

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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Atlantic Premiers Sign Agreement

The Council of Atlantic Premiers announced the signing of an agreement to improve technical safety, the flow of goods and services and the mobility of tradespeople within Atlantic Canada on June 28. The agreement, which took effect July 1, commits Atlantic provinces to aligning the training, certification and licensing requirements for skilled tradespeople, including fuel technicians, power engineers, elevator mechanics and others. The provinces also commit to expediting registration processes.

New Sick Note Rules Effective July 1

As of Saturday, July 1, Nova Scotia employers can no longer request a sick note unless an employee is absent for more than five working days or has already had two absences of five or fewer working days in the previous 12-month period.

When employees do need a sick note, another change allows other healthcare professionals besides doctors to provide it. Notes can come from any regulated healthcare provider who is providing care, such as nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists or social workers.

Improving Accessibility in Education

The Province is making progress on developing an accessibility standard in education. The second phase of recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Board were released on June 30. They address barriers in areas such as curriculum, materials, accessibility services and assistive technology.

The board's recommendations are under review and will be used to draft an accessibility standard in education. When complete, the draft standard will be shared publicly for comment.

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors Opened July 1

Applications for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors, which helps seniors on a low-income with their municipal residential property taxes, opened Saturday, July 1. The program offers eligible seniors a rebate of half of their property taxes, up to \$800.

The eligibility criteria include: 2022 municipal residential property taxes paid in full; applicant's name is included on the property taxes and the applicant receives or is eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Guaranteed Income Supplement - Allowance from Service Canada.

Applications are open until December 31. People who received the rebate last year will receive an application by mail. The application also includes the option to apply for the upcoming Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

New Nursery Sod Turf Farm in Central Nova Scotia

Green Acres Sod Farm came to be more than just a dream for this young family. In 2022, Jordon, Stephanie and their son Seth planted their first field of Nursery Sod on their family farm. Both Jordon and Stephanie have been farming since they were old enough to remember, feeling strongly rooted in agriculture and all that it has to offer, the decision to create Green Acres came very easy. Jordon has been involved in the Turf industry for 15 years and they are excited to have their dreams come true with owning their own sod farm. Jordon's grandfather and father have farmed the land for many years and are now giving Jordon the opportunity to farm it as well. Green Acres is located in Lower Selma, approximately 30 minutes from Truro. They are a small farm that is focusing on providing a high quality turf product! Call Jordon for more information at (902) 957-7803 and follow them on Facebook to watch their journey unfold.

Bearcats add QMJHL Veteran Alexandre Nadeau

The Truro Bearcats are pleased to announce the signing of 2003 born forward, Alexandre Nadeau from the Victoriaville Tigres of the QMJHL.

The 6'1, 192lb Nadeau from Victoriaville, Quebec played his lone year of U18 hockey in the 2019-2020 season with the Trois-Rivières Escadats totalling 21 points in 42 games which led him to being selected in the 5th round, 93rd overall by his hometown Victoriaville team in the 2020 QMJHL draft. After his 2020-2021 season was cancelled due to the pandemic, he would crack the Tigres roster at the start of the 21-22 season and spend the next 2 seasons there playing a total of 123 games and adding 9 goals and

20 assists for 29 points in that span. He recently got his first taste of QMJHL playoff experience this past year as he had 2 assists in 5 playoff games.

Alexandre describes himself as a smart 200 foot player who can play at both ends of the ice. He made the decision to come to Truro as he feels like it is the best place for him to continue his development as a hockey player and student. He is also excited to have a chance to make a run for a championship in his final year of junior hockey.

With the Bearcats only ageing out 2 forwards this past season, Nadeau joins an already deep core of forwards fresh off of division final appearance against Yarmouth.

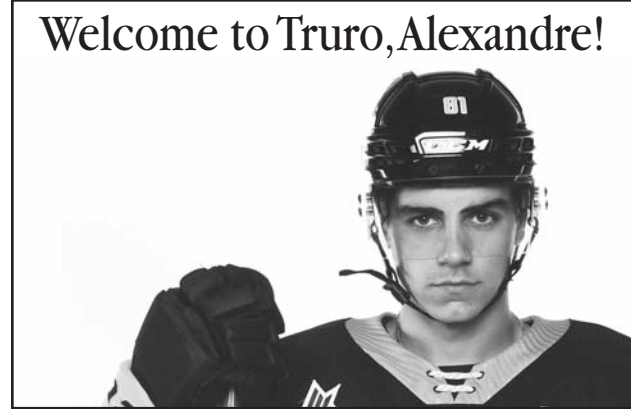


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Truro Reacquires Defenseman Zach Welsh

The Truro Bearcats have reacquired defenseman Zach Welsh from the West Kent Steamers in exchange for defenseman JP Boudreau, a 2024 2nd round pick and a 2025 4th round pick.

Welsh, a 2003 born defenseman from Halifax was originally a 2nd round pick of the Cape Breton Eagles in the 2019 QMJHL draft and a 10th round pick of the Bearcats in the 2019 MHL draft. Welsh played 1 year of U18 hockey with the Halifax MacDonalds before stepping into the Bearcats lineup as a 16 year old in the 2019-2020 season where he had tallied 4 assists in 44 games played. Zach would make the jump to the Eagles the next season and spend

parts of the next 2 seasons in the Q split between Cape Breton and Sherbrooke. His MHL rights were eventually traded to Edmundston and he would come back to the league for parts of the 21-22 and 22-23 season with stints in Edmundston and South Shore. He had his best offensive output last season with the Lumberjacks where he led all South Shore defensemen with 18 points in only 19 games.

This trade can work out well for both players involved as Welsh can play his final junior year closer to home and Boudreau can also play in his home province as well.

Welcome back to Truro, Zach!



MHL Announces Resignation of Troy Dumville

Truro, N.S. (July 21, 2023) - The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) regrettably announces the resignation of President Troy Dumville, effective prior to the start of the 2023-24 regular season.

"The Maritime Junior Hockey League thanks Troy Dumville for his efforts over the past season to help the league grow and move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic," says MHL Board Chair Todd Richard. "The Women In Hockey Operations Development Program helped put a spotlight on the league's efforts for diversity and equal opportunity, as well as developing a partnership with Bauer Hockey which extends from this program to the gear that our

players will be wearing." Dumville will be returning to the NHL scouting ranks in a full-time capacity with the Winnipeg Jets. "I would like to thank the MHL Board of Governors, the League Executive, and team staff for their continued hard work and dedication," says Dumville, who was named MHL President in

June 2022. "The opportunity to return to the Maritime Junior Hockey League in this capacity and help show the rest of the country the hidden gem that is this league is something I'll always be grateful for."

Vice-President Cecil Taylor has agreed to assume the role of Interim President when Dumville steps down. The search for a new President will begin in the coming days.

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