



The day goes quiet when the storm arrives as forecast. Photo by Lawrence R Nicoll.



Mid tide reflects the lighthouse while the clouds across the Bay put on their own show. Photo by Lawrence R Nicoll.



Early morning near Southampton frost covers the trees along the river's edge. Photo by Lawrence R Nicoll.



On the blueberry hills stands a lone tree  
The hills surround it rolling like waves but the tree survives it all  
In the rain, the wind and now the snow  
*Lawrence R Nicoll*

## Healthcare Workers Coming to Nova Scotia from Kenya

More continuing care assistants will soon be moving to Nova Scotia to work, the result of a recent recruiting trip to Kenya. Sixty-five continuing care assistants have received conditional job offers.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is finding the right healthcare professionals to fill the vacancies we have across Nova Scotia," said Health and Wellness Minister Michelle Thompson, the Minister responsible for the Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment. "There are talented and skilled people around the world who would love to come here, and we would love to have them."

The Province led the trip to a Kenyan refugee camp in partnership with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Health Association of Nova Scotia, and MacLeod Group, which provides senior care across Atlantic Canada, as well as refugee-focused charities The Shapiro Foundation and RefugePoint.

The new continuing care assistants are expected to start arriving in mid-2023 and will work in the continuing care sector in communities across the province. They were recruited through the federal Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot, which identifies refugees with much-needed skills who

meet regional and provincial immigration requirements.

Nova Scotia has already supported 42 applicants through the pilot, including more than 20 continuing care assistants now working in the continuing care system.

The Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot supports refugees immigrating to

Canada by: waiving the application and biometric fees; speeding up the application process so it is complete within six months; covering the cost of pre-departure medical services and medical exams and offering loans to cover travel costs and helping people settle in their new communities.

## FORCE New Executive

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as a Mi'kmaq Consultation Researcher at the Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn/Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative.

"Meeting the challenge of 'the Fundy standard' means attracting the world's best technologies, and working with rights holders, scientists, regu-

lators and communities to demonstrate we can safely generate clean, renewable energy from the world's highest tides," said Ms. Bennett. "I'm ready to lead our staff into a future that will include renewable energy both above and below the water."

## Visual Arts Needs Volunteers

Those interested in helping shape the future of visual arts in Nova Scotia have until January 29th to submit an expression of interest to join one of the committees. They are currently recruiting for all standing committees: Membership & Engagement; Programming; Fundraising & Finance; Governance & Nomination; Artist Emergency Fund and Visual Arts News Editorial.

Committee volunteers help shape how programs work, application processes, and selec-

tion committee. These volunteers are essential to help create a future where a career as an artist is accessible, sustainable, and recognized as an integral part of our communities. They oversee, support, and make recommendations on our outreach, programming, fundraising, editorial, governance, and policies.

Find more information about committees, their terms of reference, and priorities contact: [visualarts.ns.ca](http://visualarts.ns.ca)

## Mayor Scott - Complete Work on Chignecto Isthmus

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portions of Amherst and Sackville would be under water.

Those studies have indicated the Trans-Canada Highway and the railway would both be cut if the dikes were breached, threatening \$50 mil-

lion of commercial goods that cross the isthmus daily, and they also show the chances of that happening are increasing with climate change.

Scott said it's something that remains a possibility if the work identified in the study isn't completed.

## Regulations Require More Renewable Electricity

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a burden for ratepayers as the Province encourages the use of more renewable energy.

Quick Facts: Renewable electricity standards require a specific amount of electricity to be produced from renewables sources such as wind, solar, biomass and hydro. The current standard requires Nova Scotia Power to generate at least 40 per cent of electricity from renewable.

Due to delays with the Mar-

itime Link, the standard was adjusted to an average of 40 per cent from 2020 to 2022; data will be reviewed early in 2023 to determine whether that target was met

The utility will likely reach about 70 per cent renewables by 2026 with reliable hydro electricity through the Maritime Link and new onshore wind projects. The renewable electricity standard will increase to 80 per cent in 2030.

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