

The Shoreline Journal

Tid-Bits

Short reads of important stories.

Halifax Casino Moving to Dartmouth Crossing

The Halifax casino will relocate to Dartmouth Crossing, and the existing casino site on the waterfront will be listed for sale. The Province has signed an agreement with casino operator Great Canadian Entertainment that will allow the company to build a new Casino Nova Scotia location.

Great Canadian Entertainment will own, operate and maintain the new casino. The current Halifax casino property will be listed for sale with CBRE Halifax in the coming weeks. The Province will ensure that casino operations continue in the current location while the new facility is built. The Sydney casino will remain in its existing location. The existing downtown Halifax casino opened 25 years ago and was last renovated in 2017. The Province made \$41.6 million from casino operations in Halifax and Sydney last year.

School Lunch - New Meals, Reusable Packaging

After serving more than 3.6 million lunches this year, the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is making targeted changes to improve meal quality, reduce waste and better match how lunches are prepared and delivered. New lunches coming to all schools started January 16 include pork and vegetarian egg roll bowls, chicken fingers and a gluten-friendly cornbread that can replace other bread options. To help ensure consistent quality, menus are being tailored to whether lunches are prepared on-site or delivered to schools. For schools with lunch delivery, meals that transport well, like barbecued chicken drumsticks and glazed meatloaf, will be added. Some existing meals have also been adjusted to have sides that transport better, like whole apples and oranges. New menu items in schools where lunches are made on-site include grilled cheese with tomato soup, and pork quesadillas.

The Province is partnering with Canadian company Friendlier to pilot reusable containers in 34 schools that serve about 26,000 lunches a week. The program will start at the end of February. The company, with partners in more than 200 locations across Canada, will supply clean containers for lunches and collect used containers for professional cleaning. Containers can be reused up to 100 times and are recycled by Friendlier at the end of their lifecycle.

Men associated with Colchester Crime Arrested

RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment has arrested two men, one for violent offences, in relation to ongoing Colchester County District RCMP investigations. On January 4, Colchester County District RCMP attended a report of people in possession of firearms at a residence in a rural area outside South Branch. Investigators learned that a man had threatened other people at the home and another man was not compliant with court conditions. Both were believed to have access to firearms. When officers attended, both men had left the home.

The men were identified as Jordan Naugler and Dylan Deale. A warrant for arrest was issued for Deale.

On January 11, RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment learned that Naugler and Deale were at a residence in Watt Section, Halifax Regional Municipality. General duty officers and Police Dog Services from Halifax Regional Police attended and safely arrested the two men.

Colchester County District RCMP has charged Dylan Deale, who also uses the name Naugler, with Assault, Assault by Choking, Unlawful Confinement, and Fail to Comply with Release Order. He appeared in Truro Provincial Court on January 12 and was released by the courts on conditions pending future court appearances.

Jordan Naugler was charged with Fail to Comply with Release Order (two counts). He appeared in Halifax Provincial Court on January 14 and was released by the courts on conditions pending future court appearances.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information that may support this investigation is asked to contact Colchester County District RCMP at 902-893-6820. 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.

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transitional care facility at \$665 per day. Doing the Math, a savings of \$310 per bed per day X 178 beds is \$55,180 per day X 365 days per year \$20,140,700. That's over 20 million a year.

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Recruiting and retaining skilled professionals is part of government's commitment to universal mental health and addictions **Need a Family Practice Registry Drops Again**

As of November 1, 93.4% of Nova Scotians are attached to a primary care provider.

There are now 69,420 Nova Scotians on the Need a Family Practice Registry. The 8,100 is a net total of Nova Scotians newly added to the list, as well as those who've been matched with a family doctor or nurse practitioner. The next update is in early December. <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca/>

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Working Forests in Northern Nova Scotia – January 31

The Nova Scotia Working Woodlands Trust (NSWWT) will host a community conversation on January 31, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Earl-town Community Centre, bringing together local land stewards, forest professionals, and community members to discuss the future of working woodlands in the region.

The afternoon begins indoors with an engaging conversation exploring how we can preserve the balance between conservation and sustainable forestry to protect our working forests for generations to come. Then, we'll head outdoors for a guided walk through a nearby forest that's conserved in partnership with the Nova Scotia Working Woodlands Trust (NSWWT).

The event is part of NSWWT's ongoing efforts to support private landowners in caring for their forests in ways that balance ecological health, long-term stewardship, and continued economic use. The conversation will focus on shared values, local experiences, and the opportunities and challenges facing woodlands in the region.

"This is a chance for people who care about their land to come together, share perspectives, and learn from one another," said Mary Jane Rodger, Executive Director with NSWWT. "Northern Nova Scotia has a long history of working landscapes, and we're excited to host an open, community-led conversation about what stewardship can look like now and into the future."

The Community Conversation will include informal discussion, opportunities to ask questions, and time to connect with NSWWT staff and local land stewards. The event is free and open to the public,

and no prior forestry experience is required.

NSWWT is Nova Scotia's first land trust devoted to upholding the stewardship legacy of working forests, collaborating with landowners to conserve private lands

through long-term, voluntary agreements that support ecological forestry, biodiversity and rural livelihoods. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact: Ellen Riopelle, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, 902-600-6249 ellen@nswworkingwoodlandstrust.org

RCMP Charges Man with Firearms Offences



Colchester County District RCMP has charged a man with firearms offences after he pointed an imitation firearm, later determined to be a BB gun, at a motorist in what appears to be a road rage incident. On December 20, at approximately 5:50 p.m., RCMP officers received a report that a man was driving on Park St. in Bible Hill when a man in another vehicle pointed a gun at him out the front passenger window. The suspect vehicle, a Volkswagen Golf GTI, then fled toward Truro.

Officers attended the area and notified Truro Police Service of the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was not immediately located. Officers learned that just before the firearm incident, the Golf GTI had cut in front of the victim's vehicle

while the two were travelling along Park St. One of the passengers with the victim then began taking a video of the suspect vehicle and captured the firearm incident, which helped to identify the suspect.

At approximately 9:20 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP located the Golf GTI at a residence on Ryland Ave. in Bible Hill. Officers safely arrested a man and a woman, and seized a BB gun, which closely resembled a Glock 19. The woman was released without charges. Braydon McNeil, 22, of Bible Hill, has been charged with Using

an Imitation Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose and Failure to Comply with Order.

McNeil appeared in Truro Provincial Court on December 22 and was released on conditions. The investigation is ongoing and is being led by Colchester County District RCMP, with assistance of Sipekne'katik RCMP Detachment.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Colchester County District RCMP at 902-893-6820. 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.

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