

## An open letter from Premier Stephen McNeil

February 19, 2016

I would like to apologize to Nova Scotia seniors and their families for any confusion or concerns in recent weeks about Nova Scotia's Seniors' Pharmacare program.

Our goal in considering changes was to bring fairness to the program — we wanted to charge a premium based on a person's ability to pay so that more lower income seniors would be exempt from paying a premium or have their premium reduced.

Many of you expressed concerns when you heard about the changes. You told us these changes could have negative impacts. I have heard you and I understand.

As a result, premiums will not increase on April 1.

But we will keep our commitment to low income seniors.

We will still increase the number of seniors who pay nothing to be part of the program. This means that 12,000 more people will not pay to be part of the program.

Every Nova Scotian who belongs to the program will pay the same premium or less than in previous years.

In the coming months, we will consult with seniors across the province to hear suggestions about the best way to run the seniors pharmacare program in the future.

Our goal has always been to have a fair pharmacare program — we want to work with you to achieve that goal.

Should you have any questions about your premium, please visit [novascotia.ca/senior-pharmacare](http://novascotia.ca/senior-pharmacare) or call Medavie at 1-800-544-6191.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns with us.

Sincerely,  
Premier Stephen McNeil

## Prom Dress Sale in Great Village

By Kathy Giles

Looking for that perfect dress? Join us at the Great Village Legion on March 5th from 11:00-2:00 for a sale of gently used prom dresses.

Do you have a dress that you'd like to sell? We can take care of that for you. For a small fee of \$5.00, you can drop off up to three dresses for us to sell. Drop off time is Friday evening, 04 March from 6:00 until 8:00, or from 11:00 until noon on the day of the sale.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [gvhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:gvhappenings@gmail.com). All proceeds from this sale will go to the Great Village Legion.

Have you seen the new Facebook page called

Great Village and Area Happenings? This page is to let you know about upcoming events in our area. Please look us up and "like" our page to keep up to date. Currently, there is a cake decorating class beginning on 25 Feb. This four week class is being hosted by Creative Simplicity.

"Evening with the Brushes" is on 01 April. All supplies are included in the cost of this class and participants will be going home with their own 16"x20" masterpiece.

Stop by our page and check out other events in the area, or add your event to the page. Any questions or comments can be directed to [gvhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:gvhappenings@gmail.com)



Legion Branch 106 President Bob Pash takes a break from serving to enjoy the Debert Legion's Friday Night Supper along with two very pleasant and helpful young volunteers. Suppers are held each Friday night. (Harrington Photo)



A chickadee makes a fine hat decoration for the happy snowman. (Harrington Photo)



### THANK YOU FROM NS POWER

We want to thank our customers for your patience and kind messages of support for our crews and support staff during the recent winter storms. We know losing your power is a frustrating experience.

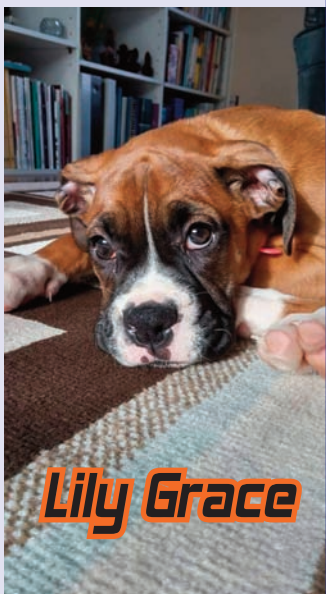
We'd like to extend a special thanks to all of our front-line crews, customer care representatives and other staff who worked long, hard hours to serve our customers. Also, a big thank-you goes out to the crews from New Brunswick Power, Emera Utility Services, Holland Power Services, K-Line Construction Ltd., Gagnon Construction, Tri-Wire Line Construction Inc., Asplundh Tree Service, Lucas Tree Experts, GPF Contracting, and Atlantic Arborists who all stepped up to help us out.

We know winter is far from over. Visit [www.nspower.ca/stormready](http://www.nspower.ca/stormready) for tips on how to make sure you are prepared and get the latest outage updates by following us on Twitter (@nspowerinc) and Facebook (Nova Scotia Power).



### My Favourite Pet

Lily Grace, a 5 month old Boxer loves to play outside and be around her owner, 11 y/o Mary Larade, who is a member of the Clifton 4-H Club.



Lily Grace

Lily and Mary will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate from The Shoreline Journal and Clarence Farm Services.

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