

## The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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### New innovation rebates approved

Two business development incentives in the form of an innovation rebate for Van Meekeren Farms Limited and Totally Raw Natural Dog Food Inc have been approved by Nova Scotia Business Inc (NSBI).

Since 1967, Van Meekeren Farms, based in Kings County, has been growing, harvesting, storing and shipping fresh apples to markets throughout Canada, the United States, Europe and more. Van Meekeren Farms is proceeding with a \$8,635,818 capital investment to create an improved apple packing facility and controlled atmosphere storage through an expansion and upgrade to meet the increased demand for export and help increase efficiency and production levels. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$2,158,955 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending.

Totally Raw Natural Dog Food Inc., Burnside Business Park, is the largest producer and distributor of high quality, healthy, raw pet meals, treats and supplements in Atlantic Canada. The company exports to more than 500 stores across Canada, including 400 Canadian Tire locations and is working to expand into international markets. Totally Raw Natural Dog Food Inc. is proceeding with a \$2,760,700 capital investment to create a state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility. The new manufacturing and distribution operation will increase efficiency and production and ensure there is capacity to meet the increasing demand for Totally Raw Pet Food products. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$322,233 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending of \$1,288,933.

### NS Power seeks approval for rate stability

The price Nova Scotians pay for electricity has increased each year by less than inflation since 2014, and Nova Scotia Power is looking to continue that trend for the next three years. Nova Scotia Power has applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) to implement a three year fuel stability plan that, if approved, would hold average fuel rate increases for residential customers to 1.5% in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For the average household, this equates to roughly \$2 per month.

### New Red Tape Reduction Targets

Government will reduce regulatory burden to business by an additional \$10 million by end of 2020, start an inspection navigator service and expand its work by setting Canada's first target to save people time. Government exceeded its goal of \$25 million in annual savings for businesses, reaching \$34 million by the end of 2018. The annual report and the office's priorities for the coming year can be found on the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness website.

### Changes to restorative justice

Nova Scotians impacted by crime will now have greater access to restorative justice with new protocols that will allow some matters to be referred to restorative justice earlier in the justice process. A provincial moratorium remains in place for the use of restorative justice in offences involving domestic or sexual violence.

Police, Crowns, courts, correctional services, victim services, and the province's eight community justice agencies have all committed to ensuring that referrals to restorative justice are consistently considered and made more frequently. This commitment has been solidified in a five-year memorandum of understanding.

Additional changes include: the establishment of regional lead teams, consisting of senior staff within community restorative justice agencies and senior probation officers. The teams will assess all adult referrals to determine the required supports and expertise needed for each specific case. The establishment of a governance and management committee made up of government, community and justice system leaders. The committee will provide oversight to ensure protocols are being applied and that restorative justice is being used in all appropriate cases. National statistics have shown restorative justice to reduce repeat offences by 12 per cent.

### Googoo receives notice of suspension

The Assembly of First Nations has served its regional chief Morley Googoo a notice of suspension. A report indicated he engaged in ongoing discrimination against members of Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and other Mi'kmaq women. The letter, dated Monday and signed by National Chief Perry Bellegrade, gives Googoo 20 days from the date of the letter to respond with written submissions to the assembly's chief executive office. The assembly's move to discipline Googoo stems from findings from an independent report commissioned by the Tripartite Forum. The 2018 report was in response to numerous complaints by Cheryl Maloney, past-president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association. The report showed, among other things, that Googoo attempted to eliminate Maloney's position and remove the women's association from the Tripartite Forum, a federal, provincial and Mi'kmaq government organization. It also stated that Googoo acted in an aggressive and intimidating manner toward women in the organization, causing some of them to fear for their jobs.

## Truro Community Happenings in August

### Farm Equipment Museum:

Catch up on all the new exhibits and artifacts at the Farm Equipment Museum located on the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition grounds at 73 Ryland Avenue in Bible Hill. The Museum features one of the finest displays of farm life and also lifestyles of the past. It's open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm. FREE admission, wheelchair accessible and group tours can be arranged. Visit us on facebook or nspe.ca/farmequipment-museum.

### Truro Raceway -Live Harness Horse Races:

Enjoy the best of harness racing. Located on the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition grounds 73 Ryland Avenue in Bible Hill, the event offers the best of drivers and horses in the Maritimes. Live Race dates: Fri. Aug. 2, 9, 30, Mon Aug. 19th. Also enjoy the simulcast. Visit us on facebook or www.truroraceway.ca

### Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre:

Filled with artifacts, displays and a gift shop, visitors will enjoy a look at Mi'kmaq Heritage and Cultural in Nova Scotia. New items at the gift shop. Centre is located at the Power Centre on Highway 102, Exit 13A, 65 Treaty Trail. Visit on facebook or www.millbrookheritagecentre.ca

### Victoria Park :

Located a short walk from Truro's downtown center, the 3,000 arce park offers walking and bike trails, waterfalls, playgrounds, swimming pool, free movies and concerts and picnic areas. A jewel in the heart of Truro! Visit: truro.ca for a complete list of Park events during the summer months. Tennis Club and courts adjacent to Park.

### Free concerts in the park:

Every Sunday from 2pm to 4pm on front of the band shelter at Victoria Park .A great line-up of entertainment. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, concerts held (same time) at Douglas Street Recreation Centre at 40 Douglas Street. Visit: www.truro.ca for concert schedule.

### Truro's Farmers Market:

Located at 10 Young Street in Truro, the Farmers Market has over 50 vendors and offers fresh produce, new products, crafts, art and more. Lots of special events during the summer including the Community Fare suppers on July 3rd .The Market is open every Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Visit facebook or www.trurofarmersmarket.ca

### Colchester Historeum:

Located at 29 Young Street, Truro the Colchester Historeum is a great place to spend a few hours re-living Colchester's past. A new Portia White exhibit is currently on display. In recent years there have been many new updates to the facility and resources, delighting residents and visitors. Visit the Historeum on facebook or www.colchesterhistoreum.ca

### Colchester-East Hants Public Library:

A hub bub of activity everyday for residents and visitors alike. Check out artist's Rhonda MacLellan's paintings on display throughout the Library until August 31. The Library is located at Civic Square in a heritage building - the old Normal College on Prince Street in the center of Truro. Visit: facebook or www.mylibrary.ca

### Coming attractions:

August 7: Market Fare Dinner -Truro Farmers Market, 10 Young St., Truro, 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 2,9,16,23,30: Movie Night - Victoria Park. Every Friday Night, bring a Chair. For schedule and details visit Victoria Pak at truro.ca

August 4,11,18,25: Concerts in Victoria Park starting at 2:00pm in front of the Band Shelter.

August 9 to 11: 20th Annual Millbrook Pow Wow. A huge competition celebrating Indigenous culture featuring dancing, drumming and more held at Millbrook, For more information: millbrookfirstnations.net/

Aug 10-11: Firefit Championships, Truro Mall, Robie Street  
Aug. 16: Kick-off to Wild Blueberry Festival, Truro Civic Square  
Aug. 16-17: Country Rocks the Hub, Truro Civic Square  
Aug. 18: B-Side Hip Hop Festival, Truro Civic Square  
Aug. 20-24: Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, 73 Ryland Ave. Bible Hill  
Aug. 21-23: Truro Buskerfest, Inglis Place, Truro  
Aug. 22: Beer, BBQ, Blues, Truro Civic Square  
Aug. 23-25: Rock The Hub, Civic Square  
Information Centre at Victoria Square is open from 8:30am to 7:30pm each day.

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