



The new suspension bridge is located on the Ketchum Trail and replaces the original bridge that opened in 1996. Antony Spalton photo.

Henry Ketchum Suspension Bridge Refurbished

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way project, this bridge stands as a lasting symbol of human ingenuity and ambition.”

Mayor Gilroy said the restoration of the bridge ensures that a remarkable link to the past will continue to inspire future generations, reminding people of the creativity, determination and community pride that has always shaped the area’s history.

“May it once again serve as a place of connection between people, landscapes and the enduring story of the Ship Railway project of more than a century and a quarter ago.”

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Minister David Ritcey said the province is pleased to have contributed \$500,000 to the project, adding it sits on a remarkable piece of Nova Scotia history.

“The Chignecto ship railway was an ambitious idea that once aimed to connect our province to global trade in a bold new way,” he said. “Today our history continues to bring people together as part of the Henry Ketchum Hiking Trail, a space where residents and visitors can enjoy the natural beauty and rich history of this region. This suspension bridge has become a gathering point for hikers, families and tourists.”

ACOA contributed \$456,400 to the project.

“Replacing the Ketchum Suspension Bridge improves the connectivity of the trail

Mayor helps MADD Canada begin Red Ribbon Campaign

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Public service announcements on radio and television will also reinforce the importance of sober driving throughout the holiday season.

The ribbons are a reminder to never drive impaired or ride with an impaired driver, plan ahead and make driving arrangements if you are going to be drinking alcohol or consuming cannabis. Arrange for a designated driver, a cab or stay the night at the location and call 911 if you suspect that a driver is impaired.

“Each red ribbon symbolizes hope, remembrance, and the unwavering dedication to preventing senseless tragedies caused by impaired driving,” Cindy Kormish of the Cum-

berland-Tantramar Chapter of MADD Canada said. Cormish said the campaign is about inspiring others to make responsible choices. Between 2020 and 2024, Cormish said, there were 15 fatalities and 52 serious injuries due to impaired driving in Cumberland County. In Nova

network along the Amherst Shore. Outdoor enthusiasts and visitors will be attracted to the area’s unique charm, helping local businesses thrive year-round,” said Alana Hirtle, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester, on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., K.C, Member of Parliament for Central Nova, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

The Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund and the Christie-Smith Community Fund were also funding partners.



Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy was joined by members of the Cumberland-Tantramar Chapter of MADD Canada, RCMP, Cumberland North MLA Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, EHS and the Springhill Fire Department in launching the 38th Red Ribbon Campaign on Monday, Nov. 12, 2025, in Springhill.

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berland-Tantramar Chapter of MADD Canada said. Scotia in 2024 there were 77 lives lost and 180 serious injuries from impaired driving.

“Impaired driving remains the leading cause of criminal deaths in Canada,” Cormish said.

The campaign runs through Jan. 5, 2026.



Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy reads a proclamation declaring Nov. 12, 2025, as Project Red Ribbon Day within the Municipality as part of MADD Canada’s launch of the 38th annual national campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving during the holiday season.

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Tidnish Crossroads and Area Community Association president Blair Andres (second left) and vice-president Jack Brown (second right) cut the ribbon to officially open the Henry Ketchum Suspension Bridge while provincial Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Minister Dave Ritcey (left) and Cumberland South MLA Tory Rushton hold the ribbon. Darrell Cole – Municipality of Cumberland photo.



The coldest morning (-22) has its own gift of the sea smoke in the harbour by the lighthouse. Bitter is the best gift of a morning! Lawrence R Nicoll photo

Also see the outstanding winter frost image from Lawrence on page 1.

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