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RCMP ask for information in search for Jessie Morrissey

Cumberland County District RCMP is making a public plea for information related to the search for Jessie Morrissey who was reported missing on February 14. Search activities have been undertaken by police, ground search and rescue teams, RCMP Police Dog Services and RCMP Air Services, however they have been unsuccessful to date.

The investigation is continuing and police are asking that if anyone has information on about Morrissey's whereabouts, or anyone who lives in Springhill has video surveillance on their property, to contact them at 902-667-3859. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call 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.

Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment

The public consultation period on the draft terms of reference which Northern Pulp must use to prepare its Class II environmental assessment report closed on January 31. About 1,300 submissions were received by the Province.

A proposed Northern Pulp mill revitalization and new pulp effluent treatment facility project in Pictou County was registered for a Class II environmental assessment on December 7, 2021.

The submissions were sent to Northern Pulp Monday, February 7, and the company now has up to 21 days to respond to them. After the Department receives Northern Pulp's response, it has 14 days to prepare the final terms of reference for the company to prepare its environmental assessment report. The Department will make the submissions public at that time as well.

After receiving the final terms of reference, the company has up to two years to submit its environmental assessment report for the proposed mill transformation and effluent treatment facility project. Once the company's report is received, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change will refer it to an independent, appointed environmental assessment panel to oversee public consultation and evaluation of the company's report.

The Province's Environment Act and its regulations set out the legal framework for provincial environmental assessments of proposed major projects in Nova Scotia. Every proposal is subject to the same requirements, processes and timelines.

Online Therapy Program Launches

A new program aimed at improving the mental health of Nova Scotia's first responders and other public safety personnel launched on February 8. PSPNET, a free, confidential program is designed for paramedics, police, firefighters, correctional workers, search and rescue, 911 operators, border services officers and others in the public safety field. Developed by a team of clinicians and researchers at the University of Regina, the online cognitive behaviour therapy modules address anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress.

"Police, paramedics, sheriffs, correctional officers and many other emergency workers see things every day that can be very traumatic," said Justice Minister Brad Johns. "We owe it to them to make sure supports are there to help them cope with mental health challenges they face because of the nature of their jobs."

The two-year pilot program is a partnership between Department of Justice's Public Safety Division, the Office of Addictions and Mental Health, the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment, and Medavie.

The program includes a combination of secure email and phone calls, and runs eight to 16 weeks depending on need of the individual. The program is now available in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Activity Options Expand - Living with Disabilities

Nova Scotians living with disabilities will have more options as they move into a community to pursue their interests, develop life skills, access employment and connect with friends and neighbours.

My Days is a new initiative that will provide opportunities for people to choose how they want to spend their time as part of community living. Forty residents moving to homes in the community as part of the closure of Harbourside Lodge, an adult residential centre in Yarmouth, will be the first to take part in **My Days**. The Disability Support Program is working with service providers and community agencies across the province to expand the list of activities available to participants, starting with people moving to community-based settings. Individuals who currently use day programs will continue to do so. In the future, they will also have access to expanded opportunities available through My Days.

Training Healthcare Workers Faster

The Province is moving quickly to train more students for high-demand healthcare jobs across Nova Scotia. The Departments of Advanced Education and Health and Wellness, along with Nova Scotia Health, have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Toronto-based Michener Institute of Education at University Health Network.

The Michener Institute specializes in applied health sciences education and provides training opportunities for critical positions within the healthcare system. The MOU establishes a relationship with the institute to explore innovative opportunities to increase training capacity for positions that are in demand in the Nova Scotia healthcare system.

With the MOU in place, work will begin immediately to identify priority program areas, training delivery and funding. The Province will share details when finalized.

Special Move Permits Available

Forestry contractors looking to move wood or equipment over short distances on provincial roads can apply for special move permits prior to spring weight restrictions taking effect. This is a short-term measure to help keep people in the forestry sector working.

The Department of Public Works will allow some use of provincial roads on a case-by-case basis, based on road and weather conditions. Persisting cold weather overnight may support safe transport. The Department will continue to monitor road and weather conditions to determine how long it can offer special move permits to the forestry sector. For inquiries on the permitting process, contact the operations contact centre at 1-844-696-7737.

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March Break Events at Bass River Fire Hall

A youth art centre in Dartmouth, the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, has been partnered with Portapique Community Build Up in offering free art camps and programs for youth ages 10-16 over the past year.

They are offering special events during March break as follows:

Free Creative Arts March Break Camp: March 14-18, 9am - 4pm for ages 10-16. It's FREE at Bass River Fire Hall. Snacks provided with lots of cre-

ative activities and outdoor play. To ask questions or register: email diana@macpheecentre.ca or call the MacPhee Centre, 902-469-2851 leave a message

Bass River Creative Arts with Alana: Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm for ages 10-16. It is FREE at Bass River Fire Hall. Snacks provided. To ask questions or register: email: diana@macpheecentre.ca or call the MacPhee Centre 902-469-2851 and leave a message.

I Hear Her Calling

(A Distant Love)

(From The Stars Before Us To The Stars That Are Yet To Become)

From the Cliffs of Dover
To the fields where we met
I know we will meet again
On an Irish day i'll bet

How i hear her calling

Though we were distant
Our hearts and souls are true
Our love so strong
Who could have knew

How i hear her calling

I wait for that march day
With just three words to say
"i love you" lady of the glen
Forever now forever then!

God bless and thank-you
Thomas a. Marshall (Ex-Navy)
19/02/22

Oxford Nabs \$43,470 in FCM Funding

The Town of Oxford will receive \$43,470 through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Oxford will conclude an inventory of the town's major assets including linear assets, buildings and structures, and fleet. The inventory will include attribute data such as age, condition, and material. The information will be set up in spreadsheet format as well as with a Geographic Information System (GIS). Six other Nova Scotia Municipalities were approved under the program with a total provincial investment of \$292,780.

The Town of Westville was awarded \$50,000 to create asset management strategies, roadmaps, and asset-specific asset management plans for the existing storm sewer system, street network, sidewalks and curbs that it owns and maintains.

The Town of Middleton receiving \$38,700 will complete an inventory of the town's major assets including linear assets, buildings and structures, and fleet. The town will prepare State of Infrastructure reports summarizing and presenting the information in a clear format. A risk assessment process to support a preliminary capital program for the town will help prioritize renewal and replacement projects.

Four other municipalities included: Town of Kentville, \$49,500; District of Shelburne, \$25,200; Municipality of Clare,

\$35,910 and Town of New Glasgow, \$50,000.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Member of Parliament for Central Nova and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship said, "Smart investments in infrastructure help communities in Nova Scotia grow, strengthen their economies and improve the

quality of life for their residents. Through projects like this, we're helping to ensure that communities have the tools they need to plan for the long-term."

Colchester's Deputy Mayor is 3rd FCM Vice President. Mayor Christine Blair, also sits on the FCM board of directors.

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