

Rushton Announces \$1.3-Million in Grants

Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton announced new grants totalling over \$1.3 million for 44 projects on October 22.

“Our mining industry plays an important role in Nova Scotia’s economy,” said Minister Rushton. “These grants help prospectors, mineral exploration companies, academics and students grow our mining sector and develop more innovative and sustainable practices in the field.”

Grants awarded through the Mineral Resources Development Fund support the search for new mineral deposits, help get new mining projects underway and attract investment to Nova Scotia.

The fund supports mineral exploration programs, university research, training and professional development.

Two More Forestry Projects Funded

Two more projects, valued at more than \$12 million, have been approved by the trustees of the Forestry Innovation Transition Trust.

The Family Forest Network is receiving more than \$9.8 million for a multi-year project that will assist private woodlot owners in adopting and maintaining sustainable resource management practices through outreach, demonstration and research. The project will include a large-scale pilot of ecologically sensitive forest treatments in a wide range of woodlands across the province, with a special emphasis on restoring degraded stands to their natural diversity and productivity.

The network of 11 organizations reaches an estimated 12,590 small woodland own-

ers. It was the first and largest group of forestry service providers to publicly endorse and practice the recommendations of the Independent Review of Forest Practices in Nova Scotia, commonly referred to as the Lahey report.

The Forestry Economic Task Force will receive more than \$2.6 million to develop a roadmap to sustain and grow Nova Scotia’s forestry sector. The task force will oversee an industry-led, collaborative approach to identify key economic challenges, market trends and opportunities for the industry.

The trust is a \$50 million fund focused on accelerating new opportunities within the Nova Scotia forestry sector to enhance environmental, social and economic values and the

adoption of new ecological forestry practices. To date, the trust has approved nine projects for a total of \$22.8 million.

The fund may be used by companies, organizations or post-secondary institutions working and researching in the forestry and biological resources sectors. Forestry workers may also seek funding to support training or retraining and can apply at any time. A three-member trustee board reviews the submissions and makes spending decisions.

The Trust also announced that the next round of applications will be accepted from October 15 until November 15.

An application guide and forms are online at <https://novascotia.ca/forestry-trust/>



Premier Tim Houston met October 8, with Nova Scotia Power CEO Peter Gregg and members of his executive team, Nova Scotia members of Parliament, Liberal Leader Iain Rankin and NDP Leader Gary Burrill to discuss the path to achieving clean, affordable energy in Nova Scotia by 2030. Environment and Climate Change Minister Tim Halman and Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton also attended. (CNS Photo)

Students, Farms Benefit from Bursary

Students with work experience on a farm can still apply for a 2021-2022 Nova Scotia Agriculture On-Farm Student Bursary to help them pursue post-secondary studies. More than 200 Nova Scotia students have been awarded the bursaries since their introduction in 2019, with 180 farms participating. The governments of

Canada and Nova Scotia support the initiative through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

“These bursaries help address the labour gap for primary agriculture producers in Nova Scotia, and introduce agriculture as a viable career option for students,” said Greg Morrow, Minister of Agricul-

ture. “I encourage eligible students to apply before the deadline.”

Since 2019, \$170,000 in bursaries has been awarded to Grade 12 and post-secondary students in the province. The 2021-2022 program is open for applications until November 30.

Protecting the Patients, Providers, and Staff

The Province is taking action to protect patients, health-service providers and staff of healthcare facilities from protests intended to interfere with Nova Scotians accessing hospital and other healthcare services.

The Protecting Access to Health Services Act, introduced on October 14, will prohibit protests and other disruptive activities at healthcare facilities and the homes of patients who receive healthcare services at home.

The legislation will establish a 50-metre safe-access

bubble zone around facilities such as hospitals, mental-health services, home-care services, long-term care services, clinics, doctors’ offices and pharmacies. Peaceful protests can occur outside that perimeter.

“Nova Scotians have the right to access healthcare without fear for their health and safety. This includes patients and their families,” said Premier Tim Houston. “While Nova Scotians have a right to protest, protests cannot be allowed to disrupt access to healthcare. People need to be

able to go to work or access the help they need without facing intimidation or harassment.”

The legislation will strike a balance between the rights to protest and free expression and the right of patients to access healthcare, and the need to keep health-service providers and the staff of healthcare facilities safe.

The legislation will come into force upon Royal Assent.



Winter Parking Restrictions Parrsboro & Springhill

Parking is restricted on municipal streets in the above communities between midnight and 7 a.m. or at any other time that could interfere with snow clearing operations.

Vehicles left unattended during these times may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner’s cost and risk.

Please remember that snow from private residences is not allowed to be pushed into or across a municipal street, by either a resident or private contractor removing snow for a resident or business.

These temporary parking restrictions shall be in full force and effect from November 20, 2021 until April 15, 2022.

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Hearts of Granite Loyal Souls (a peace-keepers prayer)

A walk amongst the headstones
 Reading one here and there
 I hear their cries and moans
 Are you really here to care

For we were once amongst you

Our names are clearly marked here
 From our birth to when we died
 Do you think it was without fear
 For when it happened we had cried

For we were once amongst you

Please remember us as you pray
 For we too had been amongst you
 Please remember that eleventh day
 Please promise to remember us too!

For we were once amongst you

God bless and thank-you, Thomas a. Marshall (Ex-Navy)
 Book “the tracery of trees”