

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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covery teams, are hosting recovery action forums in each region over the coming weeks. For an overview of ecological forestry, visit

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDB1j_ODzno&feature=youtu.be For more information on consultations, programs and initiatives related to ecological forestry, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/ecological-forestry>

Province Welcomes First Family Doctors

Four new internationally trained family doctors from Nigeria are now ready to work in Nova Scotia. They are the first to successfully complete the new Nova Scotia Practice Ready Assessment Program - a program designed to ensure family doctors trained outside Canada meet Nova Scotia licensing requirements. These doctors will practice under certain conditions and supervision. They will be practicing family medicine in Truro, New Glasgow, Hubbards and Glace Bay. As part of the program, the doctors will work in designated communities, based on need, for at least three years. The program is entering its second year. Nine potential candidates are being interviewed for the next group. The Practice Ready Assessment Program is a partnership between the Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine, Nova Scotia Health Authority, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and the Department of Health and Wellness. The provincial government is investing \$1 million annually in the Practice Ready Assessment Program. More information can be found at Nova Scotia Practice Ready Assessment Program: <https://www.nsprap.com/>

Medical Students in Rural Communities

Starting this September, five medical school students from Dalhousie University will spend their entire third year getting hands-on training in Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Liverpool through the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Program. Traditionally, third-year students do their clerkships with short placements in various communities. The medical students will gain community-based education under the supervision of local doctors during their 48-week clerkship. They will also work with other health-care providers in the community. The Health Services Foundation of the South Shore, South Shore Regional Hospital Auxiliary and Queens General Hospital Foundation will provide funding to make necessary upgrades to both South Shore Regional and Queens General Hospitals to prepare for the clerkship program. The clerkship program was first launched in September 2019 in Cape Breton, with four students training in North Sydney and New Waterford.

Government is investing about \$130,000 in the South Shore program.

Additional Resources: Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Dalhousie: <https://medicine.dal.ca/departments/core-units/DMNB/education/LICD.html>

Lowering Emissions in Colchester and Cumberland

The Municipality of the County of Colchester will receive \$100,000 to design a pedestrian and active transportation bridge at the Fundy Discovery Site in Lower Truro to link a network of trails north and south of the Salmon River. The municipality will also receive \$70,000 to develop a community energy emissions plan to help guide the municipality to a low-carbon future.

Christine Blair, mayor, Colchester said "This project is a wonderful example of Colchester County's commitment to active transportation, sustainability, and carbon reduction. We're happy to be doing our part to address climate change while promoting healthy living and an enhanced visitor experience

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Oxford to Keep RCMP

By Ruthie Patriquin

Just over a year ago, the Town of Oxford Council started a police service review. This was based on the increasing costs of policing for the Town, and was done together with the County of Cumberland, Provincial Department of Justice and the RCMP. Significant work to analyze the current staffing, call volumes, along with the costs and services that are included with the RCMP Contract,

The review was completed through the Police Services Review Committee, which consisted of members of Town Council, Oxford Police Advisory Board, citizen appointees, and a representative from the Department of Justice. The review was conducted with a specific process that

was required by the Department of Justice. The Review Committee met very regularly and held discussions on high level service options with both the RCMP and the Town of Amherst Police Department.

A public meeting was also held to hear concerns, issues, and feedback from the community. Through this review, the County of Cumberland identified a preferred option from the report presented by the RCMP which reduced the overall number of RCMP members by three within the district, which included reducing the policing coverage in Oxford by half a full-time equivalent member.

Based on all the information gathered and considered, the recommendation



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from the Police Services Advisory Committee to Town Council was to proceed with the RCMP option that Cumberland County had chosen. It was clear the community felt strongly about having the RCMP remain as the police service provider in the community. Council's primary task was to ensure appropriate levels of policing are in place, at the same time as ensuring affordability for this small community.

As a result, Town Council accepted the recommendation from the Committee and now both Cumberland County and the Town of Oxford will jointly apply to have the changes implemented. This request must have the approval of the Provincial Minister of Justice. This is anticipated to see a savings of approximately \$80,000 per year for Oxford.

Council and the Police Advisory Board will continue to monitor and evaluate the policing service to ensure that our community remains the safe and friendly place that we currently have and provide policing in a financially responsible manner.

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Village Follies Celebrating 20TH Year

By Linda Harrington

Twenty years ago, some of the current Village Follies cast members were involved in the very first dinner theatre performance "We'll Meet Again" at the Debert Hospitality Centre. The cast and crew have had changes over the years, a few years ago there was a also a change in venue to the Debert Legion, but the dinner theatre has continued to be a fun filled evening with lots of laughs and a great variety of musical numbers.

"It is amazing how some people have been to all twenty of our dinner theatres," says one of the original cast members Malcolm Macpherson. "We truly appreciate their support over the 20 years and this community spirit is one of the reasons we are still able to be doing this."

The Village Follies Dinner Theatre group is excited to present their twentieth production, "Werewolves of London... derry", once again written by the talented Shannon Fielding, who has written most of the Village Follies dinner theatre productions and who is also one of the original cast members.

Kari is used to her transformation into a werewolf once a month, during the full moon, but this spring is different. Every 20 years her werewolf family goes through the 'pack expanding curse' and it's happening this May! Though they try to seclude themselves in their Londonderry camp, unexpected company shows up. What now? How will they keep themselves from infecting the others...or worse?!



A flash back to the first Village Follies Dinner Theatre production of "We'll Meet Again"! is depicted in this photo and poster from the original Village Follies held in November 2001. This year (2020) will mark the twentieth Dinner Theatre for the Village Follies, with "The Werewolves of London...derry" taking place May 1, 2, 3 and 7, 8, 9 at the Debert Legion. Get you tickets soon, they are going fast.

Performances will take place at the Debert Legion Br. 106, 1252 Masstown Road, Debert, at 7:00 PM on May 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 9th, and a matinee on Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00 PM.

Tickets are \$35 which includes a three-course meal of salad, entree (your choice of chicken or haddock ordered in advance) and dessert, plus rolls, tea, coffee, and lots of laughs.

The Legion has new tables, so this year a full table seats 12 (not ten, as in previous years).

You can order tickets by calling 902-986-1710 and leave a message with your name and contact information, by emailing thevillagefollies@gmail.com or tickets will also be on sale at Masstown Market on Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 AM - Noon.

Where will you be during the full moon in May?

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