



Pictured in front of the Marigold Centre in Downtown Truro is a fellow who tunes his guitar in time for Music Week, November 4th to 7th. So many great artists are coming to perform at many venue locations. Do not be disappointed, check out the dates, times and locations of your favorite performers. Visit NSMW.CA (Debbie Brown Photo)

Tenant Protections to be Strengthened

New rules to protect tenants against renovation evictions are included in amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act that introduced on October 20. "We need to do more to protect tenants," said Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services. "The changes we have proposed are part of our government's larger effort to protect tenants and address the housing challenges in the province. Our work is just beginning, and we intend to bring more changes forward in the future."

The proposed amendments address the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission's recommendation to modernize provincial legislation to enhance renter protections against evictions due to renovations. The measures include: tenants will be given a minimum of three months notice before they can be evicted due to renovations; mutual agreements to terminate a lease between tenants and landlords must be in writing; if a tenant does not agree to terminate the

tenancy, landlords must make an application under the Province's residential tenancies program for an eviction order; landlords must give the tenant between one and three months rent as compensation for the eviction and landlord violations of the new protections can lead to additional compensation for tenants such as covering moving expenses or paying the difference between the tenant's new unit and the rent paid for their former unit, for up to one year.

Other tenant protections in the bill include: rental increase notices can only contain one amount, regardless of whether the tenant decides to renew their tenancy as a month-to-month or yearly lease; landlords cannot charge different rental rates for different lease terms; a streamlined security deposit claim process so it is easier for tenants to get back their security deposits and landlords must provide a 24-hour written notice to enter tenants' units unless the tenant gives permission or there is an emergency.

Changes that will increase efficiency and provide clarity around processes for landlords include: flexible effective dates for rental increase notices that are no longer tied to an anniversary date; such notices are still limited to once a year and when a tenant's dispute of a rental eviction notice is dismissed, an eviction order can be issued.



MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER
SPECIAL BY-ELECTION
COUNCILLOR DISTRICT 10
NOTICE OF POLL

A Special By-Election will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 for a Councillor in District 10 in the Municipality of Colchester. Electors may vote between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm at the locations listed below or at the advance poll. The advance polls will be held on Saturday, October 30 and Tuesday, November 2, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm.

You qualify to vote if you meet all the following:

- You are 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen as of October 30, 2021;
- You have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia as of April 29, 2021;
- You are ordinarily resident in District 10 in the Municipality of Colchester and have been so since October 29, 2021;
- You are not otherwise disqualified to vote in the Municipal elections.

CANDIDATE	ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS
Victoria Lomond	November 6, 2021 (8:00am - 7:00pm) 10A Five Islands Fire Hall 10B Economy Recreation Centre
Rebecca Taylor	10C Bass River Fire Hall 10D Londonderry Community Centre 10E Great Village Fire Hall 10F Masstown United Church

Advance Poll Location: Great Village Fire Hall

**Saturday, October 30 and
Tuesday November 2, 2021 (12pm - 8pm)**

Descriptions of the polling divisions are available at the Returning Office. Information may be obtained on the website www.colchester.ca or by calling 902-956-9592.

Guy Wheeler
Returning Officer
Municipality of Colchester
October 14, 2020

*Raymond Tynes
Human Rights Commission*



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The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy. We welcome applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians, other racially visible people, persons with disabilities, women, and other employment equity groups. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

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Shoreline Journal is November 16

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