



Alderberry Village has moved next door from their old location. The increased space features hand crafted furniture, an antiques and new to you treasures, and many new products. They now carry Pearl and Daisy soaps, You are welcome to the Grand re-opening on November 4th and the Customer Appreciation Day on Nov.12th. (Submitted)

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Nova Scotia and the three other Atlantic provinces, are introducing a new, highly secure driver's license and photo ID card. Starting in November, the cards will be printed at a central facility shared by all four provinces and mailed to clients within 14 days. Nova Scotians do not need to get a new license or photo ID card until their current one is up for renewal. Clients renewing their license will be given a 30-day temporary document to use until their new license arrives. Access Nova Scotia will start to move to the new process for driver's licences and photo ID cards in November with full implementation expected to be in place by the end of December. There is no fee increase for the new driver's license and photo ID card. The new cards will be implemented over the next five years as driver's licenses expire. For more information, visit www.novascotia.ca/dri-verslicence.

Research is underway to better understand the barriers older adults experience when they are looking for work. The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging at Mount Saint Vincent University is doing the research for government. The Department of Seniors and the centre signed a memorandum of understanding that provides guidance and direction to support research activities to inform government policies on aging. There are two phases to the initiative. The first is a literature review to understand the issues and research about the barriers. It will be followed by further study of sectors in the province and interviews with employers, older adults and other stakeholders. SHIFT: Nova Scotia's Action Plan for an Aging Population was launched in March. The plan focuses on helping older Nova Scotians stay involved and connected to their communities, promoting healthy living and keeping older adults in the workforce. The plan is available at <https://novascotia.ca/shift/>.

Government is amending the Marine Renewable-energy Act to make it easier to assess innovative, lower-cost tidal energy technologies and help developers bring them to market faster. The amendments will allow demonstration permits of up to five megawatts and allow companies to sell the electricity they generate at a lower price than existing tidal feed-in-tariffs. With the consent of the Natural Resources Minister, the energy minister will be able to issue permits for up to five years. The permits can be renewed for up to five years, but not longer than a total of 18 years. Performance will be a consideration for renewal. The energy minister will also have the authority to negotiate and issue power purchase agreements for up to 15 years and hold operators accountable. No more than 10 megawatts of total power will be authorized under the amendment and operators are still required to have all applicable permits and environmental approvals.

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New Affordable Homes Must Fit Long-Range Community Plans

Also on the FCM agenda of the director's meeting, which Taggart attended, was the upcoming National Housing Strategy. Budget 2017 set aside \$15 billion to support the Strategy - the first of its kind in over 20 years - but the details of how that funding will be rolled out are critical.

"The National Housing Strategy has the potential to transform Canada's housing system, but the federal government needs to get this right. That means focussing on fundamentals, not quick fixes. That means repairing social housing so vulnerable Canadians won't see their homes shuttered. That means leveraging our local expertise to build new affordable homes that fit long-range community plans. This is the message we're driving home," added Taggart.

"As a councillor from a Rural Municipality and having three years of experience on this important national board I am proud of the fact that I am a strong and active voice on these and other standing committees, to ensure that the realities of small rural communities are included in important discussions and policy development."

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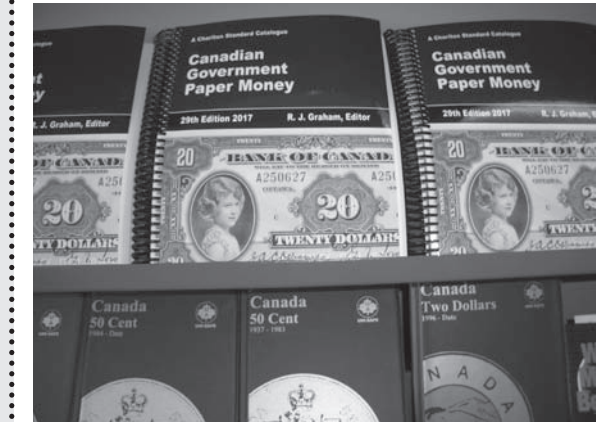
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