

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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events that we should expect to see more of because of global climate change," said Environment and Climate Change Minister Timothy Halman. "The additional funding we are announcing today will help more Nova Scotians to prepare and plan for climate change so that we lessen its impacts and make our communities stronger and more resilient."

The fund was launched with \$15 million available over three years. The first call for proposals generated 102 applications requesting \$37 million in funding. To date, more than \$3.7 million for 14 projects has been announced.

The call for the second round of applications will be announced in the coming weeks. Those interested in receiving notification can register for the fund's mailing list at: <https://nschallengefund.ca/contact/#mailing-list>

Review of Information, Privacy Legislation Launched

Nova Scotians have until November 30 to provide their input on the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act as part of a review of the 30-year-old legislation.

The review of the FOIPOP Act is part of a comprehensive review of the information access and privacy legislative framework in Nova Scotia. An internal working group will also be looking at the Privacy Review Officer Act, the Personal Information International Disclosure Protection Act and Part 20 of the Municipal Government Act.

The group's work will include a review of past recommendations by the former information and privacy commissioner and targeted consultations with the commissioner's office, government departments, municipalities, the media, legislative caucus offices and public bodies affected by the legislation.

Submissions are welcome from all Nova Scotians, and the deadline is November 30. They can be made online at <https://novascotia.ca/information-access-and-privacy-engagement> or by mail: Department of Justice, ATTN: FOIPOP Modernization, P.O. Box 7, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2L6.

The working group will prepare a package of legislative options and recommendations for submission to the Minister of Justice to be tabled in the House of Assembly.

Two Judges, Interim SiRT Director Appointed

Two new judges - Alonzo Wright, KC (King's counsel) and Mark Heerema, both of Halifax - have been appointed to the provincial court effective September 28.

Mr. Wright has practised criminal law since 1996. A senior Crown attorney with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service, he was responsible for handling some of the most complex, high-profile criminal cases in the province, including sexual assaults, homicides and cyber crime. In December 2022, he was appointed Director of the Serious Incident Response Team (SiRT).

Mr. Heerema graduated with a master of law from the University of Cambridge and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2007. He soon joined the Public Prosecution Service's special prosecution team as a Crown attorney. He handled complex, high-profile cases including sexual assaults, fraud, aggravated assaults, homicides and dangerous offender applications. Mr. Heerema is also published in the areas of mental health law, criminal law and constitutional law.

With these appointments, the provincial court will have a full complement of judges.

With Mr. Wright's appointment to the bench, Erin Nauss has been appointed interim Director of SiRT. Ms. Nauss has 17 years of legal experience and joined the Department of Justice in 2007 as a solicitor. She has been a legal advisor to SiRT for many years and has advised senior Department of Justice officials on various matters, including the Police Act. A permanent director for SiRT will be appointed and announced at a later date.

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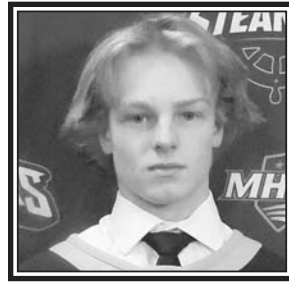
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Bearcats Acquire Local Forward Tucker

The Truro Junior A Bearcats have acquired local 18 year old forward, Aiden Tucker and future considerations from Sudbury (NOJHL) in exchange for the rights to Mason Chitaroni.

Tucker started the season with the West Kent Steamers appearing in 6 games before his rights were moved to



Aiden Tucker, #16, RW, 5'4", Shoots Right, Born Truro, NS

BEARCAT BANTER: Things Are Tight

It was a nice trip, but the results were mixed.

For sure, the road trip to Campbellton, then Miramichi, is taxing, and the competition is normally tough. In Campbellton, Friday the 13th, the Bearcats got accustomed to the Olympic-sized ice surface quickly and got on the scoreboard early.

The Tiger response was quick, as well, and from that point on things were pretty even, forcing OT. The Bearcats scored with twenty-seven seconds left in the extra session to claim the win, their second OT win of the month.

Saturday, the 14th, in Miramichi, the Bearcats scored two unanswered in the first period, then the Timberwolves picked up four unanswered in the second. The final period was dead even, with the win ultimately going to the hometown Timberwolves, the sixteenth ranked team in the nation last week.

In both games, the Bearcats were ready to play at the drop of the puck. Both games were competitive and even in most departments. Both games were entertaining.

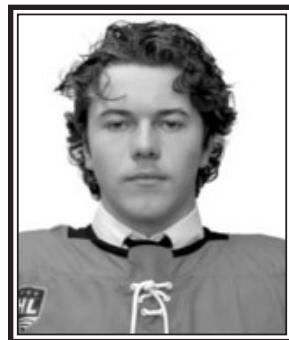
The following week, the Bearcats prepared for three games stretched over four days, with plenty of travel thrown in. It started with a trip to Summerside on Thursday, (loss 4-2) a game at the RECC against Amherst on Saturday (win 7-3), then on the road to Berwick to meet the Valley Wildcats on Sunday (win 4-2). The Bearcats defeated the Capitals in OT early in

the month. Summerside, currently tied with Yarmouth for top spot in the Eastlink South Division, wants to even the score on that one.

In the only meeting with Amherst this season, the Bearcats came up short in the scoring department. The Bearcat mission was clear.

The Wildcats picked up their first win of the season last week, an OT road win in New Glasgow. They're looking to claw their way out of the Divisional basement. The Divisional Standings are close one-through-four and are subject to change weekly - stay tuned.

The Boston Pizza Bearcat Player-of-the-Week (ending Oct. 15) is forward Liam Welsh. He picked up two goals and a pair of assists, including on the OT winner in Campbellton. He added an assist in the Miramichi game, to edge out teammate, Lucas Canning, who scored four goals for the weekend for the honour.



#81 Liam Welsh, Halifax, NS 5'8", 175 lbs. #18, Forward

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Sudbury just the other day.

He was a member of the Atlantic champion Weeks U18 Majors last season where he registered 27 points in 35 regular season

games and another 21 points in 12 playoff games to help Weeks to their first provincial championship in over 20 years.

Welcome home, Aiden!

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