

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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Highlights with China include

Nova Scotia's exports with China have increased in five years: \$793 million worth of goods were exported to China in 2018, compared to \$197 million in 2013. Between 2013-18, the number of Chinese students studying in post-secondary institutions in the province increased by 23 per cent, bringing the number of Chinese university students to 3,500 and a twinning agreement was signed with Guangdong Province in 2018, a friendship agreement with Fujian Province in 2018 and a friendship agreement with Shandong Province in 2016.

Highlights of Nova Scotia's relationship with Japan

Trade with Japan is much smaller than with China, but it is showing steady growth. \$93.4 million in goods were exported to Japan in 2018. The top export was seafood. Other significant exports were frozen blueberries, tires, and gelatins. In 2018, Nova Scotia had 6,000 tourists from Japan and there are 104 Japanese students studying in Nova Scotia universities.

Export trade with South Korea

South Korea is a larger trading partner with Nova Scotia than Japan, but falls far behind trade with China. \$108 million in goods were exported to Korea in 2018 which included \$84 million in seafood in 2018. Other top exports are navigational instruments (\$3.7 million), food products (\$3.5 million), scrap aluminum (\$1 million), and peat (\$600,000). There are 171 South Koreans enrolled in Nova Scotia universities and colleges, up from 92 in 2013.

Investor Alert for Wesley Robinson

The Nova Scotia Securities Commission is alerting investors that Wesley Robinson and DRR900306 N.S. Limited are not registered to sell securities in Nova Scotia. Mr. Robinson and DRR900306 N.S. Limited have solicited investments from Nova Scotians in exchange for promissory notes and project funding agreements. Mr. Robinson has also claimed to participate in a by-invitation-only trading platform offering investors short-term investments with high rates of return. He has been promoting his operations on LinkedIn.com. To see if a company or person is registered, visit: <https://www.securities-administrators.ca/nrs/nrsearchprep.aspx>

Nominations Now Open for Volunteer Awards

Nova Scotians who know an outstanding volunteer who deserves recognition, can now nominate them for a Provincial Volunteer Award. Every year, to mark National Volunteer Week, the Province of Nova Scotia celebrates volunteers nominated by organizations and communities at the Provincial Volunteer Awards. Nominations close Feb. 25. Award categories are: Representative Volunteer Award, Youth Volunteer Award and Family Volunteer Award. National Volunteer Week 2020 runs from April 19 to 25. To nominate an individual or a family in their community for a Provincial Volunteer Award, Nova Scotians are encouraged to contact their Municipal or Band Office representative.

Program Wins National Innovation Award

Tourism Nova Scotia's World-Class Experience EXCELLerator Program has been selected as the winner for the Tourism Innovation Award at this year's Canadian Tourism Awards, presented by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada. Through the program, businesses work to create new packaged experiences at an accelerated pace. Tourism Nova Scotia provides research and coaches partners as they design and develop their experiences. The experiences are captured through photography and video and are used to promote the experiences to potential visitors. On average, 49% of people who purchased a packaged experience through the program reported being a first-time visitor to Nova Scotia. Two packaged experiences, LaHave Islands Glamping Adventure and Dining on the Ocean Floor at Burncoat Lighthouse Park, Noel, Hants County reported more than 80% who purchased it were visiting Nova Scotia for the first time.

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FIVE ISLANDS Remembrance Day

Photos by Maurice Rees



A large crowd, almost standing room only, attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Five Islands Fire Hall in the afternoon of November 11.



Five Islands Deputy Chief, Aubrey Eagles laying a wreath.



Joyce Eagles and her mother lay a wreath in memory of husband and father.



Two constables from the RCMP attended services in Five Islands.



Approximately 30 wreaths were laid at Remembrance Day Services held at the Five Islands Fire Hall.



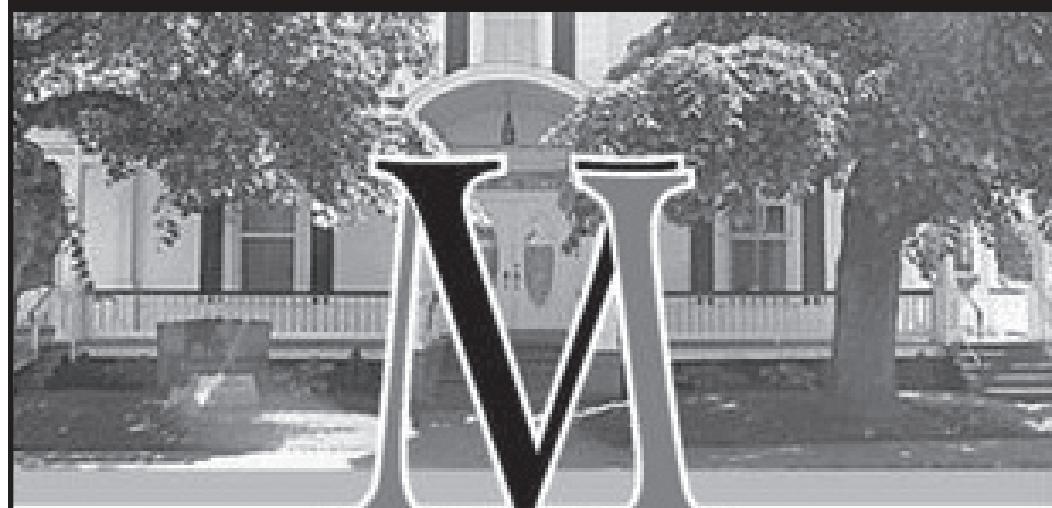
A local resident lays a wreath



Five Islands Chief Darrel Spence lays a wreath.



Robert Webb, who emceed the Five Islands service, has been asked by Ron McBurnie to assume organizing the service as he intends to retire.



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