

The Nova Scotia Highlanders congratulate all graduates of the most recent Basic Military Qualification course. The course was organized and delivered primarily at the Highlanders Headquarters in Truro.



Candidates were from the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Hants and Halifax. Special congratulations to Top Candidate, Private Cory Hines, and Top Shot, Private William Hawkins.



Private Cory Hines of Truro receiving a plaque for top candidate in the most recent Basic Military Qualification held in Truro. (Contributed)



The entire course and staff of the Nova Scotia Highlanders of the most recent Basic Military Qualification course are pictured above. The course was organized and delivered primarily at the Highlanders Headquarters in Truro. Candidates were from the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Hants and Halifax. (Contributed)



## 4,600 Jobs; \$314-Million Income

*Continued from page 1*  
Park; Improved emergency response as a result of an additional exit/egress; Opens additional development possibilities on the south side of Highway 104.

Incremental impacts to tax base of an estimated \$31.5 million in additional commercial tax revenue over five phases; Job creation for local residents; Boost to local businesses; Other potential economic development opportunities include export focused and synergistic advanced manufacturing opportunities.

**Regional Impacts** - Potential to mitigate the labour supply pressures on long-haul truck-

ers throughout the region by offering a drop zone at the convergence of Nova Scotia's major road and rail connections; Opens the door for significant Indigenous employment and career opportunities leveraging that community's more favourable demography; Removes trucks from roads, reduces idle time, all contributing to green house gas emissions reduction.

Offers a boost to rural regions outside Halifax Regional Municipality and by being a catalyst for new dynamic business activities and will result in significant upgrades and enhancements to local infrastructure and utilities.



Private William Hawkins of Antigonish receiving plaque for top shot at Basic Military Qualification course held in Truro. (Contributed)

**united in LOCAL LOVE**



[unitedwaycolchester.ca](http://unitedwaycolchester.ca)

@uwcolchester

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES IN COLCHESTER & CUMBERLAND COUNTIES

## Funding Support for Community Programs

*By Sarah Flemming*

The United Way of Colchester has announced that it will be investing over \$230,000 of funding in 14 organizations in Colchester and Cumberland counties to support critical work being done to reduce the impacts of local poverty. This funding investment is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of United Way donors.

These program grants support the United Way's goal of helping children and youth thrive both in and out of school, supporting individuals struggling with homelessness, improving the mental health of the province's most

vulnerable individuals and families, and creating strong inclusive communities where everyone can thrive.

Recipients of the funding include Cumberland County Transportation Services (CCTS), Maggie's Place Colchester and Cumberland and the Sexual Health Centre of Cumberland County. New recipients this year include Cumberland Homelessness Housing Support Association (CHHSA), North Shore Community Connections, Truro Pride Society and a new program at Third Place Transition House.

"Every year we aim to be more equitable in our fund-

ing process," says Raj Makkar, Board Chair, United Way of Colchester. "There are many great initiatives happening across both counties and it is exciting to play a part in creating accessible communities. We could not show up in community without the help of donors who put their trust in United Way and offer ongoing support."

2024-2025 United Way of Colchester Funded Agencies: Amherst Preschool (Cumberland); Autism Nova Scotia (Colchester); Autism Nova Scotia (Cumberland); BGC

Truro Colchester; Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA); Colchester East Hants; Colchester Adult Learning Association (CALA); Cumberland County Transportation Services (CCTS); Cumberland Homelessness Housing Support Association (CHHSA); Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre (Colchester); Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre (Cumberland); North Shore Community Connections Society (NSCCS); Sexual Health Centre (Cumberland); Third Place Transition House (Colchester) and Truro Pride (Colchester).

**Sarah Flemming is Executive Director, United Way of Colchester County and can be reached at: [unitedwaycolchester.ca](http://unitedwaycolchester.ca) | @uwcolchester**

TOUGH, QUALITY, LONG LASTING  
**Exclusive in Downtown Truro!**  
~ Classic Oil Stains ~

# WOODLUXE®

**Benjamin Moore®**  
EXTERIOR STAIN COLOURS

**WOODLUXE**  
Waterproofing Stain + Sealer - Translucent

**WOODLUXE**  
Waterproofing Stain + Sealer - Semi-Translucent

**WOODLUXE**  
Waterproofing Stain + Sealer - Semi-Solid

**Chase's**  
Color Centre Ltd.

• 902-895-4678 • 897 Prince Street, Truro •

# LED WIDGE LUMBER

Forests Our Future

**Maritime Grown & Produced from a Renewable Resource**

Always purchasing studwood & stumpage,  
paying premium prices for spruce & fir  
Contact Rob at 902-221-0324 or Shawn at 902-221-1263

195 Old Post Rd. Enfield, NS [www.ledwidelumber.com](http://www.ledwidelumber.com)

## QUALITY AUTO PARTS

**ALL-WEATHER PERFORMANCE**

Clear Advantage  
WIPER BLADES

**BOSCH**

**\$11.95**

+ tax each  
Includes installation

902-893-4612

17 Main Street, Bible Hill • [www.qualityautoparts.ca](http://www.qualityautoparts.ca)