



Jack, the hockey player, one of the Truro Junior A Bearcat mascots will be visiting sponsors and supporters of the Bearcats during the summer months to extend a big thank you from the Cats. Jack is pictured in front of MacQuarries Pharmasave, sponsors of the Three Star Award.

MHL Announces 52-game Schedule for 2021-22 Season

Truro, N.S. (June 23, 2021) – The 2021-22 Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) season will begin Thursday, September 30th. The Board of Governors voted this week to return to a full 52-game balanced schedule for the upcoming season, which includes cross-divisional games between the Eastlink North and Eastlink South.

“With COVID-19 vaccination rates climbing and provincial restrictions lessening, we’re pleased to announce plans for a 52-game season”, says MHL President Steve Dykeman. “The 2020-21 season ended much later than in past years, so pushing the start date to the end of September gives teams more time to prepare. Our Return to Play Plan has proven itself to be effective and we will continue to work with our stakeholders and partners in all three provinces to ensure that we are ready to safely welcome all our fans back to the rink.”

The Summerside Western Capitals were moved to the Eastlink South division last season due to COVID-19 restrictions but will return to the Eastlink North, restoring the balance of six teams per division. Teams will play every other team in their division eight times (four at home and four on the road) and each team in the opposite division twice (once at home and once on the road). The schedule is under development and will be released at a later date.

The Board of Governors also voted to return to the previous format where the top four teams in each division qualify for the Canadian Tire Cup Playoffs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, every team qualified for the playoffs in the 2020-21 season.

A number of leagues within the CJHL have also chosen to start their season later in the year. As a result, the Centennial Cup will be hosted from May 20th to May 29th, 2022 in Estevan, Saskatchewan. The Fred Page Cup, hosted by the Summerside Western Capitals, has been moved from May 3rd to 8th, 2022 to the revised dates of May 10th to 15th, 2022 to align with the National Junior A Championship.

The MHL’s twelve teams are currently preparing for the 2021 MHL Entry Draft, powered by HockeyTech and Rinknet, which will be held online July 10th. Eastlink Community TV will once again carry the first two rounds of the 2021 event, broadcasting live starting at 10 a.m. on channels 10 and 610 in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

Hosts Mavs Gillis and Kenzie Lalonde will be joined by guest commentators Logan Delaney and Craig Eagles as they break down the selections from the MHL’s 12 teams. The broadcast will also include interviews with players, coaches, and general managers. Fans can see each

selection as they’re made at themhl.ca or through the league’s social media accounts.

The MHL’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July 16th and 17th in Moncton, New Brunswick. The Board of

Governors and MHL Executive will discuss a number of matters coming out of the completed 2020-21 season, the upcoming 2021-22 season, and how to continue to build and grow the MHL on and off the ice.

Parts Availability a Problem

By Maurice Rees

To accompany our other stories and chart on re-paving Colchester’s 110 Kim J-Class roads, the Shoreline Journal contacted several of the area’s auto repair shops. Here is a brief overview of information received from several auto repair garages throughout the municipality:

Dave’s Service Centre, Debert: Major repairs are springs, struts and ball joints with average repair bill \$600-\$800; Get new jobs everyday. Last week replaced eight springs, some were broken off.

CarStar, Farnham Road, Bible Hill: Does a lot of springs. Last week did springs on two Volkswagens at an average cost of \$350.00. However one customer with a 2015 Tacoma was not so lucky. Control Arm, bushings, complete struts, rear leaf springs cost a bit over \$2,500.

Andy’s Tire, Robie Street, Truro: Don’t get a lot of springs and shocks, as they specialize in tires and front end alignments, which a major are referred by other garages. Tire replacement jobs cost in the vicinity of \$400-\$500.

Mike MacKay Auto Body, Onslow: Don’t get a lot of front end alignment work, except for occasional customer as they deal with auto body repairs.

2U Like New Auto, Brookfield: Taylor MacArthur says he has a lot of sympathy for many customers as they are on limited budget, trying to keep a 7-8 year old car safe on the road. He

quotes on front end jobs on daily basis requiring a wide variety of parts. He estimated the average repair bill is \$600.

R & S Bagnell’s Service Centre, Hilden: Steve Bagnell says there’s a large volume of suspension work is about the same as it has been for 35 years. He added you can’t blame all suspension and front end work on bad roads. A lot is driving habits and poor maintenance.

Dave Chase Automotive, North River: Reports we can’t keep up with front end parts, especially coil springs and shocks. Their customer base is province-wide because they do a lot of Volkswagens. Estimates the average repair bill is \$400-\$500. Coil springs cost \$300-\$400, and the spokesman said, “the sad thing is we are seeing them twice a year”. Some parts are hard to get. On a Jetta last week, there were two shipments from British Columbia, one of Quebec and another part from Halifax.

Dean & Sons Auto Service, Onslow: James who was just back in the shop from Robie Street, said he asked, “Are there not any smooth streets anymore”. He gets a lot of front end work, but doesn’t do alignments, preferring to send to Andy’s Tire Shop. He couldn’t talk longer as he had a customer standing in front of him who would be spending \$800-\$1,000 on a Chevy 4 x 4. He added the amount of the bill depends on the scope of work.

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\$5K Efficiency Grants Available

By Maurice Rees

Grants of up to \$5,000 to make energy-efficient upgrades to homes and up to \$600 for pre- and post-upgrade EnerGuide home energy evaluations are now available following a June 8th announcement by Lenore Zann, MP Cumberland-Colchester.

Eligible home upgrades include replacing windows and doors, adding insulation, sealing air leaks, improving heating and cooling systems (e.g., heat pumps), installing smart thermostats and installing solar panels.

Homeowners in Nova Scotia need to apply directly through their provincial programs to book their EnerGuide evaluation and register. Once registered they can plan and document their progress, including applying for their pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation, choosing from a list of eligible retrofit

options, scheduling a post-retrofit evaluation and applying for reimbursement.

To participate in this new initiative, a homeowner’s primary residence must be at least six months old and eligible for an EnerGuide evaluation. Residences include single and semi-detached houses, row housing, townhomes, all-season cottages, mobile homes on a permanent foundation, permanently moored floating homes, small multi-unit residential buildings (three storeys or less with a footprint of 600m² or less), and mixed-use buildings (residential portion only).

Additional information, a list of approved energy audit firms are available from Efficiency Nova Scotia. Due to the initial interest in the program, some Nova Scotia energy plan auditors are currently booking audit appointments for October and November.

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