived for healthcare providers coming from other parts of Canada, as needed and in accordance with Canadian free trade obligations; regulators cannot charge healthcare professionals licensed in other parts of Canada an application fee; applications must be processed within five business days; supports the creation of regulations that will apply the above provisions to non-Canadian jurisdictions; allows all regulators to recognize the credentials and licenses of healthcare professionals trained outside Canada; ensures regulated healthcare professionals can work to their full training and allows expanded scope of practice through regulations rather than legislation; employers will only be able to request a sick note if an employee is absent for more than five days or has already had two absences of five days or less in the previous 12-month period and allows the government to prescribe Workers Compensation Board forms and documents to improve the process for Nova Scotians and doctors.

Workplace fatalities increase in 2022

The number of Nova Scotians who died at work or because of their work increased in 2022 compared to the year before, according to data released today by WCB Nova Scotia and the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration (LSI). In 2022, 24 Nova Scotians died at work or because of their work, compared to 20 in 2021 and 32 in 2020. Of these, nine Nova Scotians died from acute traumatic injuries on the job, compared to five in 2021 and 18 in 2020. The acute deaths occurred across a range of industries, including two in fishing. There were also 15 fatalities classified as chronic in 2022 – eight related to occupational diseases stemming from past exposures, and seven caused by health-related issues, such as heart attacks, which occurred at the workplace but may or may not have been related to work. In 2021, there were 15 chronic fatalities, and 14 in 2020.



Debert Elementary Grade 1 students are following the Mi'kmaq Teaching through the book *The Lost Teachings* and for February their theme was Love. They were inspired to put their love into action by collecting items for the Truro Homeless Shelter. Left to right- Blake Julien, Paisley Staples-Barkhouse, Hunter Spencer and Leah. Robinson. (Harrington Photo)



Debert Elementary Grade Six students applied for a grant through the NS Authority's Uplift Program and received \$5000 to support creation of a reading lounge. They picked the name *The Dragon's Den* and have a new mascot Cosmic the Dragon who will live in the lounge. They have been surveying what all students would like to see in this new space and expect to purchase comfortable furniture and new books. Left to right- Ava Tanner, Peyton Murphy, Lucas Adshade, Russell Slack, Drake Millett, Chyann Mellroy, Celena Thomas and Spencer's Verge. (Harrington Photo)

OBITUARIES

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AMIRO, Alice Rose Marie – Age 79, Truro. Alice Rose Marie Amiro passed away peacefully on 20 March 2023 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Alice was a faithful member of First United Church Truro. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 60 years, Burton Amiro; her children, Richard Amiro, Lisa Amiro and Angela Amiro; granddaughter, Kristen Murray; grandson, Derrick Ouma and sister, Evelyn Garrett. She was predeceased by her father, Henry Clarence Conrad and mother, Myrtle Rebecca Conrad; sisters, Laurene Owen, Marie Barry, Violet Wallace, Cecilia Doucet, Anna Fevens and Marilyn Porter and brothers, Carleton Conrad and Edward Conrad and brothers, Eric and Stewart in infancy. Alice was born in Liverpool, NS and moved to Yarmouth when she was four years old. Alice went to the Yarmouth Vocational School taking Commercial. She worked in several offices as secretary until she married the love of her life, Burton. She followed Burton to Winnipeg MN, Germany, Oromocto NB, Valcartier PQ, Debert NS, Kingston ON, Halifax NS, and Ottawa ON. She retired with Burton to Truro. While in Debert, she obtained her grade 12 GED. She got a job working in the base kitchen. While she was in Kingston, she took a "You 2" program where you upgrade your secretarial skills and education and graduated with another grade 12. During the program, she was placed at the local hospital transferring records into the computer system. After the program finished, she was hired back periodically to help in the office and then was asked to work in the OR keeping records and before leaving Kingston for Halifax, was hired to work in Admitting. In Ottawa, she worked for a short time in a fabric store. After retirement, she spent lots of time with her friends and especially at church with her craft group and UCW unit. She enjoyed cruises to the Western Caribbean, Eastern Caribbean, Southern Caribbean, Tahiti, Hawaii and England, Scotland and Ireland. River cruises from Budapest to Amsterdam and Paris to Zurich and a Mediterranean Cruise from Venice to Barcelona. She did these cruises even though she was

afraid of the water. Alice suffered many ailments including Diabetes for over 50 years and Thyroid Cancer. She was a fighter and said, "If you tell me what the problem is, I can deal with it." She put up a valiant fight right up to the end. Thank you to all the nurses and doctors in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for your kind words and actions while taking care of her. We realize that you have a busy and difficult job, but you manage to do your work very efficiently and proficiently. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to First United Church, Heart and Stroke, Diabetes Canada or your favorite charity. Cremation has taken place. A visitation will be held March 31st from 6 to 8 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, April 1st at 2pm in First United Church, Truro, NS, Rev. Valerie Kingsbury officiating. Livestreaming of the service will begin at 1:58pm (AST) and is available at www.youtube.com/channel/U-CbCfQ0fRpwkiw6bmoNoil5g. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacSWAIN, Helen Janet (Campbell) – Age 70, of Truro and formerly of Stratford, PEI, passed away peacefully with family by her side on March 21, 2023. She was a daughter of the late Boswell "Buffy" and Beatrice Campbell. Helen was the beloved wife of Wayne MacSwain and loving mother to A.J. (Krista) MacSwain and Bradford (Nancy) MacSwain. A cherished Nana of Annabeth and Alexandria "Lexi" MacSwain. She is also survived by her sister, Edna Sprake and niece, Kristy Sprake. The family would like to give a special thank you for the compassionate care from the VON nurses and to Dr. Smith and Cheryl from the palliative care team in Truro. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Peters Road Cemetery or a charity of choice would be appreciated. At Helen's personal request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private graveside service to take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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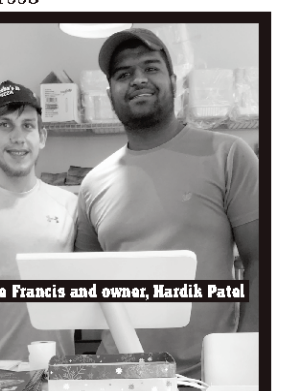
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