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Sign up for FREE Workplace Rapid Screening

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness to offer FREE rapid COVID-19 testing for business. This simplified program is easy to navigate and report test results. For more information on the program contact the chamber office, 902-895-6328 or email Executive Director Sherry Martell, ed@tcchamber.ca

Businesses that have previously registered for the Rapid Workplace Testing program are encouraged to reach out to the Chamber to learn about the simplified, newly implemented process. Businesses participating will receive a decal to display at their place of business and letter of recognition from the Province. Creating visible symbols of the prevalence of testing throughout the Nova Scotian community will aid in building consumer confidence.

Intake form: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/working-during-covid-19/#workplace-screening-program>

Resources: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/workplace-testing-resources/>

Ecological Forestry Implementation

The province is sharing new guidance tools for mixed forests and high-production forestry zones and is now shifting to implementation planning for ecological forestry. The guidance tools provide an overview about how ecological forestry will be done on Crown lands, as part of implementing recommendations from Prof. William Lahey's 2018 independent review of forest practices. They reflect input from public and stakeholder consultations and from the Minister's Advisory Committee. The triad model of ecological forestry divides the land into three zones that work together to balance the diverse interests and expectations Nova Scotians have for Crown lands. The three zones are conservation zones, high production forestry zones and mixed forest or matrix zones. The Silvicultural Guide for the Ecological Matrix is a technical guide that outlines silviculture and timber harvest methods within matrix zones. The triad model prioritizes biodiversity conservation through lower impact forestry and reduces clearcutting in zones where the guide will be applied. The new silvicultural guide will come into effect after the department trains forest professionals so they can better understand and apply the guide and its requirements. Interim retention guidelines for Crown land harvests, which have significantly decreased the number of clearcuts approved on Crown lands, will continue to apply until harvests are approved under new requirements. The other new guidance tool is the High Production Forestry final report, which outlines criteria that will be used to identify, rank and select high-production forestry zones. Crown lands approved for high-production forests will produce high-value forest products in long-term cycles while allowing a larger proportion of public land to be managed for ecological objectives. No sites have been selected yet for high-production forests. Detailed site assessments and the selection process must still take place.

Improving Community Facilities

Nova Scotia is investing \$858,000 to support 35 community projects that will improve existing cultural and community facilities to ensure safe spaces where people can gather, celebrate and connect. The community-led projects are supported through the Community Facilities Improvement Program (CFIP), which focuses on repairing and improving existing building exteriors and interior features.

Support for Communities Across Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia will receive an additional \$55 million through the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) to help municipalities carry out infrastructure projects that support the well-being of their residents. Earlier this year, the province received more than \$58 million through the CCBF program, formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund. A wide range of projects are eligible for funding, from energy systems to solid waste to recreational infrastructure. Fire halls and fire-station infrastructure have been recently added as an investment category, further contributing to the program's objective of building stronger and more resilient communities.

Class II Environmental Assessment for Northern Pulp

Northern Pulp's effluent treatment plant project will undergo a Class II environmental assessment. The company's proposal involves changes to the pulp mill itself, as well as the design and construction of a new effluent treatment plant. "The changes outlined in the company's project description would make the mill a substantially different facility than the one that had operated there previously." A Class II environmental assessment typically takes 275 calendar days to complete, not including the time it takes to prepare an environmental assessment report. The proponent has up to two years, outside of the review time, to prepare the environmental assessment report. In a Class II process, an environmental assessment panel is appointed to review the project and provide a report and recommendation to the minister. Northern Pulp formally withdrew its previous replacement effluent treatment project from the environmental assessment process on May 5, 2021. The next step is for the company to register its new project for environmental assessment. Once that happens, the registration documents will be posted online, and the department will draft terms of reference for public review and comment.

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**I failed math so many times at school,
I can't even count.**

Tamara Powell, Liberal Candidate Truro-Bible Hill-Salmon River-Millbrook

What topic is raised most frequently while campaigning "door to door"?

There are two issues that are being raised the most campaigning door to door and they are healthcare/doctor shortages, and childcare which would allow more parents to enter the workforce.

What did Nova Scotians do to contribute to Nova Scotia being Canada's "per capita" leader to fight the Co-Vid pandemic?

Nova Scotians followed the science led recommendations from Dr. Strang.

Co-Vid restrictions / lockdowns were difficult on all sectors, but primarily the hospitality and tourism sectors. Were the restrictions imposed by government's strict enough? If , why not?

The restriction were strict enough and displayed strong leadership by Premier Rankin and Dr. Strang. If it had not been for that strong leadership Nova Scotia would not have been the "per capita" leader in the fight against the Co-Vid pandemic.

What is the most promising asset / resource to achieve economic growth or population growth for Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook?

I believe that \$10 per day childcare is an extremely promising asset/resource for economic growth in our riding, because more parents will be able to work and start businesses if there is affordable childcare. Some can not work because childcare is so expensive, and no family should pay more for childcare than rent or mortgage.

Is "racism" a basic and systemic problem in Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook?

Racism is very real in this riding and across our province. It destroys individuals, families and communities. It prevents community growth as fear of racism causes distrust, lack of economic opportunity, and business development. Racism can prevent proper health care, education, policing and fire services. It is a disease that will only destroy our communities.



Tamara Powell

What steps should be taken and how will you assist in making Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook among the "least racist" constituency in Nova Scotia?

In order to combat racism in our riding I will assist by working to engage and educate our constituents on human rights best practices, assist in organizing more diversity embracing activities and events that highlight the many cultures and ethnicities that make up our communities, as well as assist organizations and businesses educate staff on human legislation and anti-racism initiatives.

In which sectors in Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook should government prioritize its efforts of leadership and funding assistance to achieve a high rate of economic and population growth?

I feel that government needs to prioritize healthcare and doctor recruitment, which is in line with the Liberal Healthcare Plan. Too many Nova Scotians are going without medical care and daily medication because they do not have a family doctor. We need to do better for Nova Scotians and investment into recruitment and retention is key.

What existing provincial government program or planned policy is least beneficial to businesses and general population in Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook?

This is an important question that should be asked of constituents. An MLA shouldn't answer for the people, instead be the voice of the people.

Many people are of the opinion the provincial government is directing too much attention to HRM and larger urban areas. What would you do to change the pendulum to place more emphasis on rural Nova Scotia?

I will work with the Liberal Government so that our riding is given the attention it deserves as the Hub of this province. Our region is unique and deserves more government attention to maximize exposure that would lead to real economic growth. For example the TAAC grounds are a resource to our region and to the province, and government funding is key in upgrading that space to reach its full potential. I have already been in discussion with Premier Rankin, and if elected will make sure the provincial funding is there.

If you are elected on August 17th will you " toe the party line" on all decisions, or will you consult with and abide by the wishes of taxpayers throughout the constituency?

There is value in working as a party on necessary bills, but if I am elected by taxpayers in this riding then it is their voices that need to be heard. An MLA should always put their constituents first.

If you are elected on August 17th what actions will you immediately undertake to achieve economic growth and lifestyle enhancements for the constituency of Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook?

If elected, I will take immediate action to make sure that the provincial funding is there to complete the TAAC upgrade, physician recruitment, and promotion of our dynamic workforce to companies seeking to expand to new locations like the Hub of Nova Scotia.

Assessment of Equity in Individual Program Plans

The province is launching an equity assessment of individual program plans (IPPs) to identify and remove systemic barriers in education that affect students of African and Indigenous descent. IPPs are developed when a student may not be able to meet the outcomes in the provincial school curriculum. A 2016 review found that African Nova Scotians, other students of African descent and Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous students are disproportionately placed on IPPs. Disparities in the process can create barriers to a student's success and affect their well-being and sense of belonging.

Current and former students, parents and guardians, and community members will be able to share their input and ex-

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Sean Foley has spent three decades working to make Colchester County better.

Over the last 30 years, Sean has had a career working for the Nova Scotia Health Authority's Environmental Services Department in Truro. He has been a volunteer member of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for 31 years. Sean enjoys taking care of his neighbors and doing his part to make sure that anyone who has to go to our hospital has as pleasant an experience as possible.

The Vice President of CUPE Local 8920 and the Northern Zone Area Vice President for CUPE, Sean has worked tirelessly to ensure that workers' safety, security, and quality of life are maintained and that they are receiving a fair wage for their hard work. He and his wife Pat have resided in Belmont for over 31 years. They have 2 dogs, 3 cats, a parrot, a horse and many fish.

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