

PHOTO FEATURE

Earlier this month, we contacted the Advocate District School requesting if they had any student activities to please share some photos and details. Fortunately, Denise D. Dickinson, principal, was able to share five photos of the schools "Holiday Theme Week" event. The students are not identified, but Denise is pictured in a couple of photos, and Coralee MacGillivray, her AA is the other staff member. (Photos submitted by Denise D. Dickinson)



Government Invests in Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre

Government announced plans on December 2, to improve the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre in Amherst with an investment of \$2.7 million over the next two years to complete feasibility assessments, site investigations, schematic design and design development work for the redevelopment of the emergency department and the addition of a 12-station dialysis unit.

Assessments will focus on solutions to help address the volume of patients being seen in the emergency department, add extra privacy and accommodate more complex cases. They will also consider demand and capacity for dialysis services in the area.

"Our staff and physicians are challenged to provide optimal care to our patients in the current physical space. The redevelopment of our hospital's emergency department, and expansion of dialysis services to reflect the care needs of this region, represent a needed and very appropriate investment in health care for this area.", Dr. Janneke Gradstein, medical site lead, Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre stated.

A design consultant is expected to be engaged for the project by spring 2021; the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre emergency department sees more than 20,000 patients each year. Residents currently receive dialy-



sis services in nearby Springhill, Truro, Moncton and Halifax.

Government is building or expanding dialysis units in Kentville, Digby, Bridgewater, Glace Bay, Halifax and Dartmouth. Improved infrastructure will help recruit and retain health-care professionals.

Government is making the most significant infrastructure investment in Nova Scotia history to modernize health-care facilities in Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Halifax Regional Municipality, Bridgewater, Pugwash and across the province.



Traditionally, after the parade Santa went to The Hall to visit with the children. This year with CoVid surging, the event at the Hall was cancelled, but these children wanted to keep the hall at top of Mind. See story and additional photos on page 3. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



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