



WRD & TRS: Price: \$7,901.019. Completion Date: January 2027 Design: Glulam girder-under bridge. Span: 130m supported by three timber "in water" piers

## Harbourside Awarded \$339,000 Contract

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pleted) at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Tatamagouche and Debert arenas as well as the Tatamagouche Library.

Harbourside are also famil-

iar with the bridge project having completed a high-level study examining crossing options in 2016 and have bid the project with Dexter Construction over the last three tenders.

A total of six (6) firms responded as outlined below. (HST excluded in bid totals): Bellerose Project Management, \$318,340; Harbourside Project Management, \$339,000; Colliers Project

Leaders, \$352,275; COWI, \$375,130; Engineering by Houghton, \$433,646 and Stantec, \$449,986.

The Harbourside Project Management, \$339,000 contract is in the early stages of design and is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2027.

## Equipment to Strengthen Firefighter Training, Safety

The Department of Emergency Management is investing in new firefighter training equipment to ensure firefighters across Nova Scotia have access to safe, modern and consistent training no matter where they live.

The Department is purchasing two mobile burn units and four propane-fuelled training props, which will expand hands-on firefighter training capacity across the province.

A mobile burn unit is a portable, self-contained training trailer that allows firefighters to practise live-fire scenarios in a safe, controlled setting. The units use propane-fuelled fires, smoke and adjustable layouts to simulate real emergencies while meeting strict national safety standards. With the addition of the two units, to be based in the western and central regions, respectively, there will be three mobile burn units in the province (one is in Cape Breton). They can be moved and utilized as necessary in providing training for firefighters across the province.

Greg Jones, President, Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia said, "The addition of two mobile burn units and four propane-fuelled training props will significantly enhance firefighter training across the province at a critical time. These assets will provide realistic live fire training in areas where access has been limited, and they represent an important step toward building a sustainable, modern training system for Nova Scotia's fire service."

The training props are modular simulators that safely recreate many different types of fires, such as propane tank and other pressure-vessel fires, as well as fires with multiple ignition points. Firefighters can practise essential skills such as using hoses and fire extinguishers, shutting off fuel sources, cooling fires and making quick decisions under pressure.

The new equipment comes at an important time for fire services and firefighter training as efforts to develop a new long-term training program continue. The Province also reinforced its commitment to fire safety with the introduction of the Fire Safety and Services Act during the fall 2025 sitting of the legislature. The act commits the government to improving fire safety and supporting the long-term stability of fire services in Nova Scotia.

Quick Facts: The total cost of the mobile burn units is \$2.16 million (one is new and the other refurbished); the props will cost \$480,000. Cape Breton Regional Municipality Fire and Emergency Services will manage the instructors and maintenance of the new mobile burn units and will work with the Province to help build a provincewide group of qualified instructors, improving access to consistent training for firefighters across Nova Scotia

The Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia led a broad review of fire services governance, focusing on operations, training, communications, funding and more; it was released in September

The Province released the findings of a value-for-money audit of the Nova Scotia Firefighters School in August and ended its relationship with the school because of concerns with safety, governance and other issues.

The Nova Scotia Fire Training Advisory Committee was established in September to create an interim basic firefighter training plan while a long-term plan is established.

## New Programs to Support Local Beef

New funding for Nova Scotia cattle producers and processors will increase local beef processing and help producers manage their production costs. Agriculture Minister Greg Morrow announced the support on February 5, during meetings with cattle producers in Truro.

"We want to make sure producers have the support for the facilities, equipment and training they need to raise and process their cattle here at home and to make beef an affordable first choice for Nova Scotia consumers," said Minister Morrow. "These programs respond directly to what we've heard from industry, so they can produce more high-quality local beef."

New programs under the Nova Scotia Beef Initiative include:

**Nova Scotia Beef Finishing Equipment Support Program:** Funding for tools and equipment that help producers give their cattle the optimal rations for converting feed into weight gain as they prepare the cattle for market; the upgrades will help producers manage rising costs due to inflation and climate change and should increase the supply of local beef in the province

**Nova Scotia Beef Processing Program:** Funding for new and current abattoir owners for infrastructure and equipment to increase beef processing, including major upgrades to existing operations.

The programs will be administered by Perennia.

Lynne Godlien, CEO, Perennia said, "Perennia is very pleased to be working with the Department and industry on these two programs. The programs will support specific equipment at the farm level and the processing infrastructure and capacity to grow and process more beef here, generate more revenue in the industry, and make more amazing local beef available to Nova Scotians."

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## Pancake Supper in Wentworth



Saturday, March 14, 2026  
3:00 to 6:00 pm  
Wentworth Recreation Centre  
13752 Highway 4, Wentworth NS

3 Pancakes with Maple Syrup  
3 Sausages, Roll, Homemade Baked Beans,  
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