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Greater Access to Financing for Forestry Sector

The provincial government has developed an improved lending program for forestry companies. The Nova Scotia Timber Loan Board now has improved lending terms, eligibility and a revised fee structure. The latest regulatory improvements are modelled on recent amendments to the regulations governing the Farm and Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Boards and address needs experienced most acutely by small and medium sized enterprises central to the forestry sector.

The Timber Loan Board can provide businesses with access to financing for buildings and equipment, developing business cases, upgrading facilities and land purchases at market interest rates.

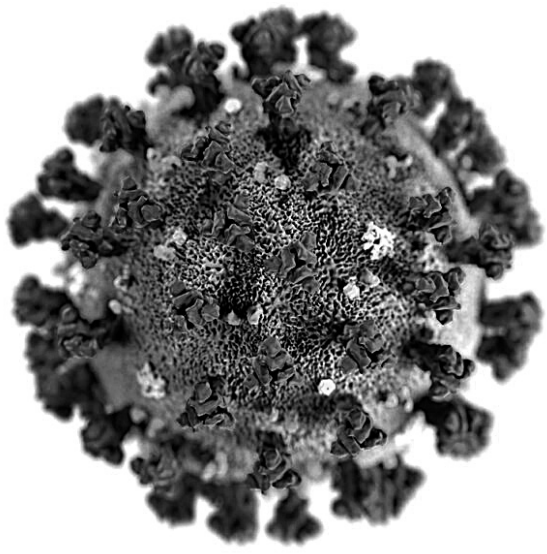
Additional Resources: Timber Loan Board Regulations: https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/for8182.htm and Timber Loan Board website: https://novascotia.ca/timberloan

COVID Alert App Available

Nova Scotians will be able to receive COVID-19 exposure alerts directly to their smartphones when using Health Canada's free COVID Alert App. COVID Alert can be downloaded through the Apple or Google Play app stores. When installed, the app communicates using Bluetooth with nearby phones which also have the app installed.

An app user who tests positive for COVID-19, is given a unique code by the Nova Scotia Health Authority to input into COVID Alert. If any other user with the app, whose phone was within two metres/six feet for at least 15 minutes of the infected person's phone, will be notified that they may have been exposed to COVID 19.

How the COVID Alert app works: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-alert.html



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Remember The Sacrifices, Honour The Memories

By Tory Rushton

So far, the fall of 2020 has been very similar to the previous seasons of winter, spring, and summer. However, our daily routine has centered around the Global Pandemic of COVID 19. We have been very fortunate as a Province. We had an active winter and spring of COVID cases but with most of the Country dealing with increased cases as I write this note, we are fortunate to have very few active cases. Let us be diligent and ensure we stay on this track.

My office has been busy answering calls regarding a common issue for the last couple of months which has been the delays in getting through to 811 and delays in getting a COVID test. I have written the Minister regarding both issues.

I am pleased to see some changes to 811 and am pleased to hear Cumberland South residents are now getting timely COVID testing done in Cumberland County now and not waiting upwards of 8 or 9 days, some having to travel to Truro area. Also added to the COVID response is the Provincial Alert App that works with Smart Phones. This is a tool to be used in addition with other practices and can assist in our combat with COVID.

Tory Rushton

We saw a Municipal Election take place on Saturday, October 17thg resulting with many new faces around the County Council Table. Congratulations to the newly elected council and mayor and thank you to all the candidates who put their name forward. The commitment you made to your community by putting your name on the ballot does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Remembrance Day is upon us and things will look very different this year. The Royal Canadian Legion in Nova Scotia announced on October 15 things will be scaled back this year. I look forward to Remembrance Day every year. Since being elected, I have travelled to different areas of Cumberland South to recognize the day.

Last year I was able to attend Advocate's service (always the Sunday prior to Nov. 11) the Church service in Springhill, wreath laying in Parrsboro along with the reception at the Parrsboro Legion, the afternoon service in Port Greville and the Annual Banquet in Oxford.

This year, my mission is to ensure we remember the sacrifices, honour the memories and services of so many, ensuring the next generation understands the sacrifices that were given for them to live as a proud Canadian.

Lest We Forget.

Tory Rushton, MLA

Tory Rushton, is MLA for Cumberland South

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