

Chamber Presents to Minister on July 19TH



Vonda Hazard, 2nd Vice President of the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce shares a shop local Summer Celebration Box with the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), who was in Truro in July 19 to announce total investments of \$775,409 for three projects in Colchester County. See Dave Ritcey's column on page 5 for details on ACOA's three Truro projects. (Contributed)

Business ACCESS - Ability Grant Program

Businesses can apply for a cost-shared grant to make accessibility-related improvements. Improvements can be for clients and customers, for employees, or both. There are five categories of funding:

Built Environment: Removing physical barriers for persons to access business services, by installing ramps, accessible washrooms, door openers, and other projects.

Accessible Communications Services: Ensuring that all customers, clients, and employees can access information related to a business.

Assistive Devices: Ensuring that employees and consumers who are people with disabilities have the devices they need to effectively do their jobs and access places of business.

Universal Design Capacity Building: Training in the field of Universal Design, both for technical services professionals and for persons with disabilities wishing to better understand its value.

Accessible Transportation: Providing support for businesses to improve access to transportation services.

The Business ACCESS-Ability program deadline for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is July 29, 2022.

When applying, keep in mind: maximum grant amounts available per year is \$100,000 over multiple categories, per applicant; features and improvements required by law, legislation or the Nova Scotia Building code are not eligible; only recognized educational institutions or organizations that deliver training and educational services targeted at the business community are eligible for the Universal Design Capacity funding category;

contact Wayne Matheson (wayne.matheson@novascotia.ca), Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Coordinator and funding available for Accessible Transportation projects is limited to up to 2/3 of eligible expenses, to a maximum of \$20,000.

Please ensure the requested documentation is included in your application to prevent delays in processing.

PCs to Opposition: Vote 'NO' on MLA Raise

There is only one way for Liberal and NDP MLAs to show Nova Scotians they don't want a 12 per cent raise: immediately pass the bill to stop the raise, says PC MLA Tom Taggart. On July 19, Tim Houston said PC MLAs cannot accept the wage hike proposed by the MLA Remuneration Review Panel while so many Nova Scotians are struggling with skyrocketing prices.

MLA for Colchester North, Tom Taggart, fully supports Premier Houston's request of the Speaker to reconvene the Legislature next Tuesday to terminate this mandatory raise. "With the cost of everything increasing, if any MLA thinks now is an appropriate

time to give ourselves a raise, they are out of touch," MLA Taggart said. "Next week, all MLAs have a chance to tell Nova Scotians quickly and clearly that an MLA pay hike simply isn't appropriate, when the house is recalled on July 26th for one day to vote on the committee's recommendation."

"The recommendations of the panel are binding, so if we don't take action, this raise will happen. Our PC Caucus is acting right away, and I hope the opposition follows suit," says MLA Taggart. "If MLAs aren't willing to give unanimous consent, it makes you wonder if they want the raise."

PHOTO FEATURE

The Portapique Community Project build-up site is a busy spot these days. The ground has been broken for the new building and every Saturday Portapique Market happens. The first Portapique Market opened for the season on June 4th with a lovely assortment of vendors including fresh veggies, tea, books and baked goods. The Market will continue for the summer months. (Photos by Linda Harrington)



Charlee Winter was helping sell fresh produce at the Market Green table.



Sydney and Graedyn Shannon of Montrose Morsels sold out their supply of tasty baked goods very fast on opening day.



Sherry Turner was tempting her customer's sweet tooth with a delicious looking assortment of Too Tall Fudge.

BUSKER SCHEDULE

WED AUGUST 3

- 1PM - Truro All Star Cheer
- 2PM - RealEyez
- 3PM - Magician Bill Peterson
- 4PM - Lukas Stark
- 5PM - Steve Goodtime
- 6PM - Magician Bill Peterson
- 7PM - Lukas Stark
- 8PM - Steve Goodtime
- 9PM - Serpentine Studios

THURS AUGUST 4

- 1PM - TBA
- 2PM - RealEyez
- 3PM - Magician Bill Peterson
- 4PM - Lukas Stark
- 5PM - Steve Goodtime
- 6PM - Magician Bill Peterson
- 7PM - Lukas Stark
- 8PM - Steve Goodtime
- 9PM - Serpentine Studios

**Schedule subject to change. Check website for details.

TRURO Buskerfest

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

The Truro Buskerfest will open in Civic Square in Downtown Truro from 1pm - 9pm on Wednesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 4th.

- Carnival Games
- 3D Chalk Art
- Balloon Animals
- Axe Throwing
- Henna Tattoos
- Spray Paint Artist

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS

Vendor booths and food trucks will be open from 1pm - 9pm in Civic Square. Come grab a delicious bite to eat while you watch the buskers perform.

- Mama K's
- BeaverTails
- Hyper Cone Shaved Ice
- SmokinStein
- Here's The Scoop
- Barnyard Grill



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