

Government will spend \$515-Million across Province

Government is increasing its capital investments in 2017-18 to provide more funding for schools, health care and public infrastructure. Capital Plan 2017-18 will invest \$515 million in communities across Nova Scotia, Finance and Treasury Board Minister Randy Delorey announced January 25.

Highlights of the plan include improvements to provincial parks, continued investment in an innovative ocean research centre, upgrades to highways and bridges, a new school to replace J.L. Ilsley High School in Halifax, renovations to Frank H. MacDonald Elementary School in Sutherland's River, Pictou Co., and repairs and renovations

to Brookland Elementary School in Sydney.

"By sticking with our fiscal plan we have the flexibility to make investments in communities across the province," said Mr. Delorey. "We are pleased that we are able to continue to invest in roads, schools, health care and public infrastructure that will benefit Nova Scotians. These infrastructure investments will create jobs and opportunities."

Overall, the plan includes the design and construction of nine new schools as well as renovations for five additional schools, funding for hospitals, the construction and renovation of other medical facilities, and investments in highway improvements.

The plan also contains a \$169.2 million investment in the Halifax Convention Centre, deferred from last year. This investment is being cost shared with the federal government contributing \$51.4 million, and the province and Halifax Regional Municipality each contributing \$58.9 million. That brings this year's plan's total to \$684.2 million, an increase of \$39.2 million from 2016-17.

Capital Plan 2017-18 includes: \$217.5 million in highways and structures; \$137.4 million in buildings and land; \$169.2 million in buildings (Halifax Convention Centre); \$19.9 million in information technology projects; \$19.8 million in vehicles and equipment and \$85.9 mil-

lion in capital grants. There is also a contingency fund of \$34.5 million.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal also released its 5-year Highway Improvement Plan, which is part of the capital plan. It maps out government's approach to repairing and maintaining the province's 23,000 kilometres of roads and highways and 4,100 bridges.

The capital plan is subject to approval in the 2017-18 budget. Capital Plan 2017-18 is available online at www.novascotia.ca/finance The 5-year Highway Improvement Plan can be found at www.novascotia.ca/tran/highways/hwyconstruction.asp.

Local Employers May Miss Opportunity to Hire More Students

As of January 19, 2017, only a few dozen employers in Cumberland and Colchester Counties had applied to Service Canada for the grants. In response, the Minister has extended the deadline from January 20, to February 3, giving small businesses, municipalities and non-profits another two weeks to get their applications in. Summer work experience for students helps them prepare for good, well-paying jobs as they start their careers—strengthening our middle class and keeping our economy growing.

The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program creates summer job opportunities and valuable work experience for full-time students aged 15 to 30 years old.

For further information and to apply, please visit Canada.ca/Canada-summer

jobs or a Service Canada Centre.

"I hope we can ensure that young people in our region get their fair share of opportunities through this program. Ottawa will provide the money, students will give the effort - it's up to employers to take advantage of the program", Bill Casey, MP, Cumberland-Colchester said in a statement.



Exhibit About Sir Adams Archibald will Show Colchester 150 Years Ago

By Elinor Maber

Plans are well along for an exhibit titled "Colchester at Confederation: Sir Adams G. Archibald and His World" which will open on Heritage Day, Monday, February 20, 2017.

The Historem will be open from 10-4 that day with Dr. Allan Marble

booked to speak at 2 p.m. on. Sir Adams George Archibald: The Man and his Legacy. We are very fortunate that Sir Adams himself will find time in his busy schedule to pay a visit to the Historem that day.

The exhibit will look at various aspects of life in Colchester County 150 years ago: education, trans-

portation, religion, industry and homes. This was a boom period with the railway expanding and new industries locating here as a result.

Of particular interest will be the politics of the age. A section entitled "A Choice for Colchester in 1867: Which way should we look for our future?"

will examine the various points of view and the struggles as voters examined the pros and cons of Confederation.

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