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Another topic that I am passionate about is local policing. I am happy to say our Colchester Stewiacke Joint Police Advisory Board met in late May and will be meeting again before the summer is over. For the first time since being elected councillor I was appointed chair, which I am fortunate for as it is one more thing to allow me to grow personally and professionally this term. If you have anything you would like to discuss regarding policing in Colchester please give me a call at (902) 890-1493 or email me at vlomond@colchester.ca

There is some buzz in the air about the upcoming municipal election in October. I have been asked several times over the last few weeks if I intend on putting my name forward for re-election. The answer is ABSOLUTELY! I truly have been enjoying the privi-

lege of being your municipal councillor. I will say it has been a very steep learning curve and the effort required can be deceiving. Overall, I want what is best for the residents of Colchester County. I believe what I have learned in the last 31 months will allow me to serve my constituents working on municipal issues more effectively and efficiently. I am looking forward to what the future holds for Colchester County.

I will end this issue with a huge congratulations to the members of The Portauisque Hall. The work and dedication you have put in for your community is remarkable! There will be so many opportunities being offered. Thank you.

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Summer Camps for Youth Interested in Skilled Trades

Youth across Nova Scotia will learn more about the skilled trades this summer with funding from the Province. Safe, fun and interactive camps for youth aged 12 to 15 will encourage exploring careers in the skilled trades and help meet the future demands of Nova Scotia's labour market.

In partnership with the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency, Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), industry and various community partners, 10 week-long camps will be offered in the construction, industrial/manufacturing and cooking sectors throughout the province. They will focus on safety training, promoting teamwork and community building, career exploration and hands-on skilled trades experience. Similar camps will be offered during March Break in 2025.

Camps will take place in July and August at these NSCC campuses: Akerley (Dartmouth), Annapolis Valley (Middleton), Burrigade (Yarmouth), Digby Learning Centre (Digby), Institute of Technology (Halifax), Pictou (Stellarton) and Strait Area (Port Hawkesbury). The first will be held July 8-12 at the Pictou campus.

The \$1.25-million investment over the next two years for summer and March Break camps is part of the \$100 million announced

in October 2023 to recruit, retain and train more people in skilled trades. The government is accelerating growth in the skilled trades and modernizing the apprenticeship and trades qualification system to meet the needs of a growing province.



On Monday 3rd June 2024 the members of Truro Lodge # 43 Masonic Lodge, Bible Hill, N. S. presented cheques of \$7,000.00 ea. to recipients of (A) The Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, accepted by, C. E. O., Ms. Stacey HARRISON. (B) Colchester County Food Bank, accepted by C. E. O., Ms. Shelly DEVILLER, & (C) Special Olympics Cobequid, accepted by Coach, Mr. Terry FREELAND, who was accompanied by Olympians: Stephanie, a pentathlon, Brianna, a swimmer & Danny, a pentathlon. V. W. Bro. Adam OGILVIE, Master of Truro 43, & R. W. Bro. Barry STONE, District Deputy Grand Master, & several brothers of the lodge attended the presentations. This funding was made possible through the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia & Truro Lodge # 43. (Contributed)

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Premier Announces Senior Public Service Appointments

Premier Tim Houston announced two key appointments to the public service on May 31. Tracey Taweel will become Deputy Minister to Premier Houston and Head of the Public Service. She will maintain her responsibilities as Executive Deputy Minister. "Tracey has demonstrated her ability to find solutions to tackle some of Nova Scotia's most pressing issues as a Deputy and Executive Deputy Minister. I am pleased to appoint her to the top deputy position and excited to welcome her to her new role," said Premier Houston. "I know her leadership will continue to serve Nova Scotians well."

Before becoming an Executive Deputy Minister, Ms. Taweel held the Deputy Minister position in the departments of Community Services, Communities, Culture and Heritage, and the Office of Status of Women. She was also Associate Deputy Minister of Communications Nova Scotia.

Jeannine Lagassé will become the Clerk of the Executive Council and Deputy Minister of Treasury and Policy Board. Ms. Lagassé previously held the position of secretary to cabinet at the Executive Council Office and Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness before becoming a special advisor in the Department. The appointments take effect July 1.

Funding for New Community Centre in Portauisque

Residents of Portauisque and surrounding communities have a new space to come together with the completion of a new community centre. Premier Tim Houston announced the Province's recent contribution to the Portauisque Community Centre at the facility on May 31, the eve of its grand opening. Portauisque is a traditional name for the community.

"The grand opening of the new community centre for Portauisque is indeed an occasion for commemoration," said Premier Tim Houston. "It represents the community's journey of healing and harmony. As we celebrate the centre, let us honour the legacy of those who were lost by living each day with purpose, passion and gratitude."

The centre, a project driven by the community, will be an accessible cultural hub supporting communities in the region with events, culture, arts, food, recreation and community programming. It will also help address multiple recommendations from the Mass Casualty Commission's final report.

The Province has also provided funding in trust to the Municipality of the County of Colchester for five years of operating costs, as well as a multi-year strategic and operational plan for the community centre to ensure its long-term sustainability. The funding announcement is part of a series taking place across the province.

Nova Scotia Loyal Vouchers for Students

Students from grades Primary to 12 will receive Nova Scotia Loyal vouchers to help them discover Nova Scotian products at local farmers' markets this summer. The \$10 voucher, to be distributed in public schools this month, can be redeemed toward any locally grown, harvested or crafted product at participating farmers' markets around the province.

"Farmers' markets are community hubs that can provide wonderful learning opportunities for students," said Susan Corkum-Greek, Minister of Economic Development. "These markets showcase the diversity of products produced here and emphasize the benefits of buying and supporting local, including reductions in greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation and improved food security."

The school voucher program is a partnership between Nova Scotia Loyal and the Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia aimed at attracting new customers. Nova Scotia Loyal is designed to make it easier to identify Nova Scotia products and provide incentives for consumers to support local businesses. The government will share more on Nova Scotia Loyal this summer.

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