

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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Province Launches Automobile Insurance Consultation

The Province is asking for feedback on automobile insurance to help make sure that appropriate, affordable and stable coverage is available in Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia's Office of the Superintendent of Insurance launched a public consultation on December 5, as part of a legislated review of automobile insurance. The office has identified options to potentially stabilize the cost of insurance, enhance treatment coverage and bring Nova Scotia offerings in line with those in other provinces.

Key changes under consideration include: updating the definition of "minor injury"; reducing the cap on cash awards for pain and suffering from minor injuries; enhancing coverage to help people who sustain injuries and making the automobile insurance policy the first priority payor (Section B).

The proposed changes are outlined in a discussion paper, which includes questions that may assist in providing feedback. The paper and information on providing feedback are at: <https://novascotia.ca/automobile-insurance-review-engagement>

The deadline for comment is February 3.

Helping Internationally Trained Nova Scotian Doctors Come Home

It will soon be easier for Nova Scotians who attend medical school outside Canada to complete their residency at home.

The Province has created a designated pathway to residency for 10 international medical graduates studying outside Canada, with priority given to those with a connection to Nova Scotia. Previously, there were six designated seats for international medical graduates interested in a Nova Scotia residency; this brings the total to 16.

Dalhousie University gets about 800 applications a year from medical graduates around the world for these coveted residency spots.

These 2023 residency positions under the Nova Scotia International Medical Graduates Program are part of the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) program, the national service that matches all physician residency program applicants with open spots at Canada's medical schools. Students begin applying to CaRMS on Wednesday, December 7.

If any of the seats go unfilled by Nova Scotians during the first CaRMS matching round, they will open to other international medicine graduates. These seats come with an agreement to work in an area of high need in the province for five years after completing the residency requirement.

The Province has also created 10 new residency seats in family medicine across the province for 2023.

Province Releases Climate Risk Assessment

Nova Scotia's latest climate change projections and risk assessment present a clear picture of the current impact of climate change and what Nova Scotians can expect over the next 80 years if further action is not taken.

The report, released on December 5, shows Nova Scotia is getting warmer, precipitation patterns are changing, Nova Scotians are experiencing more frequent and intense storms, sea levels are rising and the oceans are changing.

Climate change projections for Nova Scotia by 2100 if global greenhouse gas emissions are not cut significantly include: an increase of 4.8 degrees Celsius in the average annual temperature; many more nights that are warmer than 18 C - in the range of 45, compared with about three currently; a 10 per cent increase in annual precipitation; higher peak wind speeds by 3.7 to seven kilometres per hour; sea level rise by up to one metre and an increase in the sea surface temperature by 5.1 degrees.

The climate change risk assessment identifies areas of concern, as well as the opportunities and priorities for action for Nova Scotia. These include: building capacity to prepare for multiple hazards that interact and evolve over time; acting on flooding and increased heat-related hazards; protecting people's well-being and recognizing the links between people and the environment and regularly updating the risk to the province.

The report, titled Weathering What's Ahead: Climate Change Risk and Nova Scotia's Well-being, is at: <https://climate-change.novascotia.ca/climate-impacts>. It helped inform the Province's climate plan, which was released December 7.

Crown Corporations Launched to Drive Economic Growth

On December 1, the Province launched two new organizations to modernize the government's approach to economic development and improve accountability to Nova Scotians. Build Nova Scotia and Invest Nova Scotia will build on experience and expertise to drive forward a more innovative, resilient, sustainable and competitive economy, seizing the

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The Lower Onslow Preschool held their first of two delightful Christmas Concerts on Wednesday, Dec. 14th. (Harrington Photos)



Arielle Johnstone was happy to receive a little gift from Santa.



Left to right: Graham Dueck, Rhett Tower, Lea Feetham, Arielle Johnstone, Aurora Biggs.



Left to right: Hazel Roche, William Johnson, Tripp Cameron.



Left to right: Dawson Ives, Mya Ward, Arielle Johnstone, Lea Feetham, Keira Eisses, Jack Smith.

Lower Onslow Preschool held the second of two Christmas Concerts on Thursday, Dec. 15th. (Harrington Photos)



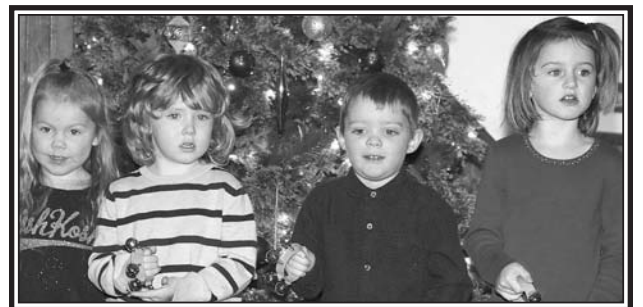
Left to right: Adrian Richards, Thane Johnson, Georgina Thompson.



Left to right: Kara Wilcox, Hazel Roche, Isaiah Church.



Left to right: Dawson Ives, Mya Ward, Arielle Johnstone, Lea Feetham, Keira Eisses, Jack Smith.



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