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Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic Locations

(The following information was gleaned from Dave Ritcey MLA May newsletter)

If you are not getting your monthly copy of the Shoreline Journal or other mail, there could be a good reason. A few months ago, maybe a year, Canada Post made significant changes to mailing addresses or postal codes. At that time, they asked everyone to advise customers or friends of the changes. Now they are clamping down. If not already, you will soon have stickers affixed to individual pieces of mail. You best take action. In a few months they will send mail back to the sender. Will not be a happy place if that "returned mail" is a cheque.

This pharmacist-led clinic provides an extended suite of pharmacy primary care services at no charge to people with a valid Nova Scotia Health Card. Locally there are two primary care clinics k-The Medicine Shoppe on Prince Street and Lawtons, Suite 20 on Willow Street.

These services include assessment and prescribing for: Strep Throat, Pink Eye, UTIs, Chronic Disease Management (Diabetes, Asthma, COPD) and Prescription renewals for all medications and more. Publicly funded vaccines for adults and children are also available at these clinics as well as medical injections (fee may apply).

Our local Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic is operated through:

The Medicine Shoppe at 1B-664 Prince Street, Truro. They can be reached at 902-814-2679.

Lawtons Pharmacist Plus Clinic - The Pharmacist Plus Clinics are another way we're improving access to health-care for all Nova Scotians. The Truro Lawtons Pharmacist Plus Clinic is a walk-in clinic

that has a nurse practitioner and pharmacists working as a team to provide a variety of health care services, from primary care to chronic disease prevention and management.

Services include: Diagnosing and treating routine and more immediate health concerns; Prescribing medications and prescriptions renewals; Medication management or modifications; Chronic disease management; Health screening and preventative care; Ordering and interpreting tests; Vac-

cinations and injections and Making referrals to specialists and other health care providers

The Pharmacist Walk-In Clinic+ is located at: Lawtons, 316 Willow Street, Suite 20, Truro. They can be reached at 902-896-0987. Hours of Operation are: Monday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Tuesday - 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thursday - 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Friday - 9:00 - 5:00 pm.

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Dental Care Bill: Acting Before Thinking

A successful universal dental care program rollout in Canada depends on the ones that hold the drill, says Cumberland-Colchester Member of Parliament Stephen Ellis, Conservative Party Shadow Minister of Health.

While the federal government promises hundreds of thousands of seniors will receive subsidized dental work this month under the Canadian Dental Care Program (CDCP), "It is clear that few dental providers wish to enroll in the program at this time and this will negatively impact patient abilities to receive free-of-fee, or subsidized procedures."

This is due to the paperwork required to process insurance claims — among other issues, Ellis says.

The dental community favours publicly funded services, but instead of ensuring that the providers were inside before announcing the program, "It was put forward for political reasons without consultation with dental care providers. It has significant administrative and labour burdens associated," Ellis says.

A recent poll of Nova Scotia dentists showed only four have signed-on to the program, announced in April by Health Minister Mark Holland.



Dr. Stephen Ellis

Dr. Juli Waterbury, president of the Nova Scotia Dental Association is not surprised by that number, saying there are concerns with how the program is designed.

"They are asking providers to enrol, to sign a contract with the government in order to provide care," Waterbury said. "This does not follow along with any other insurance plan or any other government-run program that we work with."

She added most dentists in Nova Scotia are facing staffing shortages, with some already not having the capacity to take on new patients. Waterbury said the plan would bring additional administrative burden

for dental practices.

Meanwhile, Health Canada has not said exactly how many oral health care providers have registered for the CDCP across Canada since applications opened in mid-March, only that "thousands" have signed on.

That's somewhat of a mirage, Ellis says, given that "current Liberal government messaging is focusing on how many Canadians have enrolled in this program, which of course, is influenced by their messaging of free dental care."

"Sadly, given the above negatives of this program most Canadians will be left without access to a dental care provider and with significant fees borne out of pocket."

"This scenario of a disorganized government that acts before it thinks is just another example of the Trudeau government's incompetency," Ellis, the Shadow Minister of Health says.

"A Conservative government would work closely with provinces to ensure that vulnerable Canadians have access to dental care inside a program which is both cost effective and administratively simple for dental care providers."

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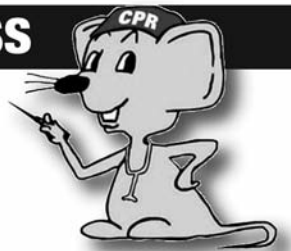
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Let's Revive the 90+ Birthday Party

For 10 years, during my ownership of the Shoreline Journal, I organized a Birthday Party for life-long area residents who had reached the milestone of 90+.

The long COVID-19 and we were forced to stop. Now that we are feeling more comfortable about going out in public,

I would like to re-start the birthday party.

Maybe reducing the age requirement to 80.

I'll be contacting local volunteer groups and local churches to assist with pre-registration. I'll start accepting registrations.

Before December 31, 2023, I will need:

Complete name; mailing address, date of birth, phone number and email address if available. Further details to be announced later.

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