

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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International Doctors Moving to Nova Scotia

Twenty-three new physicians have arrived in Nova Scotia since March 2020 through the province's international physician recruitment efforts. This includes 10 family doctors and 13 specialists. Over the next 12 months, an additional 29 physicians are scheduled to arrive. This includes 16 family doctors and 13 specialists. Of the 23 doctors who have arrived over the past year, seven are practicing in the Central Zone (Halifax area, Eastern Shore and West Hants), six in the Eastern Zone (Cape Breton, Guysborough and Antigonish areas), six in the Northern Zone (Colchester-East Hants, Cumberland and Pictou areas) and four in the Western Zone (Annapolis Valley, South Shore and Southwest). The Office of Immigration and Population Growth is continuing to deliver and attend virtual recruitment events in 2021. Planning is underway to attend the American Psychiatric Association recruitment event from April 30 to May 3 to promote practice opportunities for psychiatrists in Nova Scotia.

Creating New Renewable Energy Opportunities

The province is creating new pathways to clean, renewable energy sources with amendments to the Electricity Act. The new Shared Solar Program will reduce barriers to solar adoption for communities and businesses. It will also allow those renting an apartment to adopt solar energy through a shared ownership or subscription model. Details of the program will be determined in consultation with communities and stakeholders, to respond to local concerns and needs. Under the new program, municipalities, First Nation bands, co-ops, and not-for-profits can create community solar gardens which can help reduce energy poverty and directly benefit communities. Amendments will also allow non-residential customers to scale up their solar installations while still benefiting from the program. A new project cap will be determined through stakeholder engagement. The amendments introduced to the Electricity Act will continue to expand the options for renewable energy by creating an avenue for community-driven renewable energy projects and the potential for green jobs. It will not affect power rates for those not participating.

Act Will Strengthen Family Justice

Changes to the province's Parenting and Support Act will provide more clarity and alignment with recent amendments to the federal Divorce Act. The federal government has exclusive jurisdiction over marriage and divorce, while provinces have jurisdiction over spousal and child support, property division, custody and access, and child protection. Each are administered by separate pieces of legislation. The proposed changes will: update language in the act to support positive parenting arrangements by replacing the word custody, with terms such as parenting time and decision-making responsibility; make it clear that day-to-day decision-making responsibility rests with the person who is exercising parenting time, unless a court otherwise orders; describe the duties of parents who have a matter before courts, including the duty to protect their children from the harmful effects of conflict; help make sure courts have the information they need to make decisions about parenting arrangements and require them to consider any civil or criminal proceeding, order, condition or measure that is relevant to the safety of the child. This will help courts deal with family violence issues more clearly, and better protect the child and clarify the legal process when a parent wants to move with the child, ensuring the best interests of the child are the main consideration.

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Housing Crisis Unacceptable

By Maurice Rees

During Colchester Council Committee meeting on April 15th, councillor Tom Taggart added Housing Crisis to the agenda and when speaking on the matter, the current situation is Unaffordable to local residents; and he is concerned it will have a negative impact on Colchester if the matter is not addressed.

Many sources indicate there is a significant shift with people wanting to get out of the cities and relocate to smaller rural areas, where incidents of CoVid-19 is much lower, and housing is less costly. Might seem unbelievable, but there are many properties being sold to prospective residents from Ontario and the United States who are purchasing proper-

ties "sight unseen". Covid has also caused a surge in pricing with some properties selling within 3-4 days, and going for much more than the listed asking price.

Councillor Boutilier says he is very supportive for action and noted recently one property listed for \$160,000 sold quickly for \$195,000.

Council learned, in Colchester, there are about 1,000

housing units either under construction or development agreement, but this is not enough. Shortage of housing is not the only problem. Based on current pricing, most of available housing is out of the financial reach of many locals, and lumber and tradespeople shortages have rapidly increased construction prices.

It was the consensus of councillors, some type of plan must be developed soon, and referred the matter to staff.

Melville Church Deregistered

Cumberland Council approved deregistering the former Melville United Church property at its meeting on March 17th. The matter was subjected to a public meeting with no interventions. Planning staff had received an application from Norma Mundle, Trustee of the Melville United Church for the property at 2029 Gulf Shore Road.

The application was to deregister it as a Municipal heritage property, because the church was demolished over

20 years ago, and the graves exhumed and reburied in Wallace Bridge. The property was originally built as a Free Church of Scotland by Reverend John Munro, a prominent Nova Scotia church leader in the mid nineteenth century.

The Melville Church, which was torn down in the late 1990s, was used by Munro as his base. Rev. Munro, his wife, Margaret Arnot Boyack, and her niece were the only known occupants of the cemetery.

Bass River Church Closed

By Maurice Rees

The Bass River Baptist Church has closed. Suffering from a declining and aging population for several years, the end has come. With in-person services curtailed due to CoVid-19 for most of 2020, the final decision arrived when one person attended service in January when in-person services were permitted.

Pastor Larry Tirrell informed the Shoreline this caused elders to make the decision to formally close after servicing the community for

over 130 years. The building has been sold to an area resident, Lyndon MacLellan.

Tirrell said he has been busy later doing supply work to other churches, who are without a pastor or perhaps vacations or sickness. Soon he will provide supply services in Parrsboro and has a full weekend schedule until the end of June.

With the closure only Riverview United is the last remaining church in Bass River. Like other rural churches, Riverview faces an aging congregation and declining attendance.

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