

MCANS Requested to Attend April 8 Meeting

On April 1st the Moose Conservation Association of Nova Scotia (MCANS) received an email request to meet with Renewable Energy Systems (RES) representatives at their Antigonish office on 86 College St. on April 8th to discuss the Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

Their objective, reported by local representative Mike Murphy, is to "get a sense of how this project can work with MCANS and other stakeholders to address their concerns". The simple answer is it cannot. MCANS board of directors member and local expert on the area with over 50 years of experience, Edward Dewtie, stated, "The planned site of the project is in the worst possible location in the

area".

Commenting on planned questions about the location MCANS treasurer, John Fillier, said, "We need to attend the meeting to find out how such an obviously poor location could have been chosen and who made that decision. Was it a decision based purely on wind strengths in the area with little foresight or concern for its effects on resident moose?".

Wading into the discussion MCANS President Al Muir said of the 2 PM meeting that, "We need to determine how the project proposal got this far given the ecological sensitivity of the area and its location in relation to the Eigg Mountain- James

River Wilderness Area. That question might best be directed to the Minister of the Environment, Tim Halman, rather than the developers. Despite the impossibility of lessening MCANS concerns with the project location, without meeting again with RES representatives we will continue to have more questions than answers".

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Roger MacIsaac Honoured in Passing

Flags at municipal properties within the Municipality of Cumberland flew at half-mast in memory and honour of long time Town and County employee Roger MacIsaac, who passed away on Saturday, March 21 following an illness. In 2021 he joined the Municipality of Cumberland as a Special Projects Officer. Most notably, he was the project lead for the construction of the new Pugwash Library, which opened in 2023, and the Springhill Fire Station, which opened just last year.

After working with the Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development, he joined the staff at the Town of Amherst in 1998. MacIsaac was Amherst's Director of Community and Economic Development until his retirement 2016. During his tenure with the Town he oversaw a number of functions

including Parks & Recreation, the Amherst Stadium and Business Development.

MacIsaac was instrumental in the recruitment and attraction of businesses like Gordons Food Services, Staples, Maritime Pride Eggs and many others to the Amherst area. He was instrumental in the redevelopment of South Albion Street, beginning with the relocation of the "Highways Garage" to the industrial park and continuing through the establishment of Superstore, Walmart, Kent. He also oversaw the major renovation of the Amherst Stadium, the conversion of Amherst's streetlights to LED technology and the redevelopment Amherst's former town hall into the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Centre.

"Roger was a 'go-to' guy - he knew how to get things done. He was a respected colleague to all in both municipalities and a good friend who will be greatly missed", Cumberland CAO Greg Herrett said.

NOVA SCOTIA Government Approves Writeoffs for 2025-26

The Province is writing off \$10.3 million in uncollectable debts, largely unpaid loans, fees and fines from previous years.

"This is a standard accounting practice that we do every year," said Finance and Treasury Board Minister John Lohr. "We will continue to work to collect these

debts, even though they are being removed from our books."

The debts are from past fiscal years up to March 31, 2025. They are being written off after multiple efforts at collection and a review to suggest they are unlikely to be repaid.

Notes from our Provincial Capital Nova Scotia Budget Invests in Healthcare, Housing and Education

Nova Scotians don't need to be told the world is uncertain. They can see it in the headlines. What they need from their government is a clear plan: Invest in the things that matter most, manage the Province's finances responsibly and make tough decisions when circumstances demand it. That is what Budget 2026-27 delivers.

This budget makes generational investments in healthcare, investing 12 per cent more to continue to improve primary care, including recruiting more family doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and family practice nurses. This will build on many years of progress. There are already 2,500 more nurses and 570 more doctors than when we took office.

Our investments in long-term care will open seven long-term care homes this year alone, as we work towards our goal to build 5,700 new and replacement long-term care spaces by 2032. These are not just numbers on a page; they represent dignity and care for our seniors.

We are continuing with unprecedented efforts to build more homes faster for Nova Scotians. Already, housing starts are up nearly 40 per cent over the last two years. This budget includes more money for public housing, for rent supplements that help people afford apartments, and to train more skilled trades workers to get these homes built faster.

None of this is possible without fiscal discipline. Provinces across Canada, as well as the federal government, are facing rising deficits and making difficult decisions to bring them down.

Our budget presents a plan to defend investments in the core services like healthcare, housing and education. We are reducing the size of the civil service and we are being disciplined with new spending decisions while we bring resource projects here to generate revenue that will benefit Nova Scotians.

Our government has shown over the years that when we can do more, we do more. Even after budget reductions, this budget still invests \$66 million in the arts, which is \$15 million more than when we formed government in 2021.

We heard from Nova Scotians that some of our budget decisions missed the mark. We agreed and restored funding where it mattered most: for seniors, people with disabilities and for students from equity-deserving groups seeking to further their education.

There is no question that this has been a tough budget, but government can only gain revenue to do more for Nova Scotians in two ways: by taxing you more or by growing the economy. We are choosing to grow the economy by developing our natural resources.

Nova Scotia is growing and we want to keep it that way. This budget meets this moment with continued investments in healthcare, long-term care and housing, all while managing our finances for the long term.

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