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## Museums Offer Free, Reduced Admission for Youth

Offering displays from 100-year-old fire trucks to 200-million-year-old dinosaur skeletons, provincial museums are welcoming young people with free or reduced admission this summer. Starting June 19, to Monday, September 7, children aged 17 and under will receive free entry to all 16 Nova Scotia Museum sites and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, while young adults aged 18 to 24 will receive a 50 per cent discount.

The program is part of the Canada Strong Pass, a federal initiative that encourages young people to discover Canada's natural and cultural heritage. "Our museums are full of stories about who we are as Nova Scotians, and we want more young people to experience them," said Dave Ritcey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "This program is a simple way to make that easier for families this summer."

First introduced last summer, the Canada Strong Pass also offers free or reduced youth admission to national galleries and museums — including the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax — and free admission for all ages at national parks and historic sites.

The pass is available to everyone, whether they live in Canada or abroad. There is no physical or virtual pass to present — people only need to visit participating sites to receive the benefits.

**Quick Facts:** The 16 Nova Scotia Museum sites cover the province from Yarmouth (the Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia) to Iona, Victoria County (Highland Village) and Canada's oldest dinosaurs are displayed at the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro.

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## New Childcare Center Coming Soon to Masstown

By Linda Harrington

It is an exciting time for families requiring childcare in the Masstown and surrounding communities. A new childcare center will be opening this fall, just up the road from Masstown Market, an extension of the present Lower Onslow Preschool.

Over 50 years ago, two local moms decided they needed more social interaction for their preschool children. Since that day, the Lower Onslow Preschool has continued to grow and adapt to the changing dynamic of childcare in Nova Scotia.

The Preschool has grown from part days two mornings a week, to three mornings/ 2 afternoons a

week, to four mornings/ 3 afternoons a week to a current structure of 5 full days a week. The original staff of 2 mom volunteers has grown to include 5 fulltime qualified Early Childhood Educators.

This continued growth has only been possible with great support from the community including fundraising within the preschool. The Lower Onslow Community Center helped raise money for a community playground, which is available for the Preschool to use. There has always been a generous donation of materials and time over these 50 years.

In May 2025, the Lower Onslow Preschool Association was approved for

funding of \$771,000 through the Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Childcare Agreement. Masstown Market Limited agreed to partner with the Association to build a childcare center in Masstown. This center will accommodate 50 new childcare spaces, including 8 infant spaces, 18 toddler spaces and 24 preschool spaces and create at least 6 new staff positions.

Ground-breaking of this 4000 sq. ft center began in May with an estimated completion date of November 1st, 2026.

Ron Smith, Manager of Business Development for Masstown Market, says the build is supporting as

many local businesses as possible including the General Contractors Chris and Devin Thompson of Masstown Hardware. "Rural Roots Engineering, Culgin Construction, electrician Mark Dalrymple, D& T Plumbing & Heating, Joel Hingley for concrete and Otterson HVAC are just some of the local businesses who will be working on the project," says Smith.

Lower Onslow Preschool director Joann Michelin made the official announcement of this exciting new center on June 23rd following a visit to the build site. "It is interesting to note some of those involved in the construction, including the lead contractors, were former students of the Lower Onslow Preschool," said Joann, adding a heartfelt thank you to all those who have made this project possible. "We are so excited to be a part of this

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Joann Michelin, Director of the Lower Onslow Preschool, makes an exciting announcement about a new childcare center in Masstown. Photo by Linda Harrington.

## Bass River - Priority for Future Drill Program

By Maurice Rees

Mongoose Mining Ltd, Halifax has been actively staking claims in Londerry & Bass River area covering a distance of 37 Kms with over 6300 Hectares Under Claim.

The company's website refers to Bass River as Priority Target for Future Drill Program. Two historic drill holes hit significant intervals of Cobalt/Iron\*\*, BR-87-1 25m @ 547ppm Co and 20.9% Fe from 5m depth; BR-87-2 29m @ 662ppm Co and 21.9% Fe from 3m

depth; 15m @ 812ppm Co and 26.9% Fe from 15m depth. The holes were shallow, less than 75M in depth.

Historic work programs identified cobalt concentrates as high as 12000 ppm and gold concentrations as high as 2204 ppb.

Based in Halifax, Terry Coughlan is President, CEO and Director. His title Terance Coughlan, P.Geo holds a B.Sc (Geology) degree from St. Mary's University (1987) and has been actively involved in

the mineral resource industry since 1984. Mr. Coughlan was director of Gammon Gold Inc. and served as Vice President and Director of that company from 1997 to December 2003.

Mr. Coughlan was President and CEO of GoGold Resources Inc. from January 2008 to January 2016 and Chairman from 1997 to July 2019. GoGold Resources Inc. is a Canadian-based gold and silver producer with properties in Mexico.

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## CEC 1985 and 1986 School Reunion

Calling CEC 1985 and 1986 graduates (and adjacent years, too)! Join us on July 25th at the Inn on Prince for our 40th reunion night. We've booked a huge space for our two graduating classes, and music will be provided by Truro's own Jeff Douglas, fronting his 80s party band Height Requirement. For more information, email George MacLean at [georgeamclean@icloud.com](mailto:georgeamclean@icloud.com)

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