

# The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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## SchoolsPlus available province-wide

Students and families in schools need access to mental health services and supports no matter where they live. To help increase access, SchoolsPlus is now available to all students and families province-wide. SchoolsPlus helps children, youth and families connect to a range of programs by working with school staff and other partners. In addition to mental health services, supports include mentoring, after-school programs, homework support, youth groups and parenting supports. As of September, SchoolsPlus has been available to all students in all schools through 56 sites. As of September, SchoolsPlus services 370 schools' the program has 41 facilitators/social workers and 84 community outreach workers and SchoolsPlus has 53.5 mental health clinicians, who are employed by the Nova Scotia Health Authority or IWK. For information: SchoolsPlus: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/schoolsplus/>

## Donald Marshall Jr. Prosecution online

Nova Scotians can now access the records of the Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall Jr. Prosecution online. In 1971, Donald Marshall Jr., from Membertou, was wrongfully convicted of murdering Sandy Seale in Sydney's Wentworth Park. Marshall was 17 years old when he received a life sentence for murder. He was exonerated by the royal commission in 1990 which determined that systemic racism had contributed to his wrongful imprisonment. The online version of the full Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall Jr. Prosecution, can be found at: <https://novascotia.ca/archives/marshall/>

## Feeling safe on campus

The Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee has developed guidelines and recommendations for post-secondary institutions which are critical to ensuring Nova Scotia students can learn in environments free from sexual violence. The document, Guidelines for Nova Scotia Universities and the Nova Scotia Community College: Development of Survivor-Centric Sexual Violence Policies, will ensure each of Nova Scotia's 10 universities and Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) maintain up-to-date, stand-alone sexual violence policies that are survivor-centric, and that they work to enhance and uphold survivor-centric campus responses to sexual violence. Guidelines for Nova Scotia Universities and the Nova Scotia Community College: Development of Survivor-Centric Sexual Violence Policies: <https://novascotia.ca/lae/pubs/docs/development-of-survivor-centric-sexual-violence-policies-guidelines-for-universities-nbcc.pdf>

Once available, the French version of the Guidelines for Nova Scotia Universities and the Nova Scotia Community College: Development of Survivor-Centric Sexual Violence Policies can be found at: <https://novascotia.ca/lae/pubs/> For more resources for survivors and supporters: <https://www.breakthesilencens.ca/>

## Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners available at 13 sites

More services are being provided across Nova Scotia for people who have experienced sexual assault. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program is now available through two more regional hospitals in the province. The Tri County Women's Centre is offering the program at the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville and South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater.

A contract has also been awarded to VON Nova Scotia to expand the program to Colchester and Cumberland counties, East Hants and the Eastern Shore. The VON will work with Nova Scotia Health Authority to train nurses. Once in place, the program will be available through all regional hospitals, providing in-person coverage across the province. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are registered nurses who have advanced training and expertise to provide specialized medical and forensic response. On-call nurses provide emergency care that includes supportive care, medical attention, information and additional resources, as well as the option to have forensic evidence collected. Someone wishing to access a SANE nurse can call the location nearest to them 24

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# Kohltech Adds 30,000 square feet

By Maurice Rees

Rapid growth, over a span of 35 years following its founding in 1982, causes problems. Such is the case at Kohltech Windows and Entrance Systems. The company's head office and primary manufacturing facility is located in Debert.

When every department is bursting at the seams expansion plans needs immediate attention.

When storage of manufacturing components becomes problematic and production areas are so cramped it's rough on employees and customers are waiting longer than they should it's time to find solutions. Such is the situation Carl Ballard, President and Kevin Pelley, Chief Executive Officer, faced in late 2017 and early 2018 as they struggled how to keep up with demand for their product.

Originally, they thought a production facility in Edmonton would eliminate some of the pressures, but with high name recognition and growing to almost 400 employees the \$Multi-Million enterprise needed a major expansion in Debert. Hence plans for a 30,000 sq ft expansion started to evolve.

Started originally in 1982 as Peter Kohler Windows and Entrance Systems the company transitioned itself and was re-branded Kohltech Windows and Entrance Systems in early 2018. The Kohler or Kohltech names have been synonymous with the uncompromising craftsmanship and unparalleled performance of the industry's best windows developing a strong reputation across Canada and the USA. The Edmonton facility has allowed for increasing sales and market share throughout western Canada.

"The Kohltech name is a hybrid of Kohler and Technology and was designed to keep a component of the brand name and capture the passion for continuous improvement and technology," said company CEO Kevin Pelley. In 2018 the company was recognized for its business performance and growth with the prestigious Canada's Best Managed Companies designation.

Best managed program award winners are among the best-in-class of Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues over \$15 million demonstrating strategy, capability and commitment to achieve sustainable growth.



Expansion Progress

If you ask Carl Ballard, president or Kevin Pelley, CEO they will immediately inform you, Kohltech's growth and success continue to be driven by the culture of service the company was founded on. They

find ways to make it easier to do business in an increasingly complex industry, whether it is with their award-winning "Best in Class" dealer software or through training programs delivered at their dealer learn-

ing centre. Customer loyalty and word of mouth have propelled the company from being a top regional brand towards becoming a top national brand over the last few years.



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