

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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Helping Attract Young Skilled Workers

Young skilled trades workers in Nova Scotia will be the first to benefit from the More Opportunity for Skilled Trades (MOST) program, aimed at attracting and retaining young people in key sectors and shaping the workforce of tomorrow.

Tradespeople under the age of 30 who are employed and registered as apprentices or certified as journeypersons are eligible skilled trades and occupations. MOST will return their provincial income tax paid on the first \$50,000 of income earned.

The first eligible trades under the program are in the construction, industrial/manufacturing, motive power and service sectors. A full list of the eligible skilled trades is available here: <https://novascotia.ca/budget/docs/Tax-measures-More-Opportunity-for-Skilled-Trades.pdf>

The MOST program will be in effect for the 2022 income tax year. Eligible workers will qualify for their refund next year, after they file their 2022 income tax return and receive a notice of assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency. As needs in other sectors are identified, MOST will expand to include additional occupations.

About 7,500 current and new workers in the skilled trades will benefit from MOST, with an average refund of about \$2,700. The Apprenticeship START program provides funding to small- and medium-sized businesses that hire apprentices in Nova Scotia

Additional Resources: Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency; <https://www.nsapprenticeship.ca>

Nova Scotia Marked Clean Air Day With Action

The Province is making regulatory changes to help ensure the air Nova Scotians breathe is clean and healthy and that industrial noise does not impact people's well-being. Consultation on provincial Air Quality Regulations began on June 8, Clean Air Day. The focus is on the standards that are used to ensure industrial emissions have minimal impact on air quality.

The Department will have targeted consultation with the following stakeholders: industries and businesses that produce air emissions; businesses that have an industrial approval to operate in Nova Scotia; industry professional associations and consultants; the Nova Scotia College of Respiratory therapists; lung healthcare specialists; the Lung Association of Nova Scotia; Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Atlantic Office; environmental stewardship organizations; municipalities, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Other interested Nova Scotians can offer input by sending an email to air@novascotia.ca or filling in the general feedback form at: <https://novascotia.ca/ambient-air-quality-standards-public-engagement/>

Interim Director Appointed to SIRT

The Province has appointed retired senior Crown attorney John Scott as interim Director of the Province's Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT). Work is underway to hire a permanent director. Mr. Scott's appointment is effective Monday, June 6. He also served as interim Director in 2017-18.

Film Fund Cap Raised

The Province is increasing the project cap under the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund, making it easier for larger productions to film in Nova Scotia. Effective immediately, the maximum amount of funding a project can receive is \$10 million, up from \$4 million. Nova Scotia is also investing an extra \$16.4 million in the film fund above the annual budget of \$25 million, bringing the fund's total to \$41.4 million for 2022-23.

To date, 75 film fund applications have been approved for 2022-23. Applicants can apply for a grant of between 25 to 32 per cent of their eligible Nova Scotia costs.

Fines Protect Wildlife Habitat, Watercourses

A new set of fines will help protect the province's wildlife habitat and watercourses. Summary offence tickets with fines ranging from \$812.50 to \$1,157.50 can now be issued for offences under the Wildlife Habitat and Watercourses Protection Regulations. Fines can now be issued for 18 offences, such as failing to establish special management zones, operating a forestry vehicle too close to a watercourse or creating a tree canopy opening larger than 15 metres. More information on the offences and associated fine amounts is available in the Summary Offence Tickets Regulations at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#sumpr>

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Colchester's Art Selection Back on Track

During CoVid-19, County of Colchester was unable to hold its art selection event for two years, Craig Burgess mentioned in a report to council on May 26th. In his Art Selection Committee report he outlined 2022 plans and seek two members from council be appointed to the committee.

Council appointed Councilor's Sandeson and Patton. Although passed the selection process ran from June 9-29.

Burgess' report highlighted the following:

- The Municipality of Colchester hosts an Annual Art Show in partnership with the Truro Arts Society.
- From the submissions, the art work is selected by a Committee comprised of two Councillors, the artist whose work was chosen last year, a representative from Recreation Services, a representative from the Truro Arts Society, and a professional artist. The selected art work is added to the collection which is on display in the main hallway and foyer area of the Municipal Building (Court-house). After the last couple years of COVID and cancellation of the Art Show, it was decided that a show would be held in Spring 2022 and two pieces of art would be selected for 2020 and for 2021.

- In addition, Recreation is planning to have another show in November to get back on schedule with the regular Art selection process with one piece being selected for 2022. The 33rd Art Purchase Program ran from June 9 - 29, 2022 at the NSCC, McCarthy Gallery (Library), 36 Arthur Street. Judging was held June 16, 2022.



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Bible Hill Events and Happenings

SCOTIA POOL

Scotia Pool is an indoor swimming pool located at 80 Research Drive in Bible Hill. Summer programs include recreational swims, fitness classes and Red Cross swim lessons and more. For updates and happenings visit them on Facebook or <https://www.biblehill.ca/scotia.pool>.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE RACING

Take in the excitement of live harness racing at the track located off Ryland Avenue or Main Street on the NSPE grounds. Check the schedule and events at truroraceway.ca

CANADA DAY

On July 1st, the Canada Day Parade is back. Starting at 10:30 am, check out the route at biblehill.ca site. Also there is a full line-up of events in the Bible Hill Recreation Park. There is something for all ages and a great plan to celebrate Canada's birthday. Visit Bible Hill Recreation's Facebook page or <https://www.biblehill.ca/canada-day-2022>.



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FARM EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

The Farm Equipment Museum offers something new every year. With over 5,000 artifacts, visitors learn and appreciate the farming way of life in Nova Scotia and the lifestyles of people in rural Nova Scotia's past. There is no admission but a donation offering is appreciated. The facility is open every Tuesday and Thursday from ten am to twelve noon and one pm to three pm. See their Facebook page Visit: nspe.ca/farm-equipment-museum.

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