

Another View of Winter Through the Lens of Nicoll



Not everyone likes winter, but on a sunny day after a storm, the Boars Head Road is a photographer's dream-come-true. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



In summer tourists marvel at the beauty along Hwy 209. Unfortunately, not many of them around to see this great view. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



In winter on a sunny day the view in Lakelands is spectacular. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Could any of these beauties fall victim to being carted off to be a community or family Christmas Tree. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

RCMP and DNR Enforcement a Successful Partnership

By Maurice Rees

Colchester District RCMP and Department of Natural Resources Enforcement officers continue to be successful in joint investigations. Since early October they have laid charges against eight males in several incidents.

On October 10, 2014, DNR Enforcement officers conducted a checkpoint on Upper Belmont Road in Upper Belmont, to target hunters violating the Wildlife Act. During this checkpoint DNR officers stopped two men for the suspicion of impaired operation of off-road motor vehicles. Colchester District RCMP subsequently arrested a 56 year old man from Debert and a 38 year old man from Saint John, New Brunswick, both for operating an ATV while under the influence of alcohol.

On November 02, 2014, Colchester RCMP responded to a report of shot's heard and flashlights seen after dusk in Old Barns. Police and DNR officers attended and arrested four males who have been charged with numerous offences under the Criminal Code and the Wildlife Act. Facing charges are a 43 year old man from Sydney Mines, a 53 year old man from Gillis Lake, a 49 year old man from Millvale and a 56 year old man from Topsail, Newfoundland.

On December 11, 2014, Colchester and Millbrook RCMP responded to a complaint of deer jacking in the Brookfield area. A 19 year old male from Salmon River and a 19 year old male from Truro were arrested and charged under the Wildlife Act.



A Meet & Greet with Bill Casey (left), who is seeking nomination as the Liberal candidate for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley, was held on Jan. 20th at The Peg in Masstown. Casey held a series of Meet & Greets throughout the region in January, with one to be held on Jan. 27th at the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro. (Harrington Photo)

These investigations also resulted in the seizure of several vehicles and firearms. All accused have been released and have pending court dates at Truro Provincial Court.

Colchester District RCMP and the Department of Natural Resources Enforcement

continue to work in collaboration to enforce the Criminal Code and the Wildlife Act. Both agencies wish to thank concerned residents and ask that if anyone have any information regarding Wildlife Act offences to notify their local police or DNR office.

Patterson Law ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS



Jane Gourley-Davis



Kimberley Pochini

By Maurice Rees

The Truro office of Patterson Law is home to two new partners, who have been admitted to the partnership roster of the three office firm. Jane Gourley-Davis and Kimberley Pochini, who are active participants in many Truro area organizations, were announced as partners in a press release issued on January 14th. Mike Scott has also become a partner with the firm.

Jane Gourley-Davis joined the firm in 2008 and will continue her practice assisting individuals, institutions and business owners with their property transaction and estate planning needs. She is highly involved in the local community, sitting as secretary of the Downtown Truro Partnership, as a member of the DTP Board and Institute for Human Services Board, and member of the Truro Rebranding committee.

Kimberley Pochini joined Patterson Law in 2012 and is the head of Patterson Law's Labour and Employment team. Kimberley previously worked as in-house counsel to a large institution, and as legal counsel for the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission. She recently coauthored the text Teachers and the Law Third Edition, Diverse Roles and New Challenges, with Wayne MacKay and Lyle (Chip) Sutherland.

Kimberley is a member of the Board of Directors for the Bridges Institute and the Truro Head Start program, and is actively involved in the Canadian Bar Association as the national representative for Region 3 and as vice chair of the Nova Scotia Health Law section.

Patterson Law experienced significant growth in 2014, attracting lawyers from other local firms and expanded into New Glasgow as a result of a merger with Goodman MacDonald. With the addition of three partners in 2015, Patterson Law with office in Halifax, Truro and New Glasgow now has 25 partners.



DENNIS JAMES

Appointed To Queen's Counsel

By Maurice Rees

Dennis James, lawyer with Patterson Law, Truro has been appointed to Queen's Counsel. A former managing partner of Patterson Law, which has offices in Halifax, Truro and News Glasgow, James also serves as legal counsel to the Municipality of Colchester.

He is actively involved in the legal and volunteer community, leading the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association to name Dennis James as its 2014 Community Service Award recipient earlier this year.

As part of his portfolio he provides leadership in the areas of commercial litigation, municipal law, employment law, aboriginal law and health law. In his 27 years of practice he has developed a solid reputation of excellence with municipal governments and has been sought out to assist with local governance, risk management and litigation issues.



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