

# The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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## Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities, Homes

Climate change is causing rising sea levels and stronger storms which can lead to more storm surge flooding and erosion, which put people and properties at risk. On February 26, the government released The Future of Nova Scotia's Coastline: The plan to protect people, homes and nature from climate change along our coast, which has 15 actions for property owners, municipalities and the Province to take to make coastal homes, communities and natural areas safer.

This new plan is part of government's integrated and holistic approach to climate change which includes the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act, a climate plan, updated risk assessment and more. These initiatives empower Nova Scotians to adapt to climate change, create climate-resilient homes and communities, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and in this case, safeguard our coastal way of life." The full plan is at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/coastal-plan>

Minister Halman also announced a new navigator service to help coastal property owners understand potential risks and hazards on their property and what they can do to mitigate them.

More than \$3 million in funding from the climate plan will support some of the actions in the coastline plan: \$1.6-million investment in municipal flood-line maps so people and municipalities have more information, more quickly, on flooding risks and to support municipalities in better zoning land to reduce coastal and inland flood hazards; part of the funding will be used to hold adaptation workshops for municipal leaders in communities across the province and \$1.6-million top-up for the Community Climate Capacity Program, administered on behalf of the Province by Clean Foundation.

## Stronger Enforcement of Westray Law Following Recent Workplace Fatalities

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour has voiced significant concerns regarding the enforcement of the Westray Law in the wake of two tragic workplace fatalities in the past week. Danny Cavanagh, President of the Federation, on February 27, 2024, emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive investigation into these incidents and the potential application of criminal charges under the Westray Bill.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour is committed to advocating for the rights and safety of workers, and their call for stronger enforcement of the Westray Law reflects their unwavering dedication to ensuring a safe and secure work environment for all.

## Special Move Permits Available for Forestry Sector

Forestry contractors looking to move wood or forestry equipment over short distances on provincial roads can apply for special move permits prior to spring weight restrictions taking effect. This is a short-term measure to help keep people in the forestry sector working.

The Department of Public Works will allow some use of provincial roads on a case-by-case basis, depending on road and weather conditions. Persisting cold weather overnight may support safe transport.

Inquiries on the permitting process can be directed to the operations contact centre at 1-844-696-7737.

## More Funding to Improve Diabetes Care

More Nova Scotians living with diabetes will soon be able to better afford the equipment and supplies they need. The Province is providing funding for sensor-based glucose monitoring supplies and an expansion to the Nova Scotia Insulin Pump Program.

Nova Scotians with an annual household income of less than \$60,000 will pay no deductible. Household incomes between \$60,000 and \$150,000 will pay a deductible between \$500 and \$1,000.

The Department is also expanding the Nova Scotia Insulin Pump Program by removing the age cap. The program, which helps with the costs of insulin pumps and supplies, is currently only available to Nova Scotians under the age of 26.

## Site Preparation for New Healthcare Facility

Site preparation about to begin for the acute care tower at the QEII Health Sciences Centre's Halifax Infirmary site.

This work will help pave the way for a modern healthcare building that will include 216 acute care beds, 16 operating rooms, an intensive care unit and a new, larger emergency department. This phase of construction, which will ready the site for the new tower, is expected to continue throughout 2024.

## Income Assistance Changes Will Help

Changes to the income assistance program will help people reconnect to the workforce and ensure those who are working keep more of their earned income.

The government will provide a one-time \$150 payment for each income assistance client who does not qualify for the new disability supplement announced in November. Beginning in April, the new disability supplement will provide \$300 per month more to those who cannot work and who are not currently in the Disability Support Program.

The Province is also increasing the earned income ex-

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# Comprehensive Policing Review Update

Mandated by the Mass Casualty Commission find report with over 160 recommendations a comprehensive review of the policing structure in Nova Scotia continues to move forward. Attorney General and Justice Minister Brad Johns announced the successful consultant, engagement advisory committee members and a new co-chair on March 13.

The Shoreline Journal published a four part series in summer 2023 which contained the entire Mass Casualty Commission recommendations, which listed what everyone - municipalities, police forces, the provincial government were to do and when it was to be completed.

Deloitte has been named the external consultant to conduct the comprehensive technical review, through a

request for proposals process. This will involve broad public engagement and Deloitte will work closely with the engagement advisory committee to inform this work.

The committee includes people from the provincial government, police agencies, subject matter experts and equity-deserving groups, including those from faith-based communities, gender-based violence organizations, and newcomers.

It is co-chaired by Lindell Smith of Halifax, who has stepped into the role, and Hayley Crichton with the Department of Justice.

The review, which will potentially make recommendations for change, is expected to be completed by April 2025.

**Quick Facts:** Committee

members were selected from nominations put forward by groups, organizations and agencies serving communities across the province; there are currently 11 police agencies in Nova Scotia - 10 municipal police agencies and the RCMP serving as the provincial police agency - with almost 2,000 police officer positions

The final report of the Mass Casualty Commission recommended a multi-sectoral council be established to review the structure of policing in Nova Scotia and make recommendations that can be implemented before the 2032 expiration of the Provincial Police Services Agreement (Recommendation P.67)

Through it's reporting and speaking with those affected by Canada's largest mass murder, we have been

able to determine multiple groups will be watching and pressuring all those listed to fulfil the recommendations in the report even if it takes until 2032 to complete.

## Additional Resources:

News release - Province to Conduct Comprehensive Policing Review: <https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2023/09/29/province-conduct-comprehensive-policing-review>

Turning the Tide Together - Final Report of the Mass Casualty Commission: <https://masscasualtycommission.ca/final-report>

Directory of police agencies in Nova Scotia: [https://novascotia.ca/just/policing\\_services/agencies.asp](https://novascotia.ca/just/policing_services/agencies.asp)

Deloitte: <https://www2.deloitte.com/ca/en/pages/about-deloitte/articles/home.html>



In accordance with the Municipal Government Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following lands & premises shall be SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION for taxes, interest, and expenses due at the time of sale to the Town of Truro, unless the taxes, interest and expenses are paid in full.

The public auction will take place in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 695 Prince St, Truro Nova Scotia on Tuesday the 14th day of May 2024. The doors will open at 9.00am and the auction will commence at 10.00am

1. Property assessed to Alisha Brooks  
Land 10 Elizabeth St  
Account# 00250155  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$1,036.78      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$500.00
2. Property assessed to Paul Layton Byard & Lemeul Richard Valaster Sealey Jr.  
Land 207 Prince St  
Account# 00575224  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$1,536.36      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$1,536.36
3. Property assessed to Boakye Holdings Ltd.  
Commercial Property 277 Lower Truro Rd  
Account# 02241323  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$12,955.13      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$12,955.13
4. Property assessed to Paul, Nikole Leigh & Carl James MacDonald  
Residential Property 327 Brunswick St  
Account# 02818485  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$6, 475.33      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$6,475.33
5. Property assessed to Donald Geldart  
Residential Property 106 James St  
Account# 02866684  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$7,723.86      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$7,723.86
6. Property assessed to Fadi Bitar & Bill Wood  
Land 1 Hayward Crt  
Account# 05193133  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$1,271.12      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$1,271.12
7. Property assessed to Elizabeth Ann Nelson  
Land Prince St  
Account# 03715868  
Taxes/Interest & expenses: \$3,726.87      Redeemable      Minimum bid: \$200.00

A full description of each property will be available at the Finance Dept., First Floor, 695 Prince St, Truro, Nova Scotia or by email: [erenaux@truro.ca](mailto:erenaux@truro.ca)

These balances are current as of March 15, 2024, and are subject to change.

HST is applicable to Land and Commercial Property Sales.

Terms: Payment in full at the time of tax sale in the form of cash, debit, certified cheque, money order, bank draft or lawyer trust cheque or deposit **equal to taxes/interest & expenses** with remaining balance to follow within 3 business days.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

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