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MacDONALD, William Thomson “Tom” - It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of William Thomson “Tom” MacDonald, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, who left us peacefully at the age of 72 on November 20, 2025, in Truro, Nova Scotia. Born on March 28, 1953, in Arichat, Nova Scotia, Tom was a man of great character and warmth, deeply loved by his family and friends. Tom was the cherished son of the late Charles William “Bill” and Emma (Thomson) MacDonald. He carried the values instilled in him by his parents throughout his life, embodying kindness, hard work, and resilience. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen “Edgie” MacDonald; their children, Robert MacDonald (Amanda), Melanie MacDonald (Doug), Kelli Fletcher (Mark), Kim Fletcher, and Corey Fletcher (Annie); their grandchildren, Jessica, Luke, Laynee, Sam, Taylor “little Miss”, Emily, Sophie, Kara; great grandchildren, Cameron and Deegan; his sisters, Theresa MacDonald, Anne Thomas (Chuck), Marg Morrison and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers-in-law, Gerald Thomas and Lewis Morrison. Tom cherished his grandchildren deeply. He took pride in his family and friends, and they were the center of his universe. On August 19, 1989, Tom married the love of his life, Karen Bond, in a beautiful ceremony in Windsor, Nova Scotia. Their partnership was a testament to true love, as they shared countless adventures traveling and indulging in their mutual passion for golf. Together, they created a life filled with laughter, joy, and an unwavering bond – true soulmates. Tom was a man of many interests. He had a zest for life that saw him embrace every opportunity for adventure, especially through travel. He loved sharing the thrill of hitting the golf course with Karen, where they forged unforgettable memories, taking part in many golf tournaments, where they would even have the kids caddying for them. Tom would often be on the first tee at the Avon Valley Golf Club, waiting for the sun to come up enough to light the fairway to begin his game and get home before anyone else was awake. His and Karen’s love for travel took them to: Hawaii, where they often talked about how beautiful the island was, and laughed about the windy tunnel where everything in Tom’s shirt pocket was flying away before he knew what was going on; Trinidad, where he solidified his dislike for curry; Cuba, where they visited multiple times to enjoy the sun, sand and cervezas; Las Vegas, a trip on a whim when they lived in Yellowknife with their friend, Kevin, and more. In recent years, they took a bus trip to New York where he veered off the trip itinerary to find a local pub to get to know “the real NY” while Karen continued her cultural adventure. His genuine spirit and infectious laughter will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Tom’s professional journey was marked by his exceptional skills and dedication as a Millwright Foreman at the Halifax Dockyards, a role he took great pride in. His career also spanned various locations including CKF in Hantsport, the Giant Gold Mine in Yellowknife, the Mussel White Mine in Thunder Bay, and the Wabush Iron Ore Mine in Wabush, Newfoundland and Labrador. His work ethic and ingenuity earned him the respect of his colleagues and made a lasting impact in every position he held. A funeral service to honor Tom’s life was held Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, Nova Scotia. Friends, family, and all who were touched by Dad’s kindness are invited to join in celebrating a life well-lived. Committal to follow at a later date. As WE say goodbye to Tom, we remember him not only for the years he lived but for the love he shared and the lives he touched. His legacy will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved him, and he will be remembered for his unwavering support, boundless love, and the gentle wisdom he imparted to his family. Rest in peace, dear Dad; you will be missed beyond words.

Totten, Karen Ola, passed away suddenly on November 26, 2025. She was 66 years old. She will be missed but never forgotten by her Mum, Beatrice L. Totten (Johnson); sister, Heather; brother, Dale (Dawn); nephew, Joshua (Taylor); niece, Michelle (Spencer and Elliot) also her Uncle Carl Johnson (Aunt Donna), Aunt Myrtle Dean (Johnson) and Carla Hepburn (Rick) and too many friends of K.T.’s to mention (her second families). We thank you all for your caring and friendship of Karen, she was truly blessed. Karen was predeceased by her Dad, Percy A. Totten and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Karen lived her life in Truro, Nova Scotia. She was an athlete who excelled in volleyball and softball. She became an avid knitter, known by many for her mittens and hats. She was a book reader and spent time reading on her deck of under a shade tree, keeping watch over her section of the trail. She visited friends frequently and took part in their family gatherings. Family flowers only. Donations in Karen’s memory may be made to the Tim Hortons Foundation Camps. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 12th from 12pm – 3pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

Matheson, Jordan Arthur, – Age 83, of Pleasant Valley, passed away on November 23, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Jordan was born in Truro, Nova Scotia on December 31, 1941. He was a son of the late John Leonard “Dick” and Margaret (Kennedy). After graduating from Acadia University, Jordan started his teaching career in Debert, Nova Scotia. From there, he travelled to the Native Community of Faust in Northern Alberta, where the winters were brutal. Sometimes school was closed due to 60 below zero temperatures. Following that, he headed to Hanna in Southern Alberta, where one of his prize students was Lanny MacDonald (Calgary Flames). From there, he headed back to Nova Scotia where he retired as a math teacher at Truro Junior High – much warmer winters. He was very proud of his garden he planted until his later years. He fed many people and had home delivery to his family of those wonderful fresh vegetables. He attended Knox United Church faithfully, providing transportation to those unable to commute. His Thanksgiving dinners were amazing and were followed by a 2-3 hour walk in the woods and enjoyed by many. He was also noted for his insight into political events in Nova Scotia and Canada. He is survived by brother, Robert (Dorene) Matheson; sister, Helene (Ernie) Maynard; nieces, Shawn (Jeff) Lynds, Sarah Maynard; nephews, GR (Holly) Matheson, Stephen (Jenel) Maynard, as well as five grand nephews. Besides his parents, Jordan was predeceased by his brother, John Richard “Rick” Matheson. A private graveside interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

Collier, Doreen Ruth - Age 82 of Crowes Mills, passed away on November 29, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Donald and Teresa (Phalen) McIsaac. Doreen worked for many years in the automotive industry as an administrator. She enjoyed watching gameshows, reading and mini spontaneous adventures with her family. She loved her ice cream at Masstown Market (AKA “Ho Hum”). She was a proud homemaker since 1978 and needed to help around the house as much as she could until the end. The majority of her life was spent in Shad Bay, where she loved to fish with her husband and boys. She also loved going for long walks and being with her friends in the community. Doreen loved nothing more than her kids and grandkids. She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Mekila), Bayside, NS, David, Spryfield, NS and Scott (Jillian), Crowes Mills, NS also by grandchildren, Emily, Kayla, Cody, Noah, April, Erik, Hannah, Jake, Kaleb and Nolan; sisters, Karen Moxsom, Hardwood Lands, NS and brothers, Brian (Carolyn) McIsaac, Spryfield, Lyndon (Florence) McIsaac, Cochrane, AB and Gary (Cathy) McIsaac, Brookside, NS; also by brother-in-law, Glen Harrison; many nieces nephews, friends and extended family. She was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, George Collier; sister, Glenda Harrison; brothers-in-law, Gordon Moxsom, and Eric Collier; sisters-in-law, Ernestine McIsaac and Jean Grant and nephew, Stephen Moxsom. Family flowers only. A service will be held on December 20th at 1pm in Faith Baptist Church, Great Village. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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NSLC Second-Quarter Results, 2025-26

The Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. (NSLC) released its second-quarter financial results on December 2. Total sales from June 30 to September 28, 2025, were up 1.9 per cent to \$250.4 million, with an increase in both beverage alcohol and cannabis sales compared with the same time last year. Beverage alcohol sales increased 0.6 per cent to \$214.4 million, and cannabis sales increased 10.4 per cent to \$36.0 million. Earnings decreased 1.6 per cent to \$82.5 million.

Sales of Nova Scotia products increased by 13.4 per cent to \$44.1 million. Locally produced beverage alcohol sales increased 16.4 per cent to \$34.5 million, including: Spirits increased 22.3 per cent to \$3.9 million; ready-to-drink products increased 21.8 per cent to \$14.5 million; wine increased 19.5 per cent to \$6.0 million and craft beer increased 5.8 per cent to \$10.0 million.

Local cannabis sales increased 3.8 per cent to \$9.6 million, with Nova Scotia cannabis products accounting for 26.7 per cent of all cannabis sales.

Nursing Regulations Amended

Registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs) will soon be able to practise in Nova Scotia. The Province has amended the Nursing Regulations under the Nursing Act to enable registration and licensing and establish the framework and scope of practice for these specialized healthcare professionals.

RPNs have specialized education and training that prepare them to work in a variety of mental health and addictions settings with diverse populations. They will be regulated by the Nova Scotia College of Nursing. Nine other provinces and territories regulate RPNs or soon will.

The amendment takes effect December 1, and Nova Scotia Health will begin recruitment in January.

Project Funding to Help Service Providers Transform Disability Supports

Seven organizations will receive funding through the Service Evolution Fund to enhance how they support people with disabilities, advancing the work of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy and moving the sector toward more person-directed, community-based services.

The government has committed \$1 million annually for three years to the Service Evolution Fund; applications are accepted and grants awarded quarterly.

Launched in October 2024, the fund supports planning, training, technology, strategic development and other activities that help organizations transition from facility-based to community-based service delivery. These efforts are essential to advancing the transformation required under the remedy.

Funding recipients and projects: Mill Road Social Enterprises, Inverness County - planning and redesign of current services to create sustainable, community-based service hubs; \$50,000; LifeTime Home Solutions (Colonial Community Services), Halifax Regional Municipality - develop a comprehensive communications and social media strategy to increase awareness of services and supports for participants; \$18,000; Metro Community Housing Association, Halifax Regional Municipality - implement a new payroll system to support the shift to individualized funding and participant-directed service delivery; \$43,583; New Leaf Enterprises, Halifax Regional Municipality - hire two temporary community navigator co-ordinators and redesign the main website to create a more inclusive, community-focused hub; \$23,808; Quest 67, Halifax Regional Municipality - develop a new website and branding to support community-based service delivery; \$23,700; L’Arche Cape Breton, Inverness County - engage urban planning expertise to expand the community and better welcome individuals from diverse backgrounds; \$20,000 and JAZ Community Support, Halifax Regional Municipality - introduce Alaya Care, a cloud-based care management system to strengthen individualized, participant-directed supports; \$37,736.

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