

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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Tayshawn Maloney arrested near Brookfield

At approximately 1 a.m. on April 18, Colchester County District RCMP and Truro Police Service responded to a motor vehicle crash at Hwy. 102, Exit 12, near Brookfield. Officers learned that two vehicles, a pick-up truck and an SUV, had crashed off the exit and three males had fled the scene on foot into a wooded area. The two vehicles had fled from a traffic safety check point conducted by Truro Police Service on McLures Mill Rd. earlier the same morning.

RCMP Police Dog Services and Emergency Response Team were dispatched to assist. Truro Police Service officers arrested one of the males, 27-year-old Tayshawn Maloney, after a short foot pursuit. Maloney was wanted on province-wide arrest warrants for several offences in Halifax and Millbrook, including aggravated assault and attempted murder. A short time later, RCMP officers arrested a second male, a 17-year-old of Eastern Passage, nearby. The youth was armed and wearing body armour at the time of his arrest. Efforts to locate and arrest the third male are ongoing. Truro Police Service seized three firearms, two sets of body armour, ammunition, and the two vehicles, one of which is believed to have been stolen, at the scene. The investigation in relation to the crash and firearms is ongoing, led by Truro Police Service with assistance of the Nova Scotia RCMP.

New grief alliance aims to equip Nova Scotians

A new province-wide initiative dedicated to strengthening grief support through community-based education, resource sharing and collaboration has now launched. The Nova Scotia Grief Alliance is a partnership between Nova Scotia Health and the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association, developed with the support of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia.

The grief alliance will serve as a hub for individuals, health professionals and community organizations either working in grief support or interested in grief education. It aims to build capacity and foster relationships where participants can learn, share, and access best practices in grief support.

To learn more about the alliance and opportunities to participate in virtual and in-person events, visit www.nsgriefalliance.com or contact griefalliance@nshpca.ca

Woodland Conference May 3 New Glasgow

The 2025 Woodland Conferences have kicked off with goal to broaden reach to those who have an interest in the many and varied aspects of managing forests. The 2025 Woodland Conferences are being held across the province and are open to the public. The Western Conference was held 5 April in New Ross; the Eastern Woodland Conference on 12 April at the NSCC Strait Area Campus in Port. The Central Conference scheduled for 3 May at the North Nova Education Center in New Glasgow.

Cost: lunch included Regular Price: \$30 Student \$20

Presentations will differ by region, but some topics include: Presentations from Woodland Owner of the Year winners; Silviculture funding and biodiversity; Road building assistance and programs for woodland owners; The Acadian Phenocam Network: Tracking & Anticipating Climate Change Impacts to Forest Growth & Phenology; Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and other forest pests; Forest SHARE (soil project for private woodlot owners); Family Forest Network ecological forestry project.

Other topics include: Nesting birds protocol for woodlot owners; Using nature apps on your phone (iNaturalist, Merlin, Seek, Picture This, etc.); Overview of legal considerations for woodlot owners; Mi'kmaq-led conservation initiatives in Unama'ki; FireSmart Program; Christmas trees; Mass timber construction; Biomass heating and wood energy project and Ticks & Lyme disease. The Woodland Conferences are organized annually by a committee of representatives from several Nova Scotia groups interested in forestry. This year, our provincial committee includes partners from the Nova Scotia Department of Resources, Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association (Provincial Coordinator), Association for Sustainable Forestry, MerseyTobeatic Research Institute, Nova Scotia Community College, Forest Nova Scotia, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, and several private woodlot owners. Additionally, each regional planning committee is composed of local partners.

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More Support to Protect Coastal Properties, Communities

Coastal communities and property owners now have more tools and resources to protect themselves from the effects of climate change.

The Province released new example municipal land-use planning bylaws on April 15, to help municipalities regulate development along the coast to safeguard homes and communities. The example bylaws were informed by ongoing consultation with the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and the municipalities they represent.

"This marks another step forward in safeguarding coastal communities and homes," said Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. "We need to rethink how and where we build to keep ourselves, our homes and communities safe and sustainable in the face of global climate change. Municipal leadership and regulatory oversight are key as municipalities have jurisdiction for zoning, land-use planning and buildings permits. Our government will continue to listen to, and support, municipalities every step of the way as we work together to protect our coastal way of life."

The example bylaws provide flexible options that municipalities can use to regulate development and building along the coast to protect homes, buildings and other infrastructure from coastal flooding, erosion and rising sea levels. They include regulatory options for municipalities to: create a defined area where their coastal protection regulations would apply; set a minimum building elevation to protect from coastal flooding and create a buffer zone to protect buildings from coastal erosion.

The government will also provide more funding to support municipalities. The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will receive \$1 million over three years to help municipalities adopt the example bylaw text and customize it to their unique needs and climate change impacts and \$344,106 to create a climate change policy and sustainability analyst position to support municipalities in their work to make their communities resilient to climate change.

More tools for property owners were also announced including: a coastal hazard assessment report that gives coastal property owners information on potential coastal



flooding and erosion risks on their property; a guide on how to use trees, plants and other natural techniques to protect properties from erosion, rising sea levels and flooding; the coastal hazard mapping tool, first launched in 2024 to show possible coastal flooding for the year 2100, has been updated to include information for the current year and for the year 2050, along with areas of potential coastal flooding beyond 100 metres inland from the coastline and a checklist and education video for real estate agents to use to help their clients make informed decisions about buying coastal property, developed in partnership with the Nova Scotia Association of REALTORS.

All tools and resources are available at: <https://novascotia.ca/coastal-climate-change/>

"The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is pleased to see provincial support for municipalities as the Province continues to implement the coastal action plan. Municipalities play an important role in the protection of our coastlines. Offering example text for land-use bylaws and staff support will provide guidance to municipalities in choosing appropriate policies that reflect community concerns. This is a positive development that will support land-use planning in coastal areas. The \$1.3 million in funding is a significant investment and we thank the Province of Nova Scotia for their commitment to working with us and responding to the concerns of our members. Combined,

these initiatives will help protect the physical and financial health of residents and communities in Nova Scotia." Juanita Spencer, CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities stated during the announcement.

Quick Facts: The government released The Future of Nova Scotia's Coastline: The plan to protect people, homes and nature from climate change, on February 26, 2024; it has 15 actions for property owners, municipalities and the Province to take to make

coastal homes, communities and natural areas safer

Upland Urban Planning and Design, a Nova Scotia land-use planning company, prepared the example bylaw text (Action 8 in the coastal protection action plan) after consulting with municipalities on behalf of the Province

The Nova Scotia Association of REALTORS is the voice of the real estate sector in Nova Scotia and represents more than 2,100 brokers, salespeople and affiliate members throughout the province - creating educational tools for the real estate sector to help buyers make informed decisions about buying coastal property is Action 6 in the coastal protection action plan.

Protection of Privacy Review Officer Appointed



Nova Scotia has appointed lawyer David Nurse as the Province's new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Review Officer.

Mr. Nurse has deep knowledge of the FOIPOP process, gained while working in government and as a private-sector lawyer.

The review officer is responsible for reviewing access to information requests from people and organizations who are dissatisfied with the response they received from a public body under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Municipal Government Act, or the Personal Health Information Act.

The review officer also

considers privacy complaints regarding the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by provincial public bodies under the Privacy Review Officer Act.

Mr. Nurse's past positions have included roles with the Nova Scotia government at the Office of Immigration and the Department of Justice, owning and operating a law firm, and serving as a lawyer with the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Nurse has started work. He takes over from Tricia Ralph, whose five-year term ended on February 28.

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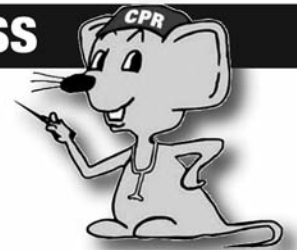
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