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Nova Scotia Enhances Film Fund

The government is increasing support for the Nova Scotia film industry, significantly enhancing the province's creative economy. The Department is making an additional in-year investment of \$38 million in the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund, bringing the total investment for 2024-25 to \$77 million.

This strategic industry investment has so far this year generated more than \$160 million in production spending, supporting important economic contributors such as salaries, taxes and the sale of local goods and services. Local businesses across Nova Scotia, including hotels, restaurants and rental services, are projected to see substantial spin-off benefits.

The number of productions filming in Nova Scotia has increased over the previous year to more than 85 approved projects, indicating the appeal of the province's locations and quality of local talent and crew. The growth affirms that the investments in place to attract and support production, both local and international, are working.

Restaurants Canada is disappointed by cuts to Atlantic immigration

Restaurants Canada is disappointed by drastic cuts to provincial immigration caps and Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) allocations announced by the federal government. The numbers announced today represent a 50% reduction in immigration targets compared to last year, and were announced without proper consultation with Atlantic provinces and the businesses that will suffer.

Atlantic Canada is facing significant labour shortages in key sectors, including the foodservice industry. Restaurants contribute more than \$6 billion collectively and employ more than 73,000 people across the four Atlantic provinces. They are a major driver of the economy and support tens of other industries, such as fishing, agriculture and tourism. Without adequate access to workers, many of our iconic restaurants and pubs will have to cut opening hours, reduce shifts for local workers or close their doors entirely.

Police continue to investigate the 2024 disappearance of Zachery Kellock

January 16 marked one year since Zachery Kellock was reported missing and police launched an investigation into his disappearance.

On January 14, 2024, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Kellock left his home in Truro in a vehicle with two other people. When he had not returned two days later, his family reported him to police as a missing person.

The investigation into Kellock's disappearance was initially led by Truro Police Service. When investigators learned that Kellock was last seen on Millbrook First Nation after leaving his home, the RCMP took over the investigation. It is now led by the Northeast Nova RCMP Major Crime Unit (NEN MCU) and NEN MCU investigators believe that criminality is a factor in the suspicious disappearance.

At the time of his disappearance, Kellock was described as 5-foot-10, 159 pounds, with blond hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a dark grey leather jacket. He was 23 years old at the time.

Over the last year, investigators have continued to follow up on information and leads as they have been received. In addition to NEN MCU, RCMP officers from Colchester County District RCMP, RCMP Forensic Identification Services, and Truro Police Service have assisted with this investigation.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Zach, please contact the Northeast Nova RCMP Major Crime Unit at 902-896-5060. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

Ten Hired from External Sources

The following is the Human Resources section of Scott Fraser, Director Corporate Services, report circulated to Council Committee at its meeting on January 16, 2025

HUMAN RESOURCES - August-January 2024/2025

The following Internal/External Positions were posted: Administrative Support Clerk, Casual; Geographic Information Systems Technician; Tourism Marketing Levy Coordinator; Crossing Guard, Spare; Assistant Development Officer; Afterschool Program Leaders; Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator; Water Utility Manager; Recreation Administrative Support Clerk, Term; Full Time MRF Sorter (x2); Finance Analyst; Public Works Administrative Support Clerk; Balefill Compost Loader Operator; Engineering Technician and Grounds Maintenance Worker.

External Hires included: Crossing Guard, Spare; Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator; Water Utility Manager; Recreation Administrative Support Clerk, Term; Part Time MRF Sorters (x3); Finance Analyst; Public Works Administrative Support Clerk and Engineering Technician.

Internal Hires included: Tourism Marketing Levy Coordinator; Assistant Development Officer; Full Time MRF Sorter (x2); Balefill Compost Loader Operator and Grounds Maintenance Worker.

Departures: Water Utility Manager (retirement) and MRF Sorter (retirement)

Negotiations: Collective Agreement negotiations concluded with CUPE 4106 in summer 2024 and collective agreement negotiations are expected to commence late spring or early summer 2025 with CUPE 3945 due to their contract expiring June 30, 2025.

Ya Wanna get out and enjoy the great outdoors? 44 Hike, Walk or Snowshoe Events



By Maurice Rees

Hike Nova Scotia and 23 host organizations have partnered up to offer the series across NS from January to March. There are 44 hike, walk or snowshoe events led by local folks and participants qualify to win trail prizes. They are free or low-cost events and some require pre-registration.

The full schedule with registration details and directions is found at www.hikenovascotia.ca. Events are listed by date and region and include route lengths and difficulty levels. For some of the events snowshoes are provided. If there's no snow, most snowshoe events will go ahead as a hike or walk.

Where to Borrow, Rent or Buy Snowshoes in Nova Scotia Fundy Region, see below:

Note that this list is not comprehensive. The information included below is the result of various organizations and businesses responding to update requests and information provided unsolicited. Child and adult sizes and variety of equipment for downhill skiing; cross country, snowshoeing, etc. Equipment inventory varies by location.

Municipality of the County of Cumberland

www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca,
Carolyn Bollwerk, cbollwerk@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca
902 664-9143

Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre, 6 Main St., Springhill; Parrsboro Service Centre, 209 Main St., Parrsboro. All free of charge

Ski Wentworth

rentalshop@skiwentworth.ca
(902)548-2089 - Ext 233.
Trails are unpatrolled and subject to the daily weather. The trails are to be used during daylight hours only.
The rental shop at Ski Wentworth is the location at the resort where people can rent the snowshoes (downhill and cross-country skis)

Sugar Moon Farm -

www.sugarmoon.ca,
Quita Gray,
info@sugarmoon.ca,
1-866-81-MAPLE.
221 Alex MacDonald Road, Earltown;
Book online at www.sugarmoon.ca

Municipality of Colchester County -

www.colchester.ca/equipment-loan
Colchester Recreation,
recreation@colchester.ca
902-897-3185,
1 Church St, Truro, NS

Town of Truro -

www.truro.ca
902-893-6078
sjarvis@truro.ca
Parks, Recreation & Culture,
Douglas St Recreation Centre,
40 Douglas St., Truro.
Can be signed out on Thu/Fri and returned Mon/Tues

The Trail Shop, Truro -

www.trailshop.com
info@trailshop.com
902-843-2777,
59 Inglis Pl, Truro.
Adult and child sizes. Rental.

Hub Cycle Inc. -

www.hubcycle.ca
Bruce Roberts,
hubcycle@ns.aliantzinc.ca
902-897-2482,
33 Inglis Place, Truro. Skis and snowshoes. Rental.

Bike Monkey -

www.bikemonkey.ca
Jeff or Amelia,
info@bikemonkey.ca
902-843-7111,
798 Prince St,
Truro, NS,
B2N 1H1. Rental adult sizes.
Child and Adult sizes available for purchase.

Village of Bible Hill -

www.biblehill.ca
Haley Smith,
Haley.smith@biblehill.ca
902-893-8083,
67 Pictou Rd, Bible Hill, NS

Municipality of East Hants -

www.easthants.ca
Department of Recreation & Culture,
recreation@easthants.ca
902-883-3387,
15 Commerce Court, Elmsdale
Free for Not-for profit groups.
Child & adult sizes.

Town of Stewiacke -

Recreation Department,
www.stewiacke.net
, Erin Richard,
erichard@stewiacke.net
902-639-2111,
295 George St., Stewiacke.
Lend with deposit of \$20 that is returned when pairs returned.

Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, Wetland Centre -

wildlifepark.novascotia.ca
wildlifeparkbooking@NovaScotia.ca
902-758-7094,
155 Creighton Rd., Shubenacadie (at Wetland Centre).
Adult and child Snowshoes are free to borrow and use on Park property only. The park is open on weekends from 9 am to 3 pm.

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