

## Bearcats Acquire Rights To Memorial Cup Champion Marquis-Laflamme

The Truro Bearcats have made another big splash post draft acquiring the rights to 3 year QMJHL forward, Zachary Marquis-Laflamme from the Miramichi Timberwolves in exchange for forward prospects Austin Sanchez, Easton Schlender and future considerations.

Marquis-Laflamme, a product of Levis, Quebec is a former 2020 7th round pick to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies and has spent the past 3 seasons in the Q with time split between the Huskies and Quebec Reparts. Zachary tallied 7 points in 2021-22 in his rookie season in

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### Funding Now Available for Community-Based Organizations

More community-based wellness organizations will be spending less time writing annual grant applications and more time delivering important services to Nova Scotians.

Starting May 28, organizations can apply for new multi-year government funding to support the delivery of mental health and addictions services.

"Community-based organizations are doing great work across the province - and we want them to do more of it as part of the delivery of universal mental health and addictions care," said Brian Comer, Minister of Addictions and Mental Health. "Through this new funding framework, not only are we increasing access to important mental health, addictions and wellness supports in our communities, we're also giving community-based organizations something they've needed for a long time: stability."

Organizations can apply for up to \$250,000 per year for up to three years to provide mental health and addictions programs, services and supports that meet the needs of the community. Priority will be given to community-based organizations whose projects help reduce barriers to access for traditionally underserved populations.

The application deadline is July 5. Funding is expected to be awarded by the end of September.

The multi-year grant program is the first of three under the new mental health and addictions community wellness funding framework. Two other funding streams will be available later this year - one that supports one-time mental health and addictions projects and another that advances research and innovation projects. The framework is supported by a \$6.7-million investment.

This increased investment in community organizations aligns with Action for Health's Solution 6 - Address the factors affecting health and well-being - by partnering with communities and empowering Nova Scotians to improve their collective health and wellness.

### Campaign School for Aspiring Municipal Leaders

The Province is launching campaign schools in advance of this fall's municipal elections, aiming to equip Nova Scotians with the necessary skills, knowledge and resources to run for municipal office.

"Campaign schools are designed to support aspiring municipal leaders throughout the province," said John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Through this initiative, we hope to create a more inclusive environment where Nova Scotians from all backgrounds feel empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and experiences to their communities."

The Department is collaborating with the Status of Women Office and consultant Sea Change CoLab on the schools. Sessions will be held in three communities, each on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Sydney, June 15, Eltuek Arts Centre and Truro, June 22, Rath Eastlink Community Centre, have already been held. (people may also attend online). The final session will be held in Shelburne, July 13, Shelburne Community Centre.

All sessions are open to anyone interested, and participants can be reimbursed for child care.

The workshops will offer practical guidance on various aspects of municipal campaigning, including strategic planning, community engagement, fundraising and communications strategies. People will have the opportunity to talk to mentors and learn from successful campaign experiences.

Registration details and more information about the schools are available at: <https://novascotia.ca/municipal-elections/>

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Rouyn before being traded to the Remparts.

In 2022-23, Marquis-Laflamme put up 14 points in 43 games on a loaded Quebec team that went on to win the QMJHL Gilles-Courteau Trophy as well as the Memorial Cup.

Zachary totalled his highest offensive output this past season in Quebec, notching career highs in goals(13), assists(10) and points(23) as the Remparts were going through their post Memorial Cup rebuild.

## Bearcats Deal Prior To Draft

The Truro Bearcat brass was busy before the draft got underway making a huge trade with Pictou County sending veteran Lucas Canning along with a 2024 5th Round Pick (Campbellton) and 2024 6th Round Pick (West Kent) to the Crushers. In return, the Bearcats gained long time Pictou blueliner Camden McKenzie, defensive prospect Ben Lindsay, 19 year old forward Nicholas Crosbie as well as a 2024 2nd Round pick that originally belonged to Truro and Pictou's own 2024 3rd rounder.

McKenzie, a 2004 born defenseman from Eastern Passage, NS has been a mainstay on the Pictou County blue line the past 2 seasons. A MHL veteran of over 100 regular season games, Camden is a rugged, throwback

player who takes care of his own end first.

Lindsay, a 2007 born defenseman from Middle Sackville, NS was a 2nd round pick of Pictou in 2023. He played this past season with record breaking Halifax McDonalds U18 club putting up 18 points from the back end en route to a league championship and an appearance in the Atlantic final.

Crosbie, a 2005 born forward from Bay Roberts, NL started this season in Pictou County appearing in 9 games before electing to go back home and play Junior B with his hometown CBN Star team where he put up 28 points in 22 games.

Welcome Camden, Ben and Nicholas to the Truro Bearcats organization!

## Bearcats Territorial Selections

We are pleased to announce forward, Elliott Mullen and defenseman, Matthew Merryweather as our territorial selections for the 2024 MHL Draft.

Mullen, from Shortt's Lake played his minor hockey in Truro and led the U15 Bearcats in scoring both of his years in 2021-22/2022-23 putting up 77 points in 64 career games. This season, Elliott made the jump to the world renowned GTHL in Ontario where he was a point a game player with the Mississauga Senators U16 AAA. Mullen represented Nova Scotia on numerous occasions this year

during the Q Cup in his QMJHL draft year and this past weekend was drafted in the 8th round by the Moncton Wildcats.

Merryweather, from Hilden also spent time playing minor hockey in the Truro system. After 2 successful seasons with the Truro Bearcats U15, Merryweather made the jump to the Fundy Thunder U16 squad putting up 30 points in 35 games in 2022-23. Matthew made another jump up to the Weeks U18 Majors this past season serving as assistant captain and putting up 16 points in 38 games.

Welcome to the Truro Bearcats organization, Elliott and Matthew!



President, David Higgs (left), and Matt Moore, General Manager of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (right) welcomes the new Head Coach for the Truro Junior A Bearcats, Jon Greenwood, with an official Bearcat jersey.

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