

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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Upgrades for Exit 3 on Highway 102

Measures to improve safety and speed up traffic at an often congested Highway 102 off-ramp in Bedford will help make day-to-day travel easier for many Nova Scotians. On Thursday, November 13, work on an additional lane and better sightlines at the Exit 3 southbound off-ramp to Hammonds Plains Road will begin.

The project, which is expected to last about six weeks, will see the existing off-ramp widened to extend the separate right and left turning lanes, effectively creating two lanes through the off-ramp. The project will also create safer driving conditions by reducing blind spots at the ramp, making it easier for motorists to clearly see other vehicles as they travel through the exit.

During construction, the exit will remain open most of the time, but motorists should be prepared for intermittent delays and temporary closures. The project will start with clearing the landscape beside the ramp. Beginning next week, regular blasting will be required to create the space needed for the new lane.

More Child-Care Spaces for Rural HRM

Families in Middle Musquodoboit and area in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) are getting more options and improved access to child care.

The Province is investing about \$4.5 million in the Splash of Color Children's Centre to add up to 76 new child-care spaces. This project is part of provincial and federal efforts to expand access to child care, supported through the Canada-Nova Scotia Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

The spaces, for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, will be in a new building beside the current centre on Highway 224. The new facility is expected to open in August 2026.

Budget Engagement Begins

Nova Scotians are invited to share their suggestions on what should be in the 2026-27 budget - and what should not. "The next provincial budget will be about growing our economy and addressing our deficit. We'll be making decisions that will allow us to do both," said John Lohr, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board. "We want to hear Nova Scotians' ideas about how we can build a stronger economy, one that helps more Nova Scotians get good jobs and generate money we can use to support the services we need."

People can submit suggestions by: E-mailing budget@novascotia.ca; Mailing them to Department of Finance and Treasury Board ATTN: Budget Engagement, P.O. Box 187, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2N3 and Providing them to their MLA; contact information is available at: <https://nslegislature.ca/members/profiles>.

More information about the engagement is available at <https://novascotia.ca/budget-engagement/>. The deadline for submissions is December 12.

New Access Nova Scotia Centre for Sydney

The Access Nova Scotia centre serving Sydney is moving to Membertou. The new, modern and fully accessible office will be in Mi'kma'ki Place, 280 Kenikala Cres., in the new Seventh Exchange development.

The new centre will continue to provide the full range of services, including: Registry of Motor Vehicles; Land Registry; Residential Tenancies Program and Marriage licences.

The Access Nova Scotia centre at 380 Kings Rd. closed permanently on Friday, November 7, at 4:30 p.m. It opened to the public on Wednesday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m.

More Land Designated for Parks, Protected Areas

The Province has designated 1,267 more hectares of land in 16 parks and protected areas across Nova Scotia. The Department of Natural Resources has designated 11 sites under the Provincial Parks Act. All are already managed as provincial parks. Some have basic infrastructure, while others have little to no infrastructure.

One new nature reserve, one expanded nature reserve and three expanded wilderness areas that include habitats for at-risk species have been designated by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

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LONDONDERRY Remembrance Day

Photos by Linda Harrington



Escorting the wreath layers in Londonderry was Sailor 3rd Class Chris Burris.



Dorian Ettinger and Henry Elliott place a wreath on behalf of the Londonderry Station Community Church.



Ella and Isaac Lomond laid a wreath in Memory of their Great Grandfather Keith Lane, Royal Canadian Navy WWII.



Alice Melanson reads In Flanders Fields.



MLA Tom Taggart places a wreath on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia.



Great Granddaughters Audrey & Darla Rushton and Macy Drummond place a wreath in Memory of Bamford Rushton, Royal Ordnance Corp WWII.



Cumberland Colchester MP Alana Hirtle places a wreath on behalf of the Federal Government of Canada.



Shannon DeWabiner places a wreath in Memory of the Indigenous Veterans of Canada.

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