

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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ing. The maximum benefit will be \$6,639 per child under age 6, and \$5,602 per child aged 6 through 17. For example, a single mother with two children under the age of 6 and an income of \$30,000 will receive an additional \$286 tax-free for the upcoming benefit year. This means up to \$13,278 in support every year.

Wildfire Crew sent to Ontario

A 21-person crew of wildfire fighters departed Halifax on July 5. They returned home on Sunday, July 21st after spending time on the fireline near Thunder Bay. Nova Scotia's assistance was requested through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre. In May, Nova Scotia sent 21 firefighters to help fight wildfires in Alberta.

Name Change Fees Waived

Government is making it easier for Residential School survivors and their families to reclaim their birth name. For many Indigenous children entering residential schools, the process of removing their cultural identities began by replacing aboriginal names with Euro-Canadian names. Fees will be waived for residential school survivors and their families who want to reclaim names that were changed by the residential school system. Currently, the fee to change a name is \$165.70 and an additional \$24.95 for each family member. The fee for a long form birth certificate is \$39.90. The fees will be waived for five years until July 2024.

Property Tax Rebate to Benefit Seniors

Low-income seniors will be able to afford to stay in their homes longer, thanks to the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors. Eligible seniors receive a rebate on municipal property taxes paid during the previous tax year, to a maximum of \$800. Government introduced two changes to the program this year: seniors who moved out of their home in 2018 now qualify for the rebate, as long as they paid last year's municipal taxes; seniors who receive the rebate can choose to be automatically considered for the 2019-20 Heating Assistance Rebate Program in the fall. The heating assistance program issues eligible applicants rebates of up to \$200. Approximately 15,500 seniors benefit from the Property Tax Rebate Program each year. Seniors qualify for the program if they are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement or the Allowance from Service Canada in 2019, and their 2018 residential property tax bills are in their name and paid in full. The program is open now and it closes December 31. Applications are available at <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>. They can also be picked up at Access Nova Scotia, Department of Community Services and MLA offices as well as through senior groups. They are also available by calling 902-424-5200 or toll-free 1-800-670-4357. For more information, visit <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>.

Reduce Trade Barriers and Increase Efficiency

Nova Scotia continues to be a national leader in eliminating internal trade barriers and reducing red tape. Government's goal of helping businesses save \$25 million annually through reduced regulatory burden was exceeded, reaching \$34 million by the end of 2018. A new target has now been set - to reduce overall regulatory burden on businesses by nearly \$45 million annually between 2017 and 2020. By the end of this year, 10 reconciliation agreements will be finalized to resolve regulatory differences nationally in the areas of occupational health and safety, transportation, techni-

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HOME DECOR & MORE



Stay Active, Keep Busy and Have Fun

The new Away For The Day program at 32 Windsor Way, next to Wynn Park, is designed for adults 50 years of age or older who are independent in Activities of Daily Living (age exceptions may be made for individuals who have early onset Alzheimer's Disease or Vascular type Dementia). The program is an opportunity for the participants to engage in meaningful activities that stimulate them physically, cognitively and socially, while also giving them the opportunity for companionship. The program offers respite for caregivers, so they can take a break from their responsibilities to attend to their personal needs,

knowing they can depend on us to care for their loved one.

With an aging population, we recognize a need for more options for seniors. With over 40 years of experience in the sector, we want to support seniors and their families and or caregivers. Away For The Day is a private Day Program, offering Seniors with memory loss, depression, loneliness, as well as physical limitations, a safe and secure environment. The Program will operate from 9:30am to 3:30pm, with two snacks and a nutritious meal being provided. There is also a half day service available.

Friendly and engaging staff

oversee the Program. Stimulating activities throughout the day will be tailored to each individual. Use of memory aides and strategies to enhance cognitive function will be part of the Program. Keeping seniors engaged and independent is a

key goal. Away For The Day is committed to giving seniors an opportunity live life to the fullest while giving family and caregivers respite.

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Repurposing of St James Church Being Studied

The St James Church of Great Village Preservation Society is gathering information with a Strategic Plan Questionnaire and is seeking the input of area residents. The questionnaire is a follow up to a community breakfast, according to John Patterson, chair of the preservation society.

The outcome from the study will be a new strategic cultural plan for St James Church and involve the community for implementation.

The society has engaged Shelley Chase to conduct the

study which is intended to evolve into a long term sustainable plan for the cultural repurposing of Saint James. How it can be used, and to achieve maximum benefits and interaction

Those who have not received the questionnaire, and wish to participate can obtain a copy by contacting Shelley Chase at: garrisonhillbooking@gmail.com; calling 709-691-4751, or mail a request to: 3 Tantramar Place Sackville NB E4L 4M1.

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