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2025 Human Rights Awards Presented to Five Recipients

Four individuals and one group were recognized with Nova Scotia Human Rights Awards at an event on December 10, in Halifax. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission presents the awards annually on or around International Human Rights Day (December 10) to acknowledge the courageous work of Nova Scotians who advance human rights in the province.

The youth award was presented to Evan Treffler, Halifax, for his leadership in advancing mental health equity, inclusion and youth empowerment across Nova Scotia. Kevin Hooper, Halifax, received the individual award in recognition of his leadership and commitment to advancing equity, accessible housing and community-led human rights solutions.

Andre Anderson, Halifax, received an award named in honour of the late Burnley Allan (Rocky) Jones for his work to enhance racial equity and community empowerment rooted in the lived experiences and cultural legacy of African Nova Scotians. Sherry Pictou, Bear River First Nation, was presented the Wel-lukwen Award in recognition of her leadership in advancing Mi'kmaq rights, revitalizing traditional governance, and confronting racism and sexism.

L'Arche Cape Breton received the group/organization award to recognize its decades of work on inclusion, dignity and human rights as it builds vibrant communities across Cape Breton.

Province to Explore Solutions for Halifax Peninsula Traffic Congestion

The Province, in collaboration with the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), is exploring solutions to manage congestion, improve safety and make travelling on the Halifax peninsula more efficient. A request for proposals was issued December 10, for a consultant to examine core streets and access points and identify strategies to optimize the transportation network.

The review will also: Explore additional access points to the Halifax peninsula from the west; assess impacts of potential network changes and identify strategies to improve heavy truck traffic to and from Halifax Port Authority facilities; provide recommendations to move the most people and goods in the most efficient way through constrained corridors.

Province Takes Action on Illegal Cannabis Sales

The Province is taking more aggressive steps to address the growing public health and safety risks posed by illegal cannabis.

Today, December 4, Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, directed all police agencies in the province to intensify enforcement aimed at stopping illegal cannabis operations and report back on their activities.

Cannabis is legal in Canada, but only when sold through a regulated system. In Nova Scotia, the Cannabis Control Act designates the Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. (NSLC) the exclusive legal retailer of recreational cannabis, ensuring young people are safe, products are tested and traceable, and crime is not involved in the supply chain.

A recent provincial review found at least 118 illegal outlets operating across Nova Scotia, compared with 51 legal NSLC cannabis stores. Illegal dispensaries – and their staff and products – are not subject to oversight, training or testing, presenting significant risks to public health and creating opportunities for organized crime, money laundering and even human trafficking.

Premier met With Governor, Attended Boston Tree Lighting

Premier Tim Houston met with Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey on December 3, to discuss trade and energy opportunities. They were met by Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environment Rebecca Tepper. While in Boston, the Premier also attended the city's annual tree lighting on Boston Common. Nova Scotia sends a tree to Boston each holiday season as a thank you to the city for sending medical personnel and supplies to the province following the Halifax Explosion in 1917.

This year, Nova Scotia's tree to Boston is a majestic white spruce from Lunenburg County, which stands 13.7 metres (45 feet). Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was among the guests who attended the tree-cutting ceremony in Martins Brook on November 12.

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Bearcat Banter: Another Great Start

December 8, 2025

November's winning ways have continued straight into December.

The Bearcats played two and came away winners in both, running the win streak to twelve in a row, nine of them road wins.

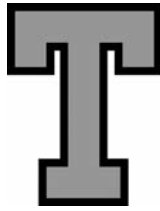
Friday at home, there was plenty to cheer about. The pre-game acknowledgement of the contribution of Shawn Evans to the Bearcat Program was awesome. From 2002-2023 he did it all and deserved to have his name raised to the roof.

It was good for both teams, none of whom were born at the start of his run, to hear about commitment and respect.

From the get-go it was clear the Miramichi Timberwolves were here to play. After an even first the Bearcats took a two-goal lead in the second en route to a 4-2 win. It was well earned.

Saturday, in Amherst, the Bearcats tied things up in the second and made Nathan Curson's third period goal stand, for the 2-1 victory.

Truro outshot the Ramblers 61-32. Amherst penalties ac-



counted for the extra dose of shots, but their goalie kept things close.

In many ways, the Bearcats kept at the top of their game. They bent at times but did not break.

While the goalies did their job, the shooters scored timely goals. Special team play was positive, with two goals on eight chances and the penalty kill turned aside five opportunities.

Hats off to Bearcat goalie, Louca Connolly, for being named MHL goalie for November. His 6-0-0 record, 1.97 GAA and .927 Save Percentage speak volumes for his ability to give his teammates the chance to win.

Connolly, Jayden Connors, Jake Todd and Tristan St-Gelais travel to Yarmouth Wednesday to play for the Eastlink South team in the All-Star game. The team is well represented.

Truro Jr. A Bearcats Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, December 18 vs Pictou, in Truro.
Saturday, December 20 vs Summerside, in Truro.
Friday, January 3 vs Yarmouth, in Yarmouth.
Sunday, January 4 vs Yarmouth, in Truro.
Sunday, January 11 vs Pictou, in Truro.
Thursday, January 15 vs Summerside, in Summerside.
Saturday, January 17 vs Amherst, in Amherst.
Thursday, January 22 vs Pictou, in Pictou.
Saturday, January 24 vs Valley, in Truro.
Friday, January 30 vs Yarmouth, in Truro.
Saturday, January 31 vs Valley, in Valley.

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CJHL Ranking in the past two weeks had designated the Bearcats Honourable Mention. From this corner, their play may deserve more.

The Bearcats enter the week (of Dec. 7) tied with Summerside, each with 41 points. The Bearcats and Capitals meet twice this week, with plenty at stake.

Thursday, the Capitals are in Truro, then Saturday, the Bearcats are in Summerside. The Bearcats are at home again Sunday when they host the Valley Wildcats. All three start at 7:00 pm.

Editors Note: Thursday, December 11, Summerside de-

feated Truro 2-1 in a close game, close in goals, shots and spectacular defensive play. Summerside goalie, Kolton Bourret (1st star) turned away 27 shots and Truro's Sam Berthiaume (2nd star) also saved 27 of the 29 he faced.

Saturday, December 13, Truro scored 4 in the first period, 3 of which were on the powerplay, and went on to defeat Summerside in another close match 4-3.

Truro and Summerside enter the new week tied in the standings with 43 points each although Summerside still holds 3 games in hand.

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