

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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Executive elected, key resolutions passed

Sandra Mullen, a Licensing Officer with the Department of Community Services in Yarmouth (Local 16), was acclaimed for her second term as President, NSGEU. "It is a privilege to continue to serve the 38,000 membership of the NSGEU in this role."

Hugh Gillis, a Correctional Officer (Local 480C), was re-elected as 1st Vice-President; Tammy Gillis, a Family Court Officer and the Small Claims Court Officer with the Department of Justice (Local 2), was re-elected as 2nd Vice-President; Peter Perry, an Anesthesia Assistant (Local 122), was re-elected as 3rd Vice-President; and Darren McPhee, a Community Care Worker for the Department of Community Services (Local 8), was acclaimed as Secretary-Treasurer.

The 370 voting delegates in attendance at Convention made it clear that members are still struggling with sustained inflationary pressures. They passed a number of key resolutions during the three-day convention, including direction to propose Cost of Living Allowance language in addition to annual economic adjustments, at all bargaining tables; to table language to maintain and strengthen job protection language in the civil service, and to create language to be proposed at the bargaining table to address the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the workplace.

Premier Going to France for More Trade Talks

Premier Tim Houston travelled to France May 24-29 to discuss market and energy opportunities with Michelin Group. "Michelin is one of Nova Scotia's largest employers. They know that Nova Scotia can provide the talent they need to reach their goals, and they already provide jobs to thousands of hard-working Nova Scotians," said Premier Houston. "As a government, we are pro-business, and we know that Nova Scotia has so much to offer companies that want to innovate and grow. Working together, we can create economic opportunities that make Nova Scotia stronger and more prosperous."

Michelin has produced more than 230 million tires in the province since 1971 and is part of Nova Scotia's advanced manufacturing sector that exports products around the world, to more than 150 countries.

Advanced manufacturing represents \$4.67 billion of exported goods and 7.6 per cent of total provincial gross domestic product. Nova Scotia's manufacturing infrastructure connectivity and logistics facilities make it the ideal choice for servicing Europe and North America.

The Province is currently developing a comprehensive trade action plan to facilitate internal trade, enhance productivity and drive critical sectors with input from businesses and industry. Nova Scotia is focused on making the province more self-reliant by investing in the seafood sector, wind resources and critical minerals.

Mission delegates were: Premier Houston; Nicole LaFosse Parker, Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Executive Deputy Minister Tracey Tawee; and Mike McMurray, Executive Director, International Relations and Military Relations.

Changes to Temporary Food Permits

With summer festival, fair and exhibition season kicking into high gear, the Province has introduced changes to make it quicker and easier to apply for a temporary food permit.

Temporary food permits are required under Nova Scotia's Food Safety Regulations when food is prepared or served to the public for a period of 14 days or fewer within a 60-day period per location; for example, at community festivals and fairs.

The changes are: all information on temporary food permits now available in one online location; the application form reduced by half and simplified to make it quicker and easier to complete; clearer rules on who needs a permit; an expanded list of exempted foods not needing a permit rewritten in plain language; available in English, French, Arabic, Chinese and Hindi and one application that can be used to apply for temporary food permits for multiple events hosted by the same vendor or organization in the same calendar year; in the past, a separate application was required for every event.

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Sewer Boundary Extensions Requested in Onslow

By Maurice Rees

At its meeting on May 15th council committee considered sewer extensions on two (2) requested sewer boundary extensions in Onslow. At their meeting of May 2024, Council reconfirmed the sewer service boundaries for most of the County, with the exception of Debert which was still a work in progress at the time.

The purpose of defining sewer service boundaries is to limit development to areas where services generally exist, and to prevent less efficient servicing of urban sprawl. The intent is also that any expansion of a service boundary will require Council approval.

In January of 2025, Dan Troke, CAO received 2 requests for sewer service boundary extensions in Onslow, the first being on Board Landing Road, and the second being off Matlyn Drive.

Council's updated Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS), while not yet formally approved by the Province, includes the following policies:

Policy 4-2: Council shall encourage higher densities of development and more intensive uses to establish within Growth Centres to make efficient use of infrastructure investments and discourage sprawl development.

Policy 5-38: Council shall encourage development requiring an extensive range of municipal services to establish in Growth centers to help achieve sustainable and efficient development patterns.

Policy 5-43: It is the intention of Council to consider expansions to the existing sewer systems only to locations where a clear need is demonstrated which goes beyond the gain of individual property owners benefiting from such extension. Such need may include, but is not limited to, treating an environmental problem, enabling the development of a major economic initiative, or continuing a development pattern that is of sufficient density to sustainably finance the ongoing maintenance and capital costs of the system.

The 2 lots in question are, Lot A being off Board Landing Road and Lot B being off Matlyn Drive.

LOT A: BOARD LANDING ROAD
The proposed development on Lot A includes 40 new residential lots as well as 5 future commercial buildings.



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be centred here.

This lot is currently zoned R2 and the commercial uses would require a rezoning and a Land Use Plan amendment. Therefore, the request for the sewer boundary extension will consider only the 40 residential lots as of right.

There is adequate sewer capacity downstream to accommodate the proposed 40 residential lots as R2. Given the proximity to the highway, nearby school amenities, the existing sewer network and the existing development patterns in the area, staff view this request as appropriate.

LOT B: MATLYN DRIVE

The proposed development on Lot B includes 26 new residential lots off Matlyn Drive. This lot is currently zoned R2 and no re-zoning would be required to permit the proposed use. There is adequate sewer capacity downstream to accommodate the proposed 26 residential lots as R2.

In order to connect to existing sewer services, the proposed development would require the construction of a new sewer line through an existing park parcel on Summer Hill Place. While this is physically possible, it is less than

ideal, and in staff's view represents an inefficient way of extending sewer services. It would also limit the usability of the space for the residents.

The developer requesting the extension of the sewer boundary was also responsible for the adjacent development of Summer Hill place and, at the time, elected not to leave a service corridor to support future development.

Existing land uses in the area include a mixture of residential, commercial and agricultural. Staff do not believe an extension of the sewer boundary to accommodate this request is supported by Council's updated Municipal Planning Strategy.

The requested sewer extensions will be finalized at the May 27th council meeting.

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