



## RCMP Charges Man for Impaired Driving and Other Offences



Colchester County District RCMP has charged a man with multiple offences, including impaired and dangerous operation, after calls from concerned community members.

On April 7, at approximately 4:50 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP received multiple calls about unsafe driving involving a black Honda Civic in Stewiacke. The vehicle was stopping on the road, doing burnouts, driving with its doors open, and driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

Officers attended the area to conduct patrols. At approximately 6:25 p.m., they located the vehicle in the parking lot of a gas station on Hwy. 2 in

Brookfield and completed a traffic stop. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was safely arrested. He was transported to the RCMP detachment where he provided breath samples that registered 140 mg% and 120 mg%.

During a search of the driver and vehicle, officers located cannabis and a replica firearm. Brent Ramsay, 18, of Truro, is charged with: Impaired Operation; Impaired Operation Over 80 mg%; Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance and Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose.

He was also issued a Summary Offence Ticket under the provincial Cannabis Control Act. Ramsay was released pending a court appearance scheduled for June 24 at Truro Provincial Court.

Colchester County District RCMP thanks the public for reporting the incidents and providing detailed information about the vehicle's location.

To report a suspected impaired driver, call 911.

## May Events at Wentworth Recreation Centre

By Norah Topping

On Sunday May 3, 2026, a Mega Bingo event will take place at Wentworth Recreation Centre. Doors open at 1:00 pm, early bird play starts at 2:00 pm, and regular play follows. There will be \$3300 in Cash Prizes! The advance ticket price for 15 games is \$50.00. First-come-first-served and numbers will be limited. To purchase tickets, contact [sandra.mayne@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:sandra.mayne@ns.sympatico.ca) 902-899-8583. Early bird and extras will be sold separately at the door. The canteen will be operating.

**Our regular programs include:**

**Bingo** - Sunday's at 2 pm. There are 8 regular games. With 40 attending, the payout will be \$30.00 per game for

the first 4 games and \$40 for the last four games, if there are 45 attendees or over, all 8 games will pay out \$40.00.

**Walk and Talk and Video Yoga** - Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 to 2 pm. In addition, on Thursday at 12:30, there is

chair yoga via you tube.

**Mixed Pickleball** - All levels of play. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10 am to 12 noon.

**Women's Pickleball** - All levels of play. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 6 pm to 8 pm.



For more information on any of these events and programs, please see our website at [www.wentworthrecctr.com](http://www.wentworthrecctr.com)

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## NOVA SCOTIA Province Receives Approval for Avon River Aboiteau Construction

The Province has received approval from the federal government to begin replacing the Avon River aboiteau in Hants County.

Constructing the new aboiteau will allow the Highway 101 twinning project through the Windsor area to be completed. The work will include construction of two highway bridges, the aboiteau, a new control building and permanent dikes, as well as realignment of the Avon River estuary channel.

"We have been seeking approval on this project since 2020, and I am glad that we have come to an agreement that will allow us to get this job done," said Hants West MLA

Melissa Sheehy-Richard, on behalf of Public Works Minister Fred Tilley. "We have looked at all options, and the result is a solution that delivers flood protection while also improving fish passage."

The aboiteau design, approved under the Fisheries Act, will enable the aboiteau to operate under a range of water management scenarios to allow for greater flexibility and adaptability in the future.

Construction is expected to take about three years, and future operations will include a long-term monitoring plan to evaluate the aboiteau's impact on fish passage and the environment.

## Tourism Revenues Reached \$3.7 Billion in 2025

\$3.7 billion in revenues in 2025, up eight per cent compared with 2024. Tourism revenue growth in the province outpaced the national average last year.

"Tourism is a strong economic driver that supports businesses and creates jobs across the province," said Dave Ritcey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "We will continue to work closely with businesses and communities to showcase our natural beauty, cultural diversity and unique experiences, making Nova Scotia a vibrant year-round

destination." Nova Scotia welcomed 2.1 million visitors, an increase of four per cent, or 79,000 more visitors, compared with 2024. There were more visitors from Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Western Canada and overseas, while there were fewer from Ontario and the United States. However, more flight connections resulted in more Americans arriving in the province by air.

Accommodation operators reported three million room nights sold in 2025, a slight increase of one per cent, or 29,000 more than in 2024.

## Upper Afton Wind Project Receives Approval

The Upper Afton Wind Project, to be built in Antigonish and Guysborough counties, received its environmental assessment approval on April 22. The Upper Afton Wind Project is owned by the Membertou Development Corp. and EverWind N.S. Holdings Ltd and is located between Upper Afton, Antigonish County, and Upper Big Tracadie, Guysborough County.

Construction of the wind farm, with up to 28 eight-megawatt turbines, is expected to begin in 2027 and employ 200 to 250 people. Once operational in 2029, it is expected to employ

about eight people, full- and part-time, for about 35 years and generate about \$1.5 million in municipal tax revenue each year.

The project will generate energy to be used in the production of green hydrogen. It must comply with 58 terms and conditions designed to protect the environment and human health.

Nova Scotia modernized its environmental assessment process in 2025 to help speed up the province's transition to clean energy, fight climate change faster, grow the economy and support sustainable development.

## Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Unveils Lineup for 2026-2027 Season



### ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA

With a bold commitment to Atlantic Canadian artists and the stories that shape our region, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (AGNS) announced its full suite of exhibitions for the 2026-2027 season. Eight new standout exhibitions, including major retrospectives, thematic exhibitions, and never-before-seen works from the AGNS permanent collection, will span generations, geographies, styles, and perspectives.

The eight new exhibitions are: On the Matter of Memory: The Drawings of Harold Cromwell, Place in Mind, Kent Monkman, Joan Jonas: We come from the sea, Forshaw Day: Looking Outward, Colville, Forrestall, Pratt & Pratt: The Work Behind the Work, Garry Neill Kennedy: Work of Six Decades, Camille Turner: Hometown Queen.

The season began with folk artist Harold Cromwell's

detailed pen-and-ink drawings in On the Matter of Memory: The Drawings of Harold Cromwell alongside emerging artist Annika Sinclair's ceramic works in Place in Mind. Both shows are deeply rooted in personal memory.

In May, a new exhibition from Kent Monkman brings together major paintings and preparatory works exploring waterways as sites of displacement and arrival, anchored by the reinstallation of Miss Chief's Wet Dream.

June welcomes Joan Jonas: We come from the sea, a multi-sensory, audio-visual experience by internationally acclaimed artist, Joan Jonas, that invites viewers to encounter the ocean in completely new ways.

Later in the year, Forshaw Day's 19th century landscape Spotlight, From One to Many Natures, Ta'n a'sikatikl sipu'l | Confluence, Conceptual paintings

will be presented in Forshaw Day: Looking Outward, followed by the highly anticipated exhibition Colville, Forrestall, Pratt & Pratt: The Work Behind the Work, which examines the meticulous, process-driven practices of Atlantic Realism's foremost artists.

Rounding out the lineup are two major retrospectives; Garry Neill Kennedy: Work of Six Decades and Camille Turner: Hometown Queen, both opening in February 2027. Exhibitions continuing into 2026-27 include, the Mi'kma'ki Artist Art and the Camera, the Nova Scotia Spotlight, and Maud Lewis, Canada's most beloved folk artist.

"By highlighting visions of acclaimed local, national, and international artists, our

2026-2027 season aims to inspire curiosity, ignite imagination, and leave a lasting impact on every visitor," says Sarah Moore Fillmore, CEO, AGNS. "This season reflects our commitment to presenting art that not only resonates deeply with our communities, but also sparks dialogue, invites reflection, and offers new ways of seeing the world around us."

These exhibitions are now easier for visitors to take in all year round. Nova Scotia residents and students under 25 can enjoy free access all year with a Free Access Pass, and any visitor can enjoy unlimited yearly admission with the new \$28 Annual Access Pass. More information about the exhibitions and programs can be found at [agns.ca](http://agns.ca).

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