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Applications Open for 2024 Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

Applications for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program are now open. The program helps seniors on a low income with the cost of municipal property taxes. It provides a rebate of half of the previous year's property taxes, up to \$800.

To be eligible for the program this year, people must: Have paid their 2023 municipal residential property taxes in full; have their name on the property title; be eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Guaranteed Income Supplement - Allowance from Service Canada.

People who received the rebate last year will receive an application by mail. The forms are also available online, at Access Nova Scotia centres and in MLA offices. Applications are open until December 31. Seniors can also use this application for the 2024-25 Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

People should be aware that rebates such as this one are often cited in scam emails or texts that ask for personal information. The Province will never email, text or call citizens asking for personal information, such as banking information or social insurance numbers.

Province Expands Access to Electronic Health Records

More Nova Scotians can now access their health information anywhere, any time through the YourHealthNS app. The Province has expanded electronic health records access provincewide after a successful three-month pilot project with 15 family doctors and seven nurse practitioners at six clinics. The pilot was available to more than 13,000 patients.

Anyone with a valid Nova Scotia health card now has access to information about: visits to hospitals or clinics that did not require an overnight stay (like a blood collection appointment) including the provider, location, appointment type, date and time; visits to IWK Health, including the date, time and reason; visits to their family doctor or nurse practitioner, including the date and time (by end of September); Virtual-CareNS appointments, including the date, time and reason; hospital stays and emergency department visits, including location, provider, date and time of arrival and discharge, and reason for visit; their medications, including the prescription name, dosage and how long they should take the medicine; lab results, including blood, urine and general lab tests; diagnostic imaging scans - like magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and X-ray - including the body part scanned, the healthcare provider who ordered it, date, time and location.

Lab results will be available seven days after the ordering provider receives them. Diagnostic imaging information will be available 14 days after the ordering provider receives it.

More records will be added over the coming months from Pharmacist Walk-in Clinic+ and community pharmacy primary care clinics. Nova Scotians 16 and older who choose to view their records can log in through YourHealthNS.

Four Communities Recognized with Community Spirit Award

The 2024 Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award honours four outstanding communities that demonstrate exceptional commitment to civic engagement, support for residents and the promotion and preservation of their rich history.

The recipients are: Arisaig, Antigonish County; Beechville, Halifax Regional Municipality; Isle Madame, Richmond County and L'sitkuk (Bear River First Nation).

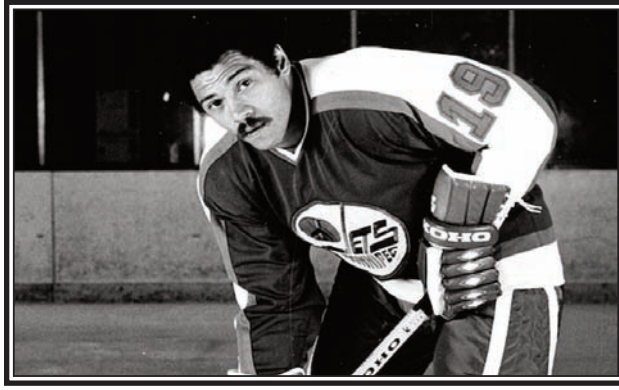
Free Tuition for Paramedics and EMR

Nova Scotia will cover full tuition costs for more than 460 people who want to become a primary care paramedic or emergency medical responder. In return, paramedics must work in the province for four years and emergency medical responders must work here for two years.

This recruitment initiative includes: About 180 emergency medical responders; investment of \$1.9 million to cover tuition; About 150 new primary care paramedics; investment of \$3.58 million and about 135 primary care paramedics, currently in training or recent graduates, whose tuition was al-

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Bill Riley Named Winner of the 2023-24 Moe Bent Builders Award



Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame member Bill Riley.

Truro, N.S. (June 15, 2024) - The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) is honoured to announce that trailblazer Bill Riley is the recipient of the 2023-24 Moe Bent Builders Award. The Amherst, Nova Scotia native played two seasons with the hometown Ramblers in what was then called the Metro Valley Junior Hockey League. He finished second in regular season league scoring to Grant Veinot of the Windsor Royals in 1968-69 with 29 goals and 29 assists for a team that went 7-21-2 in its inaugural season. In 1969-70, Riley was third in league scoring with 33 goals and 28 assists as the Ramblers improved to 13-10-7 and finished the season in third place.

On December 26th, 1974, Riley became the first African Nova Scotian and third Black player to play in the National Hockey League (NHL) when he suited up for the Washington Capitals against the Philadelphia Flyers. He played parts of three more seasons with Washington and part of the 1979-80 season with the Winnipeg Jets, tallying 31 goals and 30 assists in 139 games. After his NHL career, Riley spent time in the AHL, including serving as captain of the Calder Cup champion New Brunswick Hawks in 1982 and as captain of the Nova Scotia Voyageurs.

Riley returned to Amherst after retiring from professional play to be the head coach and general manager of the Ramblers in 1989-90. He won Coach of the Year for that first season behind the bench in Amherst as the team won the Maritime Junior A Hockey League (MJAHL) championship. From 1989 to 1996, Riley's Amherst teams went a combined 160-125-37-1 (W-L-T-OTL). He would later join the Miramichi Timberwolves as head coach and GM in 2003-04, helping guide the team to a division title and its first playoff appearance since the team's inception in 2000-01 with a record of 32-15-3-2; third-best in the league. In between those stints in the MJAHL, Riley organized and built the brand-new Moncton Wildcats in the QMJHL, serving as both the head coach and general manager until the end of the 1997-98 season.

Riley was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. His #8 jersey was retired by the Amherst Ramblers in 2013. Hockey Nova Scotia announced two new awards in his name in 2022 to honour his legacy. The Bill Riley Award will be presented annually to a player in Nova Scotia of African descent who embodies the characteristics and traits that Riley demonstrated during his hockey career. The second is the \$2,000 Bill Riley Scholarship. Like Riley, the recipient should be a driven, hard-working student who is passionate about

hockey. In 2018, Riley was inducted into the Multi-Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Amherst.

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