

# Bridges and Roads for Next 5 Years

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES. CONTINUED IN MARCH

(Assembled by Maurice Rees)

In late fall Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure works released if capital project plans for the next five years. We have captured and extracted their plans for Cumberland, Colchester and Hants Counties. The information is presented showing various classifications of work for that five year period.

At the end of this data, we have also presented their summary of work undertaken for the period from April 1, 2019 and will be completed by March 31, 2020.

The 2020-2021 Five Year Highway Improvement Plan maps out government's approach to repairing and maintaining the province's 23,000 kilometres of roads, highways and 4,100 bridges.

The plan outlines major highway and road projects, repaving, major bridge replacements, capital maintenance, and infrastructure work that the province plans to pursue annually, over the next five years.

Sharing the specific plans for road improvement in the Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan early gives private companies and our other partners better opportunity to prepare for the more than 150 upcoming highway improvement projects in the coming fiscal year. It also informs Nova Scotians about the important

road and bridge improvements being made in their communities.

**Pavement Preservation**  
Unlike many other provinces, the Province of Nova Scotia is responsible for maintaining the majority of public roads in the province (90 per cent). The cost per kilometre is over \$300,000 to repave, \$500,000 to \$750,000 or more to upgrade a trunk highway, and \$4 million to \$6 million to twin a highway.

While severely damaged roads will continue to be addressed, a portion of our highway improvement budget will be set aside to help conserve paved roads before they become damaged and need costly repairs. This approach ensures that funding is used more efficiently and effectively. It is more sustainable in the long term.

**Pavement Preservation is a cost-effective approach to road maintenance.** It involves resurfacing a road before it begins to wear, usually with single layer of asphalt, chip seal, or microsurfacing. Every dollar spent on pavement preservation before a paved road is 15 years old can eliminate or delay having to spend \$6 to \$14 on rehabilitation or reconstruction when the pavement surface has failed.

**Economic Impact**  
The total highway capital budget for 2020-2021 will be at least \$300 million. Addi-

tional operational funding for highway maintenance will be made available as part of the 2020-2021 budget.

The road building industry in Nova Scotia is a large source of jobs, creating more than 5,000 direct and 2,500 indirect positions every year.

Capital funding for highway construction and rehabilitation currently comes from three sources:

1. Provincial - Highway funding in Nova Scotia includes all revenues collected through provincial fuel taxes and registration of motor vehicles, as well as other funding provided by the provincial government.

Almost every dollar from Registry of Motor Vehicle fees and the fuel tax goes back into provincial roads. Over the past four years, the province has invested an additional \$304 million beyond what was collected in RMV fees and fuel tax.

2. Federal - Federal funding to support highway improvement projects is provided by the New Build Canada Fund, the National Trade Corridors Fund, and the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The province continues to work with its federal partners to take advantage of opportunities for support where possible.

3. Municipal - Municipalities contribute on cost-shared projects in their areas.

# Major Construction Projects for 2020—21

**HANTS:**

Highway 102: Lantz Interchange and Connector (Multiple Year Project) Hants 100 Series Expansion & Other Major Road Upgrades

**Construction/Improvement Projects for 2020-21**

**COLCHESTER**

Highway 104: Exit 13 on ramp extension 1.5 Colchester Construction 100 Series Highways

Highway 102: North Bound Lane from County Line to Commo Road 8.1 Colchester Repaving 100 Series Highways

MacKay Siding Road: from Trunk 2 to Alton Road 2.9 Colchester Repaving Local Roads

Route 289: from rail crossing to 1.3 km east of Upper Brookfield Road 3 Colchester Single Lift Overlay

Wittenburg Road: from Coldstream Road southerly 8.5 Colchester Maintenance Paving

**CUMBERLAND**

Route 368: from Fountain Road southerly 5.1 Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

Trunk 2: from Springhill Town Line southerly 5 Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

Thomson Road: from Wentworth Collingwood Road northerly 5 Cumberland Repaving Local Roads

Lake Killarney Road: from Trunk 6 southerly to Mount Pleasant Road 3.2 Cumberland Repaving Local Roads

West Brook Road: from Trunk 2 to Canaan Road 4.7 Cumberland Pavement Strengthening

Route 204: from Oxford Town Line westerly 5 Cumberland Maintenance Paving

Trunk 2: from 4.5 km west of Colchester County Line westerly 5 Cumberland Maintenance Paving

Mines Road: from Fenwick Road to Route 302 7.2 Cumberland Double Chip Resurfacing

**HANTS**

Conley Road: from Trunk 2 to end of listing 0.5 Hants Repaving Local Roads

Hartville Road: from Trunk 1 southerly to the intersection with Ellershouse Road 1.7 Hants Repaving Local Roads

McKay Road: from Clayton McKay Road to Woodville Road 2.6 Hants Repaving Local Roads

Northfield Road: from beginning of pavement to Finley Road 2.8 Hants Maintenance Paving

Route 236: from MacInnis Glenn Brook Bridge easterly to Bishop Road 7.7 Hants Maintenance Paving

**Gravel Road Projects for 2020-21**

**COLCHESTER**

Old Pictou Road: from 2.6 km east of McLeod Road to Riversdale Road 3.9 Colchester Gravel Road Program

Westchester Road: from Acadia Mines Bridge to County Line 5.7 Colchester Gravel Road Program

**CUMBERLAND**

Boars Back Road: from 4 km north of Trunk 2 northerly 4.8 Cumberland Gravel Road Program

Valley Road: from 200 metres east of Higgins Mountain Road to Wentworth Station Road 5.2 Cumberland Gravel Road Program

Westchester Road: from Highway 104 northerly 4.5 Cumberland Gravel Road Program

**Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Projects for 2020-21**

**COLCHESTER**

Lower Debert River Bridge: Trunk 2 Colchester Major Bridge Projects (See story page 3)

**HANTS**

South Maitland (Gosse Bridge): Route 326 Hants Major Bridge Projects (See story page 7)

# Hospice Society Exploring Grief in India

The Colchester East Hants Hospice Society is hosting A Journey for the Grieving Heart from Oct. 25 to Nov. 4, 2020 in the holy pilgrimage town of Vrindavan, in Northern India. This 11 day retreat will cost \$2,450 for participants, not including airfare, and will allow those in attendance to work through grief from a different cultural perspective.

"India was always on my bucket list," says Stacey Harrison, Executive Director of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. "When my mom died after a short illness, I felt it was the perfect time to work through some of my grief away from my normal routine. A random Facebook post from Balanced Soul Yoga led me to India in November 2018 and it was life changing."

This retreat will give attendees the opportunity to experience Vrindavan, India in a way that most tourists never will. While staying at a simple ashram, the trip will consist of visiting temples, eating local cuisine, participating in sacred ceremonies, and journeying together through the layers of grief that brought everyone together. For Stacey and the board of the Hospice Society, partnering with Balanced Soul Yoga and India Retreats was a natural fit.

"One of the challenges of any not-for-profit organization is coming up with creative ideas that will help to financially support programs and services, says Harrison. "I felt this had the potential to be one of those ideas." A portion of the

proceeds will come back to Colchester East Hants Hospice to support grief programming and services.

The first information session for A Journey for the Grieving Heart was held Jan. 22, with future dates to be determined. For further details, contact Stacey Harrison at the Hospice office at 902-893-3265 or email [sharrison@cehhospice.org](mailto:sharrison@cehhospice.org).

**Stacey Harrison is Executive Director, Colchester East Hants Hospice Society and can be reached at: 902-893-3265 or [sharrison@cehhospice.org](mailto:sharrison@cehhospice.org)**



<b>Bonds Of Love Bands Of Love</b> (Marital Bliss)	<i>Two hearts two souls one love true love</i>	<i>Two hearts two souls one love true love</i>
<i>With these diamonds and gold To your bosom i will hold A love forever strong and true For my true love and only you</i>	<i>With these diamonds and pearl From our childhood as boy and girl May our true love over time thats grown To this world may it now be shown</i>	<i>With these diamonds and golden hands On each one of our left hands May our true love always be The strongest love the world may see!</i>
<i>Two hearts two souls one love true love</i>	<i>Two hearts two souls one love true love</i>	<i>Two hearts two souls one love true love</i>
<i>With these diamonds and ring Of true love i now do sing From my soul and from my heart May our true love not depart</i>	<i>With these diamonds and wine May we toast to love devine For true love comes only heaven sent For ours is pure as god had meant</i>	<i>God bless and thank-you Thomas a. Marshall (Ex-Navy)</i>

## Truro Sport Heritage Society

proudly presents the

# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sport Awards Dinner

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

**Doors open at 6:00pm • Dinner starts at 6:30pm**

**Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro**

To purchase tickets contact: Sara McKenna at 902-957-0084,  
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**Adult \$40<sup>00</sup> • Student \$25<sup>00</sup>**

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The dinner will feature Emcee and Guest Speaker Bruce Rainnie, President and CEO of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

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There will be a grand prize draw as well as draws for door prizes throughout the evening.

The dinner acknowledges the sport accomplishments of local athletes from the Town of Truro and Colchester County for the year 2019. There are a total of 22 awards to be handed out at the dinner with categories ranging from under 15 to over 50.

If anyone has any questions about the event contact Sara McKenna 902-957-0084, or email [sara\\_mckenna@hotmail.com](mailto:sara_mckenna@hotmail.com)

## The Woodland Conferences 2020

**Western:** March 7<sup>th</sup>, North Queens Fire Hall, Caledonia, NS

**Central:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, Millbrook Community Hall, Millbrook, NS

**Eastern:** April 18<sup>th</sup>, Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury, NS

\$20 Early/\$25 Regular/\$15 Student (lunch included).

For details and to register, call **1-855-679-6637**  
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