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**Chamber Important Notice**

On May 14th, the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce issued an important notice it has been made aware that emails are being sent using the name of Chamber President, Jeremy Nichols. If you receive an email appearing to be from Jeremy that seems unusual or unexpected, please contact our office directly to confirm its legitimacy before responding or taking any action.



We appreciate your vigilance as we work to ensure the security of our members and community. Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce | 105B Walker Street | Truro, NS B2N 4B1 CA

**9,600 child-care spaces**

Since 2021, more than 9,600 new child-care spaces have been created across the province, with about 2,600 more under development. Nova Scotia has signed a five-year extension to the Canada-Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement and the Canada-Nova Scotia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, worth more than \$1 billion total.

**Two Men Charged in Bible Hill**

Colchester County District RCMP has charged two people and seized firearms and drugs after executing a search warrant in relation to an assault investigation. On May 5, RCMP officers responded to a report of an assault at a home in Bible Hill. They learned that a man assaulted a woman and threatened her with a firearm.

On May 6, the RCMP Colchester Community Action Team, with assistance from Colchester County District RCMP and the RCMP Emergency Response Team, executed a search warrant at a residence on Vimy Rd. Six people were safely arrested at the property.

As a result of the search, officers seized four firearms, a pellet gun, ammunition, and cell phones.

Tyler Blair Blenkhorn, 29, of Bible Hill, has been charged with: Uttering Threats; Assault with a Weapon; Pointing a Firearm; Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm; Possession of a Firearm

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# Home Invasion

## Please Help...

*(Publisher's Note: I am doing something something this month which I have never done in the almost 63 years in this type of work. I am going to use my position to ask you to assist me, because I need help. I have always vowed never to use my pen to type to seek betterment for myself. Some of you might feel my actions today are a violation of professionalism and that is fine. However, I feel I am justified and hope you understand and can / will help. In October 2025 I was the victim of a home invasion and robbery.)*

By Maurice Rees

This will not be presented in the normal of a news stories, I fear it will be more like a blow-by-blow ongoing saga as I try to explain some of the very unusual and very ironic things that happened or did not happen in the 15-20 minutes shown of activity on the security cameras on afternoon of October 17, 2025.

At 5:30 pm - October 17th,

when I left my home office and walked maybe 40 feet from the office through the solarium into the kitchen on my way to the bathroom, I noticed something different on the floor of the bedroom. It was a coin sorter, and couple pieces of clothing which for years has been on a shelf in the closet.

Thinking something was amiss, I then proceeded up the side of my bed to check the

special closet that forms part of the headboard of my bed. To my horror, I noticed a cash box was missing. Further checking revealed other items were missing including a quart of Rye Whiskey; partial carton (6 packs) of cigarettes and several, of my favourite chocolate bars. Other than disappearing the whiskey, cigarettes and bars were not a big deal.

The cash box was a different story. It contained \$3,000.00, which I had been hoarding to pay my property taxes later that month. I quickly scurried to check elsewhere. Luckily nothing else appeared to be among the missing. I quickly called RCMP Elmsdale. Information was taken and advised an on-duty constable would call.

I have and had three other

people who rent a room in the house and two tenants in apartments in a separate building. They were advised of the problem. Within 20 minutes constable called information was reviewed. Within couple hours, RCMP were on the scene. All tenants participated investigation with RCMP constable.

Here is the unfortunate irony. During the 15-20 minute heist, I was in my home office, and two tenants were upstairs in their room. Even Mia, pet dog of one of tenants was here. Mia, is not a guard dog, she would rather you pet her and shown affection. Security footage showed Mia, excited and scurrying around, but never barked.

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This coordination plane known as Bird Dog is part of a \$6.5-Million contract for four fixed wing water bombers to be based in Debert. Crew members from the Department of Natural Resources go over procedures in the Bird Dog last week. (Province of Nova Scotia)  
See the story and more photos on page 2.

## Wood Heat Conversions to Support Forestry Sector

Hospitals in Antigonish, Shelburne Middleton and Digby and Kingstec Community College Kentville will be converted Wood Heat as the Province continues to support the forestry sector by making wood heat and building materials a priority in public buildings. A request for proposals issued Thursday, May 14, will see five buildings converted to heating systems that use local wood products.

"We are seizing an opportunity to prioritize a local prod-

uct from our forestry sector that also makes our province more self-reliant and energy secure," said Public Works Minister Fred Tilley. "By using more local wood products, we are creating jobs, growing our economy and creating a brighter future for Nova Scotia."

These government-owned buildings will be converted to wood heat: Nova Scotia Community College Kingstec campus, Kentville; Roseway Hospital, Shelburne; Digby

General Hospital, Digby; Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton and St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish.

During the announcement Kim Masland, Minister of Natural Resources said, "This is a great way to create new opportunities for our forestry industry and for companies to start new business models. The result will be jobs and careers for Nova Scotian families and an increase in the use of local, sustainable products."

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## Provincial Camping Parks and their Opening Dates

The following parks opened on **Friday, May 15**: Blomidon - Canning, Kings County; Cape Chignecto - Advocate Harbour, Cumberland County; Ellenwood Lake - Deerfield, Yarmouth County; Graves Island - East Chester, Lunenburg County; Porters Lake - Porters Lake, Halifax Regional Municipality; Rissers Beach - Petite Rivière, Lunenburg County and Thomas Rad-dall - Port Joli, Queens County.

**Friday, May 29** is the opening date for provincial park at Mira River - Albert Bridge, Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

The following 12 provincial day-use and camping parks will open on **Friday, June 5**: Amherst Shore - Amherst Shore, Cumberland County; Battery - St. Peters, Richmond County; Boylston - Boylston, Guysborough County; Caribou-Munroes Island - Caribou, Pictou County; Wyses Corner, Halifax Regional Municipality; Five Islands - Five Islands, Colchester County; Laurie - Grand Lake, Halifax Regional Municipality; Salsman - Country Harbour, Guysborough County; Smileys - Brooklyn, Hants County; The Islands - Shelburne, Shelburne County; Valleyview - Bridgetown, Annapolis County and Whycocomagh - Whycocomagh, Inverness County.

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