

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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FCC supports customers impacted by oyster diseases

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is offering support to oyster growers and processors in the Atlantic provinces and Quebec who could face financial hardship as a result of two devastating diseases impacting oysters on Canada's East Coast. As producers begin their spring harvest, many fishers are reporting significant losses. Two diseases have impacted oyster production in the Atlantic Ocean in recent years: Multinucleate Sphere Unknown (MSX) and Dermo. Harmless to people, these diseases can be fatal to the mollusk.

"Ensuring the sustainability of PEI's oyster industry is critical not only to the economy, but to the well-being and livelihoods of fishers, producers, and growers across Atlantic Canada," said the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "It's important that we continue providing support like this to ensure those affected are supported."

Supporting food producers is core to FCC's mandate. The Crown corporation will work with customers to come up with solutions for their operation to reduce the financial pressure caused by oyster diseases, considering additional short-term credit options, deferral of principal payments and/or other loan payment schedule amendments. FCC may offer a combination of options based on the individual needs of its customers, since each financial situation is unique.

Customers in the Atlantic provinces and Quebec are encouraged to contact their FCC relationship manager or the FCC Customer Service Centre at 1-888-332-3301 to discuss their individual situation and options.

Seizure of unstamped tobacco and cannabis

RCMP Southeast Traffic Services - Metro seized cannabis and unstamped tobacco and arrested two men during a traffic stop.

On May 9, at approximately 4:25 p.m., an officer was proactively patrolling Hwy. 102 in Goffs when they observed a southbound Chevrolet Silverado travelling above the posted speed limit. The officer initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, the officer determined that the license plate did not match the vehicle, the vehicle was uninsured, and the driver's license was suspended.

As the investigation continued, the officer became suspicious that the vehicle was transporting illegal tobacco, and a strong odour of cannabis was detected from inside the cab.

The driver, a 70-year-old man of Bear River, and the passenger, a 49-year-old man from Weymouth, were arrested for possession of unstamped tobacco and for illegally transporting cannabis. A search of the truck resulted in the seizure of 5,000 cartons containing 1,000,000 unstamped cigarettes and a small amount of cannabis. The men will be facing charges under the Excise Act, Revenue Act and Criminal Code related to the unstamped cigarettes and under the Cannabis Control Act for the seized cannabis. The investigation is ongoing together with Audit and Enforcement Officers with the Department of Service Nova Scotia. The driver is also facing additional charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.

The Silverado was seized under the Excise Act, and an application is being made for its forfeiture. Both men were released and are scheduled to appear in Dartmouth Provincial Court at a later date.

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device that supports a common web browser - Safari, Chrome or Microsoft Edge, for example - or through the YourHealthNS app.

Once logged in, users can: register an email address to receive electronic notifications for items such as health card renewal; request a replacement Nova Scotia health card; update their address and contact information; register or renew for the Nova Scotia Seniors' Pharmacare Program or renew Nova Scotia Family Pharmacare Program coverage; update their organ and tissue donation status; opt in to participate in medical research opportunities; submit inquiries and forms electronically for MSI to process and contact MSI.

Nova Scotians will continue to receive health card renewals by mail unless they choose to receive communication electronically through their MSI Online account. Some other correspondence - including cheques, service verification letters and exception status drug letters - will continue to be sent by mail.

Offshore Oil & Gas: Nova Scotia is back in the offshore oil and gas business with real investment and growing momentum. Inception Oil and Gas, led by Nova Scotian James Edens, has submitted bids on two offshore parcels worth more than \$210 million in exploration commitments.

These investments mean offshore exploration activity, jobs for Nova Scotians, and the potential for future revenues that support healthcare, education, infrastructure, and communities. The bids were independently reviewed by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator, reinforcing confidence in Nova Scotia's offshore sector and signalling renewed global interest in our energy potential.

Nova Scotia has successfully developed offshore energy before through projects like Sable and Deep Panuke, which created thousands of jobs and generated billions in economic activity. With significant untapped resources still offshore, we will continue working to grow our energy sector, strengthen energy security, and create economic opportunities for Nova Scotians.

Mobile Health and Wellness Clinics: Check out the upcoming clinics and programs being offered by the Northern Zone Mobile Health and Wellness Team! They offer ongoing clinics, health and wellness programs and one-on-one consults to help meet the needs of communities across the Northern Zone.

Nurse Practitioner Clinics:

Prescription refills or renewals; Minor respiratory concerns, sore throat, earaches, rashes; GI symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea), flu/cold symptoms; UTIs, muscle pain, minor pelvic or abdominal pain and Blood pressure management, smoking cessation

Nursing & Virtual Urgent Care Clinics:

Prescription refills (except for controlled substances) and Sinus congestion, coughs and sore throat, urinary tract infections, skin concerns; bites and stings, mild/moderate aches and pains, and other conditions. Virtual Urgent Care connects you to a physician or nurse practitioner via tablet with local, in-person follow-up and assessment from our team, including a family practice nurse and/or pharmacist.

Health and Wellness Sessions:

Group programs covering a range of topics including healthy eating, physical activity, mental health, managing health risks and more. To see calendars of upcoming clinics and programs, visit: <http://nshealth.ca/.../northern-zone-mobile-health-and...>

Bible Hill Fire Annual Awards Banquet: I had the pleasure of attending the Bible Hill Fire & Emergency Annual Awards Banquet in the Village of Bible Hill earlier this month. Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to Bible Hill Fire & Emergency members for your dedication and service to our community

Order of Nova Scotia Investiture Ceremony: I was truly honoured to attend the Order of Nova Scotia Investiture Ceremony. Congratulations to this year's recipients: Honourable Darrell Dexter; John George Flemming; Rankin MacSween; Joel Plaskett and Carolyn G.R. Thomas.

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Man Charged with Attempted Murder

On April 22, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Cumberland County District RCMP responded to a report of an assault in the 1100 block of Hwy. 246. Officers learned that a man assaulted another man, who was known to him. The victim was transported to hospital by EHS with non-life-threatening.

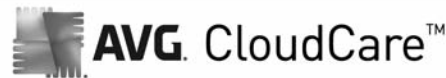
As a result of the assault investigation, on May 8, officers safely arrested Jonathan Luke MacKay, 43, of Colchester County. He has been charged with: Attempt to Commit Murder; Assault with a Weapon; Aggravated Assault and Assault by

Choking, Suffocating or Strangling. MacKay was held in custody and was scheduled to reappear in Amherst Provincial Court on May 19.

Cumberland County District RCMP is leading the ongoing investigation and encourages anyone who has experienced or witnessed threats or violence to report it to police at 902243-2181.

To remain anonymous, contact Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

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Two Guided Hikes in June

The Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark and Hike Nova Scotia are celebrating Pride month with two guided hikes. We invite members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and allies to join us on either or both these hikes.

The hikes are: June 18, 2026 6:00 PM at Victoria Park in Truro in collaboration with Truro Pride and June 22, 2026 6:00 PM Waterfalls in Parrsboro in collaboration with Cumberland Pride.

To register or for more information, please contact Will Bollwerk, Community Engagement Coordinator at: 902.814.8509, community@fundygeopark.ca

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