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The 2021 Doers and Dreamers Guide is now available on **NovaScotia.com**. This year the guide is available in a digital-only format for both English and French editions. The digital format allows operators and organizations to update their listings throughout the year to reflect changes in hours of operation or offerings, while minimizing waste. The new format allows for direct links to videos, stories and business websites, creating an interactive and simple user experience for research and booking. The 2021 Doers and Dreamers Guide can be downloaded to a mobile device or desktop computer. The option to print specific pages or sections is also available. The guide is available at: <https://www.novascotia.com/travelguide>

The Wharf Rat Rally cancelled for 2021

The 2021 rally has been cancelled, but the Rally plans to engage fans of the event with an online photo contest, geo-caching maps, and organizing Share the Wind rides in the local area," says Board Chair Rickey Stewart. The Wharf Rat Rally has been one of the region's largest economic drivers for over 15 years, and has always been focused on being a safe and friendly event. Motorcycle enthusiasts look forward to opening the doors in 2022.

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

Seniors' Property Tax Rebate

The province is helping low-income seniors with their municipal residential property taxes. Applications for the 2021-22 Property Tax Rebate for Seniors open July 1. The program offers eligible seniors a rebate of up to \$800. To qualify for the rebate, Nova Scotians must be 60 or older in 2021 and meet all of the following criteria: 2020 municipal residential property taxes are paid in full; their name is included in the property taxes and receive or are eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance from Service Canada in 2021. Applications will be open from July 1 to Dec. 31. More information about the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors is available at: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>

New Certification for Increased Seafood Quality Standards

Nova Scotia seafood companies with high-quality products are encouraged to apply for a new certification that will give them a competitive advantage in global markets. The Nova Scotia Seafood Quality Program provides certification for the province's top exported seafood products, including lobster, oysters, sea scallops, Atlantic halibut and several other species. The certifications were developed by Nova Scotia Seafood, in partnership with Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc. and Université Sainte-Anne. Université Sainte-Anne manages the live lobster certification that ensures lobster suppliers, exporters and harvesters comply with handling and holding best practices, lobster quality, water monitoring and traceability. Perennia manages the certification for all other species and requires that seafood exporters comply with applicable regulatory requirements, premium quality standards, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement.

Four Patterson Law clerks called to the Bar

John Creighton, Emily Hunter, Ryan O'Connor and Peter Rak all successfully completed their articles over the past year working out of Patterson Law. Now that they are members of the Nova Scotia Bar, they will transition into associate roles with the firm. Emily Hunter holds a Bachelor's in International Relations degree (honours) from Mount Allison University, where she was a Dean's List student and an Academic All-Canadian student athlete. She earned a law degree from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 2020. She will work primarily out of the Patterson Law's Truro office and practice in litigation.

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mately helping small businesses as they recover from this unprecedented public health and economic crisis.

Lenore Zann's, Private Member's Bill C-230 - An Act respecting the development of a national strategy to redress environmental racism received approval from Environment Committee on June 21st - will return to the House of Commons for 3rd reading. She was pleased the passing occurred on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

This enactment requires the Minister of the Environment, in consultation with representatives of provincial and municipal governments, of Indigenous communities and of other affected com-

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for council consideration, a very comprehensive plan.

The plan will include options for more than just interchanges, but trunk roads and other community locations. An outline of suggested ways to encourage, possibly compensate and facilitate community groups to engage. I believe council basically said, "We have had enough, it's time to step up and engage".

Perhaps an afterthought, but as I was driving from Truro to Bass River, I suddenly took notice of the number of properties from Glenholme to Bass River, which are undergoing renovations or improvements. Two properties particularly caught my eye for the improvements and neatness in landscaping creating great curb appeal.

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they are not to have a doctor. I understand these frustrations. There are about 12,000 people in Truro/Colchester on the list to find a doctor. I'm proud of the PC plan to recruit more doctors, reduce wait times and get people access to primary care right away. It's called Hope for Health. Check it out. I think you'll like our common sense solutions.

In April, the Minister of Health announced that there would be 29 physicians coming to the province, with seven coming to our area. However, there has been no additional information on the timeline for these doctors to arrive and when they'll begin accept-

ing new patients.

I am committed to advocating for the residents in my constituency and to holding the Liberal government to account. Remember, in 2013 this government promised a family doctor for every Nova Scotian. Today, there are over 66,000 people without one. My role within the community is to support our local physician recruitment team and advocate for Nova Scotians to have access to the healthcare they deserve.

As I've always been taught, it's not the amount of money that is spent on a property but the "TLC" - tender loving care it receives.

For the West Colchester area and as well as the remainder of the county, if I were to be granted two wishes, they would include: to congratulate those people on taking pride in their property; for investing to achieve improvements, but perhaps more importantly encourage others to take notice, which might stimulate them to undertake some additional TLC on their homestead.

Quite frankly I am very proud of council for this proactive stance. Enjoy your summer and be safe

Lenore Zann is Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester.

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Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor:

The following is a joint statement as prepared by Colchester County Councillors Lisa Patton, Tom The following Taggart and Marie Benoit, in response to the 911 audio recordings from April 18, 2020, released by Frank Magazine on June 2, 2020.

As councillors representing 3 Municipal Districts where residents were directly affected by the mass shooting, we are extremely concerned for the harm caused to families who were re-traumatized by the content of 911 recordings released by Frank Magazine on June 2nd.

The violation of the privacy of children in this manner crosses a line of decency and respect that should never be crossed. This is an attack on the most vulnerable members of our society, young

children, in the most devastating and horrendous moments of their lives, and we believe this to be absolutely deplorable.

The people of Nova Scotia need to stand behind these families, especially these children and we believe they need to let Frank Magazine know that it has sold its last magazine here in the province of Nova Scotia.

We call for an immediate investigation into who leaked these tapes of the 911 calls on the evening of April 18, 2020.

Our hearts are with the families who were victimized yet once again, by the release of these recordings and we want you all to know there's not a single Nova Scotian who doesn't feel for you!

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To the editor:

From everything that I have read about April 18 and 19, 2020, it's become abundantly clear to me that despite the police and perhaps RCMP involved shooting in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia RCMP were ill prepared or not at all for what happened here. It clearly stated that they had enough knowledge to put out a 'Twitter' when a National alert would have been more effective (like the weather alerts). Considering that Nova Scotia has limited internet at best in most off the province it was extremely reckless to send out this alert on something not many have access to. And to expect others to put it out (not their job). The RCMP never enlisted the help of the Truro Police Department who could have

helped, more eyes on the lookout for the suspect and perhaps some could have been saved, especially those in Debert and Wentworth could have been warned because his name was known just after 10pm Saturday night NOT 6am on Sunday morning. (The car was also known although discussed) The RCMP it seems wanted all the glory for themselves and the people who could and were affected were it seems not really considered in reality otherwise the other Alert would have gone out to all phones and internet. And as for the killer being aware of their movements he was ahead of them all the way.

Val Blenkhorn
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