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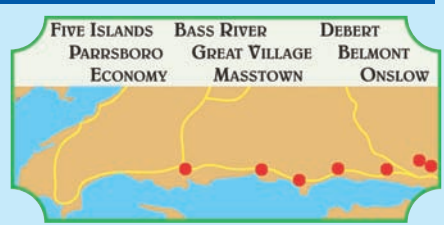


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RECC Denied \$300,000 in Funding

By Maurice Rees

The Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society (CNSTDS), although not fully formulated and functional, has sent a letter to Matt Moore, CEO Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society, which operates the RECC informing him they will not be providing \$150,000 funding which was originally requested of the County of

Colchester and Town of Truro (\$75,000 each) for the upcoming World U17 hockey challenge.

A similar request for \$75,000 was asked of Colchester Council to support the Nova Scotia Stampede, which was being held on September 18 at council's meeting on September 18th. Colchester Council learned Truro had been asked for similar amount.

The two events requests to two councils comprise the \$300,000 which has been denied.

The October 14th two page letter, contains lots of vital information, but was too large to reproduce so we have pulled five extracts from the letter and have printed them in a sidebar.

EXERPT (1, seen on page 3), mentioned both councils deferred decision to CNSTDS on a

total of \$150,000 in funding for the World U17 Hockey Challenge. No mention was made to the Nova Scotia Stampede, which was held a month ago, three days after being discussed at Colchester Council and at a separate time by Truro council.

In the next paragraph of the letter CNSTDS stated it does not have sufficient information to make a funding decision. In EXERPT (2, seen on page 3) it is pointed out the municipalities, where the tax is collected, intend the funds to be used as primary funding for major events in the region.

The CNSTDS letter in EXERPT (3, seen on page 3), in a lengthy list of requirements stated, as of this time, it has not received the necessary documentation to support a funding request. This excerpt concluded: "the society is unable to complete the necessary due diligence to consider or approve funding for 2025".

What several business owners have said concerning other similar major events, particularly World Hockey events "it appears most attendees are local residents, with out of town visitors largely comprised of players, scouts and families, or groups that have a more limited impact on the local tourism economy, was the main message in EXERPT (4, seen on page 3)

In EXERPT (5, seen on page 3), the board stresses that since the World U17 Hockey Challenge does not appear to be in jeopardy and is proceeding without funding being provided, even though the event is important, "we currently have no clear rationale for the funding request or clarity on how the proposed funds would be spent".

In background information circulated to council for its October 16th committee meeting it was noted council had deferred decision on the hockey challenge to the not yet formalized CNSTDS board at its September 11, 2025 Council Committee meeting. Council discussed that the Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society (Tourism Society) has been established to administer marketing levy funds and oversee future major event funding decisions. Council discussed that the Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society (Tourism Society) has been established to administer marketing levy funds and oversee future major event funding decisions.

The Tourism Society is not yet formally incorporated; however, board members have been appointed, and they are meeting regularly to discuss foundational

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Reconciliation IS for Everyone:
Futureworx, in partnership with Millbrook First Nation, will present **Reconciliation IS for Everyone: An Evening with Niigaan Sinclair** - a powerful public event dedicated to truth, storytelling, action, and shared responsibility on the journey toward reconciliation.

Taking place Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the Marigold Cultural Centre in Truro, this event features Niigaan Sinclair - award-winning writer, educator, and one of Canada's most influential voices on reconciliation.

Sinclair is widely respected for his ability to blend history, lived experience, and forward-looking insight in a way that invites audiences to listen, reflect, and act. His message challenges individuals, organizations, and communities to see reconciliation not as a distant aspiration, but as a collective responsibility that begins with each of us. Reconciliation is a process of learning, unlearning, and building relationships rooted in respect," says Randy Lindsay, Futureworx CEO. "We are honoured to create a space where our community can come together to hear a voice as impactful as Niigaan's."

EVENT DETAILS:

Location: Marigold Cultural Centre, Truro, NS on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Doors Open: 6:00 PM - Networking social with cash bar & light refreshments by Van & Co. Opening Remarks and Ceremony: 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$20 | Available via TicketPro. For tickets, visit:
<https://tproatlantic.ticketpro.ca/en/pages/1663625035>

This event is supported by community partners including the Nova Scotia Career Development Association, Mosaik Credit Union, Halifax Global, Shumba Consulting, and Truro Buzz.

WHY IT MATTERS: Reconciliation is not a destination, but a shared journey that calls on everyone to: Create space for truth; Amplify Indigenous voices; Reflect on our roles in community healing and Commit to action, allyship, and change.

This event is an invitation to engage with these responsibilities in a meaningful and accessible way.

"Old Fashioned Christmas Social" - December 13TH

The Bass River Heritage Society invites everyone to an "Old Fashioned Christmas Social" to be held at the Bass River Heritage Museum (5666 Highway #2, Bass River) on Saturday, December 13th from 1:00 pm

to 3:00 pm.

There will be hot cider, a bake sale, Christmas cards and ornaments for sale, and music performed by Jim Yorke! We hope to see everyone out to help us celebrate the holiday season!



Remembrance Day Service

Veterans Memorial Park
5653 Highway 2, Bass River, NS

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
at 10:45 a.m.

Reception to follow
at Victoria Hall
All are Welcome!

Please join us as we honour
our Veterans ...

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Orders must be received by November 5th

Remembrance Day Service will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River on November 11 commencing at 10:45am. Reception will follow at Victoria Hall.

Founding Publisher, Ken Kennedy passes at 84

By Maurice Rees

I first met Ken Kennedy and beloved wife, Velma shortly after purchasing The Shoreline Journal in February 2008 from Donna Benoit, whom he sold it to five years earlier. He was a gem of a man. Ken and Velma were "founding publishers" of The Shoreline Journal having started it in 1994 about same time as he retired after serving as a Tel-Op

in the Signals Corps with Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years.

Because he enjoyed seeing some of his newspaper friends, Ken took on several small projects to assist me while I was cutting my teeth on the paper. His guidance assisted me to learn what readers expected. We spent several enjoyable hours together in 2008-2010. Ken enjoyed telling me about the early days

of publishing the Shoreline, especially "since he had no experience".

On one occasion, Ken asked me to be aware, even on the first issue he and Velma had help. He said right from the start, Linda Harrington showed up and they had fun cutting up strips of paper and gluing them min place to set up the pages even though they did not know what they

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