

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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Public Prosecution Service Director Appointed

The acting Director of the Public Prosecution Service, Rick Woodburn, KC, (King's counsel) has been named the service's new director. "The Public Prosecution Service plays an integral role in our justice system. Mr. Woodburn brings 26 years of prosecutorial experience to the role and has been a strong leader in his position as acting director," said Attorney General and Justice Minister Scott Armstrong.

Under the Public Prosecutions Act, the director is appointed for one, non-renewable seven-year term. Mr. Woodburn's term will include his time as acting director and will continue until 2030. Mr. Woodburn, a graduate of Dalhousie Law School (now the Schulich School of Law), has spent his legal career with the Public Prosecution Service

Province Appoints Three Judges to Provincial Court

Lawyers Christa MacKinnon, Cameron MacKeen and Jennifer MacLellan, KC (King's counsel) have been appointed judges of the Nova Scotia provincial court.

"Ms. MacKinnon, Mr. MacKeen and Ms. MacLellan have demonstrated high professional standards and their expertise will be a welcome addition to the provincial bench," said Attorney General and Justice Minister Scott Armstrong. "They will play a pivotal role in our justice system, ensuring fair, independent and timely access to justice for Nova Scotians."

Based in Sydney, Ms. MacKinnon has been a practising member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society since 1999 and the Cape Breton Barristers' Society since 2008. She began her career with Justice Canada, Tax Law Services in Halifax. In 2008 she began working with the Public Prosecution Service as a Crown attorney until she was appointed a federal prosecutor for cases in Sydney in 2023. Ms. MacKinnon previously conducted court martial proceedings as a reservist with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Mr. MacKeen has been a lawyer in Halifax since 2003. Before that he was a journalist. He had a private practice before joining Nova Scotia Legal Aid as a staff lawyer in 2013. Since 2022, he has been a managing lawyer for Halifax South office, the largest office in the province, working with and mentoring young lawyers within the organization. Mr. MacKeen is a member of the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association and a past member of the Dalhousie Legal Aid board of governors.

Ms. MacLellan was called to the Nova Scotia bar in 1995. She has most recently worked as chief Crown attorney for the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service in Halifax. She is an International Fellow of the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute and co-author of Qualifying and Challenging Expert Evidence. Ms. MacLellan received her King's counsel designation in 2016.

Aulds Cove Wind Project Receives Approval

The Aulds Cove Wind Project in Guysborough County received environmental assessment approval on February 13.

Construction of the wind farm will begin in late 2026, employing as many as 150 people. Once operational in late 2027, it is expected to employ 10 to 12 people, full- and part-time, for about 25 years and generate about \$1.21 million in municipal tax revenue each year.

The project will generate about 147 megawatts of clean electricity from up to 21 seven-megawatt turbines, which will reduce Nova Scotia's annual greenhouse gas emissions by about 294,000 tonnes - the equivalent of taking about 63,800 gas-powered cars off the road.

The project must comply with 58 terms and conditions designed to protect the environment and human health.

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Bearcat Banter: Crunch Time

Coming close counts in horseshoes, not so in hockey.

The Bearcats came up short in their last three outings. All were games they could have won; all were against Divisional rivals.

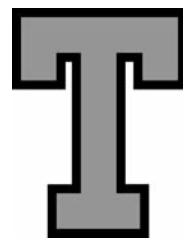
Last Tuesday at the RECC, the Bearcats had a strong opening period against the visiting Crushers. The rest of the game, at least large spans, were played in the Bearcat end. Uncharacteristic mismanagement of the puck contributed to the 4-3 Shootout loss.

While the Bearcats have won five of the eight meetings, Pictou County added two more wins since Tuesday to narrow the point gap with Truro.

Saturday, in Yarmouth, the Bearcats again had a strong start, but the desperate Mariners fought back to claim a 4-3 win, their second in the eight meetings with the Bearcats.

Key to the Mariner win was Special team play. Three of their goals came off the power play. The Bearcats gave them seven opportunities.

The Family Day game in Amherst was even from the get-go. The teams had two apiece entering the final period, but the Ramblers tallied three with a single reply to pick up the 4-3 win.



The Bearcat-Rambler games have been very close in their six outings; each having picked up three wins. Their two remaining games will have consequences.

Entering this week, it's clear that Yarmouth and Valley have been eliminated from post-season play. They may relish the spoiler role.

Summerside and Truro sit atop the Eastlink South with 66 points, followed very closely by Pictou County (62) and Amherst (61). The shuffling of positions may occur to the very end of regular season play.

Thursday, February 19 in Truro, the Bearcats scored once in the first and third periods and gave one goal up to Summerside in the second. Holding on for the 2-1 victory, first star, Truro goaltender Sam Berthiaume stopped 23 of the 24 shots against him.

Saturday at the RECC, the Bearcats welcomed the West Kent Steamers from Bouctouche, New Brunswick for



Truro Bearcat mascot Growler (2nd from left) along with Callum Aucoin, Eric Halliday, Liam Welsh and Nate Curson were on hand to help serve the crowd at the United Way Soup Fest on February 10th at the Farmers Market.

their only appearance this regular season in Truro. The current leader in the MHL North standings were handed a 2 goal shutout from Truro goaltender Berthiaume, who this time faced only 19 shots for his second first star appearance in the week.

Sunday, January 22, the Bearcats were in Valley for a

makeup game (from January 31). This night it was Truro goalie Louca Connolly's turn to get the shutout as they scored two in the first and three in the third period for a 5-0 victory. Truro has won four of their six meetings.

With the standings where they are nobody is comfortable at this point.

Truro Jr. A Bearcats Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, February 26 vs Amherst, in Truro.
 Saturday, February 28 vs Valley, in Truro.
 Saturday, March 7 vs Amherst, in Amherst.
 Sunday, March 8 vs Valley, in Valley.

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