

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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White. The scholarships were later extended to young Nova Scotians showing exceptional potential and commitment to an artistic career and has supported over 1,000 young Nova Scotians since then.

For more information about the trust visit: <https://www.nstalentrust.ns.ca/>

A new function called Perspectives.

Nova Scotia's open data portal marks its third anniversary with the release of new datasets and a new function called Perspectives. The portal can be accessed at data.novascotia.ca

Open data encourages research and innovation that can support the economic and social prosperity of our communities.

Several new datasets have been made available, including: details on Innovacorp's Acceleration Program awards for startups; school-based immunization data; surface water quality monitoring data; additional public opinion research. These new datasets will bring the total number of datasets on the portal to more than 540.

Perspectives included this quarter are: Citizen's Guide to Open Data; Innovating with Open Data; Understanding Complex Data: Ambient Air Quality and Informing with Open Data: Ticks and Lyme Disease.

To promote innovative uses of the data, the province is once again partnering with the School of Information Management and the Rowe School of Business at Dalhousie University to host the third annual Open Data Contest March 2 and 3 in conjunction with International Open Data Day. More information about the contest, including a registration link, can be found on the portal's homepage.

200th anniversary of Province House

On February 11, Nova Scotia celebrated the 200th anniversary of Province House in Halifax. To celebrate the anniversary, public events and activities are being planned through the year. The first event took place on February 7.

Nova Scotians are also invited to attend the Province House Concert Series. Concerts will include Karen Myatt, Daniel Matto and Holly Arsenaault in March, Rhapsody Quintet in May, and Danbee Ko (piano), Mark Lee (violin) and Shimon Walt (cello) in June. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Chamber. For more information about upcoming events, including how you can attend, visit <https://nslegislature.ca/about/province-house-200/events>

Atlantic Canada Showcase, October 6-8, 2019

St. John's, NFLD has been selected to host Atlantic Canada Showcase, October 6-8, 2019. Atlantic Canada Showcase (ACS) is a biennial buyer-seated tourism marketplace designed especially for the motorcoach, groups, Fully Independent Travel and specialty travel industry. The event entails three impactful days of pre-scheduled business-to-business meetings, networking events and educational sessions that will allow international buyers and regional sellers an opportunity to experience, meet and grow business with tourism product and service providers from all four Atlantic Provinces. For more information on the event, please visit, www.atlanticcanadashowcase.com

Restrictions Body Armour

The Body Armour Control Act helping to make communities safer. Only those who require body armour due to the nature of their employment will be authorized to possess it. This includes police officers, sheriffs, corrections officers, special constables, conservation officers, bylaw enforcement officers, security guards and paramedics. The body armour control regulations can be found at

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/rxaa-1.htm#boardarm>

More Youth Choose Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia has had three years of positive growth in youth population after more than three decades of a trend that saw more youth leaving than coming to the province. "For the third year in a row, more young people came to Nova Scotia than left," said Finance and Treasury Board Minister Karen Casey. "We are pleased that this trend continues in the right direction and we will continue to monitor youth migration."

The figures are in a report by Statistics Canada. During 2017-18, 7,364 youth aged 15-34 came into the province, while 6,745 left.

The under 14 age group is also a key driver of the total number of people moving between provinces. The province saw 2,587 children coming here versus 2,039 who left, for a gain of 558. Youth aged 26-35 were the biggest source of migration from other provinces with a gain of 657 people, when compared with all other 10-year age groups. Nova Scotia's population was an estimated 959,942 as of July 1, 2018. This is a gain of 9,262 people compared to the estimate for July 1, 2017. This one per cent growth is the strongest in 34 years.

For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/finance/statistics/news.asp?id=14515>

"Poppy Box" Battle Settled

By Maurice Rees

The "poppy box" battle which upset councillors, veterans, Tatamagouche Legion and many friends of veterans and their families has been settled. In the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, the Tatamagouche branch of Colchester East Hants Public Library refused to allow the Legion to place poppy boxes in the branch.

After receiving concerns from Legion officials, area councillor, Mike Gregory, a retired RCMP officer brought the matter to council, and then participated in numerous meetings between the Legion and Library officials.

Library staff prepared a "Selling and Soliciting Policy", which was approved by the library board in September resulting in the denial to place

poppy boxes within the branch. On November 27th, the board issued a directive for Tiffany Bartlett, CEO, Ruby McDorman, Chair and Lesley Brann, Head of Adult and Circulation Services to meet with Legion officials.

On January 16, 2019, the board directed the policy to be amended to allow for donation of money boxes for non-profit, charitable and community-led funding raising initiatives. In her letter to council, Bartlett concluded, "the library prides itself on being community-oriented and upholding fair and equitable access for all". The change in policy is more inclusive and not limited to enhancing existing activities commemorating Remembrance Day.



Raymond Tynes Appointed to Human Rights Commission

Raymond Tynes, Truro is one of two new commissioners appointed to the Human Rights Commission. The second appointee is Denise Mentis-Smith, Halifax.

Commissioners are appointed by an order of Executive Council. Responsibilities include the strategic direction of the commission and making decisions on human rights issues including referrals of complaints to boards of inquiry.

Tynes has been active for many years in the field of race relations. He served as the first African Nova Scotian municipal town councillor in Truro for 12 years and served as the African Nova Scotia school board member for four years. He has also served as the executive director of the Colchester Community Workshop, which offers programs to individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Mr. Tynes is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and was presented with the Dr. Burnley "Rocky" Jones Human Rights Award in 2016.

Ms. Smith is a graduate of the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. She was called to the Nova Scotia bar in 1996 and practices with the law firm Harris North Law in Bedford. Ms. Mentis-Smith is a noted speaker on human rights and issues affecting the

African Nova Scotian community.

Cheryl Knockwood, Sydney, who has been a commissioner since 2015, has been reappointed. She is a lawyer and works for the Membertou

First Nation as its governance co-ordinator. She has also taught Aboriginal and treaty rights at Cape Breton University.

Commissioners meet six times annually often at the Hal-

ifax office. However, they meet in a community outside of the Halifax Regional Municipality at least twice a year.

To learn more about the commission visit human-rights.novascotia.ca



Municipality of the County of Colchester

Animal Control/By-law Enforcement Officer Full-time Position

The Municipality of the County of Colchester is seeking an Animal Control/By-law Enforcement Officer who will be responsible for the enforcement of the Dog By-law, Stray Livestock Control By-law for the Municipality of Colchester. The position will also administer other By-laws within Community Development. The incumbent will be required to respond to and investigate violations to these By-laws. This position requires excellent communication skills with the ability to maintain a positive attitude when interacting with the public and outside agencies. Applicants must be eligible for appointment as a Special Constable and have experience in animal health and well-being for all types of domestic dogs. For a detailed description of this position, please visit our website at www.colchester.ca Applicants are invited to submit a covering letter and resume by March 8, 2019 addressed to: Municipality of the County of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro N.S. B2N 3Z5
Attention: Human Resources Specialist
Email Contact: kgrattomccarthy@colchester.ca



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