



## Chelsea Weatherbee selected 2025 Staff Person of the Year



On October 8th Truro's Chelsea Weatherbee gained national prominence. The Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada (CCEC) announced Chelsea Weatherbee, membership & Special Projects Coordinator with the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, has been named 2025 Staff Person of the Year.

CCEC's Staff Person of the Year Award is presented to a Chamber professional who has demonstrated significant performance achievements, dedication to teamwork, and a commitment to professional development and growth.

Chelsea joined the Truro & Colchester Chamber in 2020, and has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the Chamber's members during that time. Chelsea led personal outreach to over 500 members to collect insights on new member-focused programming. This outreach led to a number of impactful Chamber initiatives, including a Health & Wellness Guide to support workplace wellness, a Signage & Beautification Program to enhance local storefronts, a Website Program to help businesses establish an online presence, and The Brand Plan, connecting members with local professionals in

design, video, and marketing. Last year, Chelsea stepped in as the Chamber's Acting Executive Director. While leading the Chamber as its sole staff person, she continued to grow the Chamber's membership and deliver successful events while implementing a new mental health support program for businesses. References praised Chelsea for consistently bringing energy, professionalism, and excellence into all her endeavors.

Chelsea has demonstrated a deep commitment to her community, and has represented the Chamber on economic development, tourism and immigration boards. She is a founding committee member of Explore Central Nova Scotia, and designed its 2025 tourism guide. Chelsea actively participates in the Chamber Network, and holds the Bronze-level Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) designation.

"Chelsea Weatherbee embodies the professionalism, creativity, and dedication that make Chambers trusted partners in communities across Canada," said CCEC President Acacia Pangilinan. "We are honoured to recognize her as CCEC's 2025 Staff Person of the Year."

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### Notes from our Federal Capital When Rural Communities Lead the Way

You know that feeling when you're running between meetings, surviving on gas station coffee, and suddenly something clicks that makes all the chaos make sense? That was me in early October, sitting in a meeting room in Ottawa with cattle ranchers who manage operations and work hours that would intimidate the best of us. And I'm thinking: this is exactly why I ran for office. I'm not interested in having fuzzy, theoretical conversations about "rural challenges". I'm here to listen and learn about specific problems and specific solutions — and then connecting problem-solvers.

#### The Business of Keeping Rural Communities Alive

I spent a good chunk of this month in rooms with people who actually make our communities work. Meeting with the Oxford Town Council wasn't just about municipal business — it was about a community refusing to accept that being a rural community means accepting something "less than". When I connected with the NSCC Springhill leadership team, I saw

### Notes from our Provincial Capital Doctor Waitlist Drop Shows Healthcare Plan is Working

Government's efforts to connect more Nova Scotians with the care they need are working.

Nova Scotia is marking a significant milestone for our healthcare system. We've achieved another substantial reduction in the number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry.

More than 6,540 Nova Scotians were attached to a family doctor over the last month, bringing the number down to 77,526, which is 7.3 per cent of our population. This is by far the lowest in the country. And we are on the right path. This time last year, that number was 145,000.

That is quite a drop, and it is because the investments and initiatives we've been making are working. These include:

- a new program to recognize the credentials of more internationally trained doctors, faster
  - 60 new and strengthened clinics to connect Nova Scotians to primary care along with 46 primary care clinics at pharmacies
  - the award-winning Physician Assessment Centre of Excellence (PACE)
- This is on top of funding to establish a new nursing program at Acadia Uni-

versity and more nurse training at universities and the Nova Scotia Community College across the province.

The impact of these investments is undeniable. Investments in health, mental health and seniors grew from \$5.1 billion in 2021-22 to \$8.3 billion this year. These investments are producing results for Nova Scotians.

According to the latest Action for Health data:
 

- the number of new doctors coming to the province is up 80%
- nurse practitioners are up 390%
- registered nurses are up 260%

 The job is not done, but the plan is working. More Nova Scotians are accessing care and we are making progress.

When our government began our journey to fix healthcare, we were clear that it would take time, and that it would cost money. It has. But you are worth it. I know that we made the right decision. We won't

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Alana Hirtle



Tim Houston

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### Notes from our Provincial Capital Coastal Protection act -awaiting supporting regulations

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Some rain would be nice, however, the warm sunny days have been awesome!

Remembrance Day will soon be here. I encourage everyone to take the time on November 11 to get out to recognize and honor the brave men and women served to protect our freedom and the freedom of many others around the world. Honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice as well as those that returned to us damaged, both physically and mentally. There will be 7 different services in Colchester North. I will be attending in Economy, Debert and Londonderry.

I want to take a moment to congratulate Karen Faulkner of Bass River currently residing and teaching in Yellowknife and summering in Bass. Karen has been teaching in Yellowknife for 15 years. She will soon be travelling to Ottawa where she will receive the Prime Ministers award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations Karen, the young children in Yellowknife are very fortunate to have you { Ms Karen } as a teacher and mentor.

I chair the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development. This week the subject will be the Coastal Protection act. Undoubtedly there will be lots of Media about it. The Coastal Protection act was first introduced by the previous government and passed unanimously in the Legislature pending supporting regulations in 2019. Coastal protection is something that we all would naturally support. We all treasure our shorelines! However, regulations are

a much bigger challenge.

The basic premise is to regulate what can be built / developed as well as when with. Our government began again in 2021 and in 2024 decided not to proclaim the Act. As much as I respect and where. How close to shoreline was one very contentious regulation. There are some many variables from the gravel and high erosion areas along the Minas Basin here in West Colchester to the Rocky Ragged Coastline around the Eastern Shore and Peggys Cove.

The previous government would have begun developing regulations after the Bill was passed in 2019 and presumably could not find wording they could be comfortable and treasure our coastline, I personally was never able to fully support the regulations. I could never find a balance. I do not own beach front property. But I do recognize the traditional and historic family use as well as the value of these properties.

I absolutely believe that owners must be permitted to armor and protect these valuable properties. I do agree that there needs to be restrictions on building too close to the shoreline.

However, as I commented earlier there are so many differences in the soil type and erodibility throughout NS and the idea that in order to build or develop

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Tom Taggart

### Notes from our Provincial Capital More Seniors Get Provincial Tax Refunds

The Province has mailed about 19,000 tax refunds to low-income seniors through a program offered only in Nova Scotia. That is over 2,000 more seniors than last year. The total value of the tax refund is \$31 million. Nova Scotian seniors who receive the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and pay provincial income tax are eligible for a refund of their provincial tax. The number of eligible seniors has grown because of demographic changes. Seniors who work can earn more money and pay provincial income tax while still qualifying for the federal GIS. The Province assesses eligibility and processes refunds based on tax returns. Seniors do not have to apply for this refund, but they must file a tax return every year. Those who did not file a return for the 2024 taxation year, but who are eligible, can still receive the refund when they file a tax return.

#### Province Helps Address Food Insecurity

More communities in Nova Scotia will have reliable access to healthy food with the creation of three new collaborative food networks. Scott Armstrong, Minister of Opportunities and Social Development, made the announcement Wednesday, September 10, at a community event in Truro. Collaborative food networks bring together local organizations, partners and suppliers to address food insecurity in ways that reflect the unique needs and strengths of each community.

Each received a \$200,000 one-time grant from the Province to support com-

munity programming, operations and startup costs. These new community grants are part of \$2 million in funding to support 10 collaborative food networks across the province, including the Colchester Food Network, which has been serving communities in Colchester County for 40 years.

#### Protection Against RSV

Infants under eight months and adults 75 years and older will soon have access to free protection against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

As of September 10, Nova Scotians aged 75 and older can book their free RSV vaccine through pharmacies and public health, with the first appointments Monday, September 15. Primary care providers will begin offering the vaccine in November. The program for infants under eight months will be offered every year during the RSV season, which typically begins in late fall and lasts until spring. Newborns will be offered their dose before being discharged from hospital, and other eligible infants can receive their dose from their primary care provider or public health. This year, the program runs from October 15 to April 30.

RSV is a common respiratory virus that can lead to severe complications such

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