

# RECC Deficit \$91,000; Debt \$1.3-Million

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overall revenue," said Moore.

"I'm so proud of the staff team and the support being provided by our community to enable our organization to move forward." The centre posted a deficit of nearly \$91,000 for the fiscal year that ended last March 31. Its debt stood at almost \$1.3 million.

The operation of a Truro community centre has been 'compromised' according to one of its municipal owners. This week, the Municipality of Colchester announced the end of a societies operating agreement for the Rath Eastlink Community Centre.

It is Colchester Council's view that the management of the RECC has been compromised since contracts to lease and manage the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property (NSPE) were signed by Society management without municipal approval in 2024. It's believed that the initiative to manage two large complexes has not served the RECC well, resulting in a divided mandate and diluted efforts.

A new governance structure is anticipated to help speed up the resolution of the unauthorized contracts and refocus much-needed energy and attention on the RECC facility, enabling it to better serve community needs as intended.

This decision is not a reflection of support for a viable NSPE. The Municipality is and will always be a proud supporter of efforts to make the NSPE grounds viable and will be working collaboratively with the Province to support signature events like the Provincial Exhibition and the Nova Scotia Stampede moving forward.

The Municipality emphasizes that this decision is also in no way a reflection of the efforts of the Society's Board. The Municipality greatly values their contributions and sincerely appreciates their time and commitment. The Municipality extends its appreciation to the Board members of the Society and looks forward to working through this transition period to advance the interests of the RECC and the community.

The Municipality of Colchester is changing the management of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre in Truro, N.S., ending the existing operating agreement with the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society.

The county said release that council believes the operation of the centre has been "compromised" since society management signed contracts to lease and manage another property — the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition — without municipal approval last year.

"It's believed that the initiative to manage two large complexes has not served the RECC [Rath Eastlink Community Centre] well, resulting in a divided mandate and diluted efforts," said the release.

The county said the move is not expected to have an immediate impact on the facility's services. It added that the decision to end the operating agreement is "in no way a reflection of the efforts of the society's board."

The RECC is co-owned by the county and the Town of



RECC (photo courtesy wikipedia)

Truro, though either has the authority to end the operating agreement. The previous society board was dismissed by the municipalities in May, and an interim board was appointed for a one-year term. At the time, the municipalities said in a joint statement that no single incident had led to the dismissal.

In a separate news release, the Town of Truro said its council was not prepared to vote in favour of ending the operating agreement, but added it "respects that the county was within its authority" to do so. "While we share the county's concerns and objectives, we differ in our assessment of the path forward," said Mayor Cathy Hinton in the release. "Our intent was to continue supporting the interim board in strengthening governance before deciding on this step." The release said there will be a 90-day transition period.

Town of Truro Responds to Decision regarding the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society, Published: 29 October 2025

The Town of Truro (the Town) wishes to acknowledge the decision made by the Municipality of the County of Colchester (the County) to terminate the Operating Agreement with the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society (CNSCCS) for the operation and management of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC), effective Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

The CNSCCS operates and manages the RECC through the Operating Agreement between the CNSCCS and the Town and County. Under the terms of the Operating Agreement, either the Town or the County—as co-owners of the facility—may terminate the Operating Agreement on 90 days' notice. The County has exercised this right, and the Town fully recognizes its authority to do so. After this 90-day transition period, the CNSCCS will no longer operate and manage the RECC.

While both municipalities share significant concerns regarding the operations of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) and the contracts the CNSCCS has entered into for the management of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition (NSPE) site, Truro Town Council was not prepared to vote in favour of terminating the Operating Agreement. However, the Town respects that the County was within its authority in making its decision.

In May 2025, the Town and the County jointly appointed a new interim Board of Directors to the CNSCCS. This decision reflected a shared commitment to strengthening governance and addressing concerns surrounding expanded operations and initiatives undertaken outside

the scope of the RECC. The new interim Board was tasked with a renewed focus on governance, including a comprehensive review of the CNSCCS's contractual obligations and an in-depth financial analysis to assess the long-term sustainability of its activities.

"While we respect the County's authority and the process undertaken under Section 7.04 of the Operating Agreement, Town Council came to a different conclusion in making its decision," said Mayor Cathy Hinton. "While we share the County's concerns and objectives, we differ in our assessment of the path forward. Our intent was to continue supporting the interim Board in strengthening governance before deciding on this step."

In making its decision, Truro Town Council continued to believe in the importance of allowing the interim Board the opportunity to complete its mandate. Town Council's position reflects a belief that supporting the Board's efforts to improve oversight, transparency, and financial accountability was the most constructive path forward.

Both municipalities will move forward following this decision. The Town remains committed to working collaboratively with the County to ensure a smooth transition to a new management structure and the continued operation of the RECC. This decision should not impact the day-to-day operations at the RECC, its staff, and the programs it offers. The Town values the dedication and professionalism of the existing RECC staff and recognizes their vital role in maintaining high-quality recreation and community programming moving forward.

The Town also believes the interim Board's work remains valuable in providing governance and oversight as the municipalities navigate a new path forward. Maintaining continuity in this leadership is key to preserving institutional knowledge and supporting stability during this transition period.

Truro Town Council further acknowledges the importance of the Nova Scotia Stampede and other signature events held at the NSPE grounds. These events contribute significantly to the local economy, tourism, and community spirit. The Town will continue to work with the Province of Nova Scotia, the County, and community partners to ensure these cornerstone events remain supported and successful in the years ahead.

This statement is in response to, "More Governance Transition for the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society":

# Measha Brueggergosman-Lee Live in Concert

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee will perform at First United Church, Truro, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee is returning to Nova Scotia as part of a small tour that will feature a stop at First United Church in Truro on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025. Showtime is at 7:30 PM.

Motivated and hungry for new experiences, Ms. Brueggergosman's career effortlessly embraces the broadest array of performance platforms and musical styles and genres. Measha began her career predominantly committed to the art of the song recital and has presented innovative programs at Carnegie Hall, Washington's Kennedy Center, London's Wigmore Hall, and both the Konzerthaus and Musikverein in Vienna.

Her subsequent disc *Night and Dreams*, which features songs by Mozart, Brahms, Strauss, Schubert, Debussy, Duparc and Fauré won several awards and her recording of the *Wesendonck Lieder* with Franz Welser-Möst and the Cleveland Orchestra earned her a Grammy nomination.

Off the stage, Measha is just as active: she recently released



her memoir "Something Is Always On Fire" published by Harper Collins, she appears regularly on primetime TV (most recently advocating on behalf of contemporary Canadian literature); and leading Canadian children across the country in song, in celebration of the nationwide campaign for music education. Measha Brueggergosman champions the education and involve-

ment of new audiences and holds several honorary doctorates and ambassadorial titles with international charities.

Tickets for Measha Brueggergosman-Lee's "Christmas at Home" concert is on sale online at EventBrite or by clicking the link at [www.rockthefiddleevents.com](http://www.rockthefiddleevents.com) Tickets are \$50.00 each plus taxes and service fees.

## Members Named to Ministers' Table on Gender-Based Violence

Twenty-five Nova Scotians have been named to the new Ministers' table on gender-based violence to work with the government on prevention and better supporting those affected.

"The Ministers' table is an opportunity for meaningful engagement between government and community on gender-based violence," said Leah Martin, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women. "Each member represents a diverse viewpoint from across the province, including the women-serving sector and people with lived experience, and will help inform not only government's work, but work happening across the province, to ensure a more effective path forward."

The list of appointees and more information on the Ministers' table on gender-based violence is available at: <https://novascotia.ca/ministers-table-gender-based-violence/>

Since declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic in 2024, the Province has taken a whole-of-government approach, invested in prevention, expanded supports and resources, and strengthened partnerships with community organizations and survivors.

An independent facilitator

will help guide the work of the table. It will be co-chaired by Minister Martin and Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, with representatives from Lnu Affairs; African Nova Scotian Affairs; the departments of Opportunities and Social Development, Health and Wellness, and Education and Early Childhood Development; and the Office of Addictions and Mental Health. The Office of Eq-

uity and Anti-Racism and the Accessibility Directorate will also have a supporting role.

Its first meeting will take place in late November, coinciding with the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence — an annual international campaign aimed at raising awareness and advocating for the elimination of gender-based violence.



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