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**Angie Gillis, Executive Director,** Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, is one of seven new appointees to the Environmental Racism Panel. The members have significant expertise in Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian history, law, environmental racism, policy and community engagement, and health and environmental sciences. They join Agassou (Augy) Jones, who was appointed as the first panel member and designated Chair in December. This is the first time a panel of this nature has been formed to address historic environmental racism in Canada. The panel's recommendations are due to the government by December 31.

**Nova Scotians who lost income because of the recent wild-fires in Halifax Regional Municipality and Shelburne County** may be eligible for short-term financial support through the Emergency Relief Grant for Individuals. Information on the grant and eligibility is at: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/emergency-relief-grant-individuals>. People with questions about the grant or application can contact an Employment Nova Scotia office at 1-877-223-0888.

**As of June 22,** anyone on Need a Family Practice Registry can add health information to their profile that will be used to direct them to services, resources, and care options in their community. Adding health information is voluntary and will be part of the process when people sign up. Anyone who is currently on the list will be contacted by Nova Scotia Health by email, letter or phone and encouraged to update their health profile. Profiles can be updated online at <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca/> or by calling 1-833-941-0040.

**Divert NS and Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change**, as well as the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers, 1,759 individual cleanups were completed in the 2022-2023 season. Cleanups were completed by 341 registered volunteer groups/individuals. 25 of the 341 registered groups were large-scale cleanup events. 66 of the total cleanups were performed by official Adopt-A-Highway groups. Total cleanups completed, 1,326; Number of volunteers, 11,007; Time spent cleaning up litter 45,330.5 hours; Distance of shoreline cleaned 51 km; Distance of roadway cleaned 862.27 km; Total garbage bags collected 4,073; Total recycling bags collected 582 and Total weight of bags 383,412.97 lbs.

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## Nova Scotia RCMP Seize 3D Printed Firearms

Pictou County District RCMP and Victoria County District RCMP, announced on June 23, they have seized 3D printed firearms as part of Operation Reproduction. (For details on the Canada-wide implications of Operation Reproduction seizures see separate story contained within *Shoreline Tidbits* in this issue).

On June 20, 2023, Pictou County District RCMP executed a search warrant at a home, in a school zone, on Walkerville Rd. in Priestville as part of Operation Reproduction. RCMP officers located three people in the home and during the search, RCMP offi-

cers located and seized a 3D printer, resin, 16 firearms, 16 boxes of ammunition, and electronic devices. The woman that was arrested was released without charge and the man who was arrested was released on conditions. The man will appear in court at a later date.

At the same time, Victoria County District RCMP executed a search warrant at a home on the Cabot Trail in Middle River. RCMP officers safely arrested two people and during the search, RCMP officers located and seized a

3D printer, resin, 16 firearms, 16 boxes of ammunition, and electronic devices. The woman that was arrested was released without charge and the man who was arrested was released on conditions. The man will appear in court at a later date.

The investigations were assisted by Nova Scotia RCMP Federal and Serious Organized Crime, Pictou County District RCMP General Investigation Section, Antigonish/Guysborough RCMP Street Crime Enforcement Unit and the Canada Border Services Agency.

The Nova Scotia RCMP continues to work with our

partners to address crime in our communities. These investigations highlight what can be achieved when enforcement partners work together. Proactive crime reduction strategies and intelligence led investigations, like these ones, help keep our communities safe and represent the dedication and commitment of our investigators to that goal.

More information on Operation Reproduction can be found here: Multi-province partnership leads to seizure of privately made firearms | Royal Canadian Mounted Police ([rcmp-grc.gc.ca](https://rcmp-grc.gc.ca))

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Photo of some of the items that were seized during the searches. (RCMP Photo)

## Millbrook Building Strong Economy & Rich Cultural Legacy

Mi'kmaq-owned organizations grow operations and seize new tourism opportunities and Millbrook First Nation is among the leaders in Nova Scotia. Atlantic Canada is home to diverse Indigenous communities who play a pivotal role in contributing to both the economy and the culture of the Atlantic provinces.

In Nova Scotia, the Government of Canada is investing to help foster local business opportunities, preserve traditional knowl-

edge, and share Mi'kmaq culture and history with visitors from around the world.

### Expanding business and tourism opportunities

On June 23rd, the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for ACOA, announced support for two organizations in Millbrook First Nation.

A repayable investment of \$560,000 to Millbrook Fisheries will help the business purchase a live lobster holding facility, including tanks, water treatment equipment and emergency power equipment. The facility will allow Millbrook Fisheries to store live lobster, keeping them fresh for sale throughout the year. This will help the organization diversify its sales opportunities and become more competitive. The project is also expected to create several new jobs.

During the announcement, Jonathan Lowe, Director, Millbrook First Nation Fisheries Department, said: "Wela'lín (thank you) for supporting this important initiative. Diversification into land-based live-lobster holding, buying, and exporting will assist Millbrook First Nation to transition and integrate into all aspects of the seafood value chain. It will also contribute to both food security and food sovereignty of the Millbrook First Nation Community, who continue as Mi'kmaq to harvest traditional species, from traditional resources."

A non-repayable investment of \$166,282 to the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre will help modernize and expand the Centre's offerings. The Centre will purchase and install new state-

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