

# The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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## 2024 Order of Nova Scotia Recipients Announced

Five Nova Scotians who have made significant contributions in a broad range of fields - including the arts, heritage, philanthropy, business, education and public service - have been appointed to the Order of Nova Scotia. Lt.-Gov. Mike Savage, Chancellor of the Order of Nova Scotia, released the names of the order's newest members December 23.

The 2024 recipients are: - Afua Cooper, Halifax: author, historian, poet and educator; recognized for her study of Black Canadian life and her role as a mentor and academic; - J. Michael MacDonald, Halifax: former chief justice; recognized for his service to the law and public service; Allan Marble, Halifax: biomedical engineer, genealogist and medical historian; recognized for his diverse contributions to heritage and biomedical engineering, and as the author of multiple books; Joseph Shannon, Port Hawkesbury; philanthropist and entrepreneur; recognized for his contributions to business and commerce, and philanthropic generosity and Robert Sobey, Stellarton: philanthropist, patron of the arts and corporate leader; recognized for supporting the visual arts and access to higher education.

An investiture ceremony will be held at Government House in the spring, when Lt-Gov. Savage will present the new members with their insignia and appointment scroll.

## Independent Panel to Review MLA Remuneration

An independent panel of non-partisan senior government officials was announced on December 18, to review the remuneration paid to MLAs. The MLA Remuneration Review Panel will look at compensation packages, including salaries, benefits, pensions, travel and constituency allowances.

Pursuant to Section 45A of the House of Assembly Act, Danielle Barkhouse, Speaker of the House of Assembly, has appointed Tracey Taweel, Executive Deputy Minister to the Premier and Head of the Public Service; Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance and Treasury Board; and Jennifer Glennie, Deputy Minister of the Department of Justice, to the panel.

Deloitte Canada, an internationally recognized, independent financial firm, has been hired to prepare a report on MLA remuneration. Should the committee determine the report is not valuable or relevant, it is entitled to find alternative support, pursuant to Section 45A(4) of the act.

## Province Continues to Invest in Highways, Bridges, Ferries

The government is once again making significant investments in the province's highways, bridges and ferries to make them safer and more efficient for Nova Scotians. Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works, released the 2025-26 Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan January 21. The Province will invest more than \$500 million in 2025-26 in major highway and road projects, repaving, bridge replacements, capital maintenance and infrastructure work. Work will begin on two new major projects: the Port Hastings intersection in Inverness County and passing lanes between exits 18 and 19 (Lake Echo/Mineville and Porters Lake) on Highway 107 in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Work will continue on major projects.

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## Bearcat Banter: Need A Run

January 20, 2025

The race for playoff positions is well under way. This guarantees there will be no easy games.

Sometimes there will be no easy scheduling. The Bearcats have just finished a stretch of four games over five days.

The schedule is what it is and most teams will experience similar schedule demands. The Bearcats will live with the three losses and lone victory.

Wednesday (January 15) the Bearcats and Amherst Ramblers played on the heels of a Bearcat win in Amherst the previous weekend.

Obviously, the Ramblers were on a mission, winning a tight 3-1 win, to tie the head-to-head matchups at three games apiece. The Bearcats host them twice in February.

On Thursday (January 16) the Bearcats were in Summerside. The Capitals opened the game with a pair of powerplay

goals. The effort was there but the Bearcats were unable to fully close the gap in the 4-2 loss. The Capitals have won all five meetings to date, with three remaining.

The Bearcats were in Edmundston Saturday (January 18) to meet the MHL's top team. Truro tied things up early in the second before the Blizzard unloaded with five unanswered to take the 7-2 win, their second this season.

The Bearcats wrapped up the week Sunday afternoon in Grand Falls with a 3-2 win over the Rapids. All the scoring was restricted to the third period.

Well, that week is in the books, and behind them.

## Baillargeon Bearcat of the Week



#89 Eli Baillargeon  
Shefford, QC  
5'9", 176 lbs  
19, Forward

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to Eli Baillargeon. In his five games since becoming a Bearcat, he's proven to be an impact player.

He's picked up 2 goals and 2 assists to date and has been used in all situations.

Eli played the last three seasons with the Shawinigan Cataractes.

Truro acquired his rights from Grand Falls.

This week there's a bit of breathing room.

First up was to be the Wednesday (January 22) game at the RECC against Yarmouth. Truro has won three of the previous four meetings. This game was postponed to January 29th, hopefully the winter health of both teams will improve by then.

Saturday (January 23), The Fredericton Red Wings face Truro for the first time this season. The North's last place team may relish the role of spoiler.

The night is designated Sock Toss Night. All socks tossed will go in support of the Homeless Shelter.

Sunday (the 26th) the Bearcats host the Campbellton Tigers. Truro defeated the North's second place team in December.

## Milner Returns To The Bearcats

January 7, 2025

The Bearcats are pleased to announce that 19 year old goalie Jack Milner will be returning to the club from the Halifax Mooseheads.

Milner got his junior career started here in Truro back in the 2022/23 season when he was only 17. He proceeded to exceed all expectations, going 20-6-1 and helping the Bearcats to a second place finish in the Eastlink South division. Jack was also named MHL Rookie of the Month in January 2023.

Welcome back Jack!

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