



Arnold Hagen, owner of two local Home Hardware Building Centres on Pictou Road and Willow Street, was the guest speaker at the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce's 132nd Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26, Truro. Hagen recently purchased the Truro Mall and is renovating and reenergizing the facility. (Submitted)

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Independent Review of Accessibility Act Launched

Consultations for the first independent review of the Accessibility Act launched on April 21. Katie Aubrecht, an associate professor in the sociology department at St. Francis Xavier University and Director of its Spatializing Care: Intersectional Disability Studies Lab, is leading the review. She will be consulting with persons with disabilities, organizations that serve them, and others affected by the legislation and then submit a report with recommendations to the Minister of Justice.

The review will focus on the standards development process, identifying possible changes to the act, and the implementation of the plan to make Nova Scotia accessible by 2030. More information about the various ways to participate in the review is available at: <https://nsaccessreview.ca/>. The review is expected to take eight to 10 months to complete. The final report will be available to the public.

High-Speed Internet for More Nova Scotians

High-speed internet will reach another 400 Nova Scotia homes and businesses under new contracts with Eastlink and Bell signed by Develop Nova Scotia. Eastlink will expand access to 66 more homes and businesses in the Annapolis Valley and is working with Develop Nova Scotia on solutions for other underserved areas across the province. Bell will expand access to 333 more homes and businesses located in smaller, less populated areas across the province. The Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust has approved \$1.7 million for these projects. Another \$446,000 is coming from private sector investments. With the additional high-speed internet coverage provided by Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust projects announced to date, the municipal-led project in Pictou and Bell's Wireless Home Internet Service, it is expected that 99.5 per cent of Nova Scotia's homes and businesses will have high-speed access by the end of 2023. Develop Nova Scotia is working with internet service providers to identify solutions for the remaining 4,000 underserved homes and businesses across the province, of which about 1,000 do not have commercial power. The goal is to achieve high-speed internet access for as close to 100 per cent of the remaining homes and businesses as possible.



Pictured above are Saribel Deslauriers, left, of the Downtown Truro Partnership (DTP), Sherry Martell and Lisa Matthews of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce and Nicole MacDonald of DTP, who along with other staff and volunteers representing the two organizations gave away more than 200 cups of hot chocolate during an evening winter market held at the Truro Farmers' Market on Feb. 18 as a lightshow beamed on the Colchester East Hants Library above the Civic Square. (Submitted)

Stewiacke Man Charged with Firearms Offences

March 22, 2022, Stewiacke, Nova Scotia.

Colchester County District RCMP has charged David James Bishop, 39, of Stewiacke with firearms offences. He was charged on March 24 following incidents which occurred on March 16.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on March 16, 2022 police responded to a report of a suspicious incident at a gas station on Main Street West in Stewiacke. Police learned that a woman had entered the gas station and provided an employee with information concerning a man who lived on Riverside Dr. in Stewiacke that was possibly in possession of firearms. The woman had arrived at the gas station in a black SUV.

On March 17, at approximately 8 p.m., police, with assistance from the Nova Scotia Emergency Response Team, executed a search warrant at an apartment on Riverside Dr. in Stewiacke. No one was present at the time the search warrant was executed. During the search, police seized a prohibited shotgun, a crossbow, crossbow arrows, and soft body armour.

As police continued to investigate, they learned the man had also been involved in a

number of incidents of intimate partner violence against a woman known to him. On March 22, police attended the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility and arrested David James Bishop, 39, of Stewiacke, who was already in custody on unrelated incidents.

Bishop has been charged with the following offences: Aggravated Assault; Assault with a Weapon; Uttering Threats; Over-

coming Resistance to the Commission of an Offence; Unlawful Confinement (2 counts); Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm (2 counts); Possession of a Firearm while Knowing Possession is Unauthorized; Tampering with a Serial Number; Unsafe Storage of a Firearm; Pointing a Firearm; Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose; Possession of a Prohibited Weapon with

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Bishop appeared in Truro Provincial Court via teleconference and was remanded into custody. His next court appearance will be in Truro Provincial Court.

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