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Funding for Mineral Exploration, Research

The Province is supporting mineral exploration, research and education projects across Nova Scotia to better understand the province's mineral resources and support their responsible development.

The Mineral Resources Development Fund is supporting 17 projects in 2026-27, including:

- $8,000 for GeoLearns, a small business in Cumberland County, for earth science hands-on learning kits for teachers and students
- $100,000 for Military Metals Corp. to support drilling at its West Gore Antimony Project in Hants County, a significant producer during the First World War
- $61,130 for Saint Mary's University earth sciences professor Jacob Hanley, for student research focused on better understanding of critical mineral deposits, particularly lithium, in southwestern Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia has the resources the world needs, and we have an opportunity to develop them responsibly right here at home," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources. "Supporting exploration, development and research is an important step in moving projects forward, attracting investment and creating good-paying jobs and opportunities for Nova Scotians."

The Province is providing $1.5 million this year. Established in 2018, the Mineral Resources Development Fund has supported more than 450 projects with about $12 million in funding.

Nova Scotia's mining sector contributes more than $400 million annually to Nova Scotia's economy. Momentum in the mining sector in Nova Scotia is building, with several projects advancing this year.

FORCE will recover a FAST platform

In the coming days, the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) will recover a FAST platform at the FORCE test area. The platform has been testing the capabilities of monitoring equipment and trialing platform positioning techniques in support of the Ocean Sensor Innovation Platforms (OSIP) project.

You may see brief vessel activity during daylight hours, including placing and retrieving equipment. Work will take place only when weather and sea conditions are suitable. Operations will be conducted from the Nova Endeavour, operated by Huntley's Diving and Marine. If you have any questions, please contact me at **kirsti.mason@fundyforce.ca** or (902) 254-2510.

Minimum Wage Rises to $17

Nova Scotia's minimum wage increased to $17 per hour today, October 1, helping more workers keep up with the cost of living. The second minimum wage adjustment this year – following the April 1 increase to $16.75 – follows the unanimous recommendation of the Minimum Wage Review Committee, which includes employee and employer representatives.

The adjustment reflects the consumer price index plus one per cent, as outlined in the minimum wage regulations. The phased approach is designed to help workers while giving employers time to adapt.

To help Nova Scotians get ahead, the Province is also: Delivering more than $680 million in tax-saving measures that will save the average Nova Scotian family more than $1,400 this year: providing the More Opportunity for Skilled Trades and Occupations Tax Refund for eligible workers under age 30; making the Heating Assistance Rebate Program permanent at $400 per year; investing $1.7 billion through Our Homes,

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Bearcat Banter:
No Easy Games

The Truro Bearcats returned from Northern New Brunswick with a weekend split on the weekend of October 17 and 18.

In Edmundston, the hometown Blizzard exploded for three unanswered goals in the second period. Truro came short of duplicating that in the third with a pair. The 3-2 loss was the Bearcat's first regulation loss of the season.

Sunday, in Grand Falls, the Bearcats took a one goal lead in the first period and never relinquished it enroute to the 4-3 win.

Cedrik Laberge and Callum Aucoin each scored a pair to lead the Bearcats. Both games were strong road efforts.

The Bearcats came into Week 7 sitting second in the South Division with an 8-1-2-0 record.

Valley was at the top with 25 points accumulated over 15 games played.

Friday, October 23, the Bearcats had the rematch with Edmundston Blizzard. Truro led after the first period 1-0, but Edmonton got four in the second and an empty net late in the third to take away a 5-3 victory.

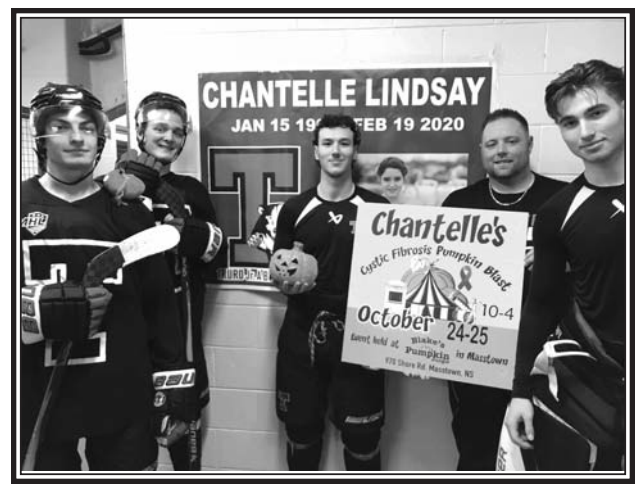
The North's second place Blizzard are led by a pair of twenty-year old Quebec players, both returnees, both four year juniors and both in the Top 10 scoring. Noah Larochelle split his first two seasons between Victoriaville and Cape Breton. Last year, he split the season between West Kent and the Blizzard. Over the last two MHL seasons he's picked up 65 points in 55 games.

William Lebranche spent his first two years in Gatineau before splitting last year between Baie Comeau and Edmundston. He's dangerous. In 66 MHL games he accumulated 106 points.

Saturday, October 24, Truro was in Berwick to face the Valley Wildcats. Valley got two in the first, then one each in the second and third to take the 4-2 victory. Truro's markers by Jace Evans and Antoine Fontaine kept the Wildcats honest, but now are down 2-1 in these teams three games this season.

Both require attention.

Next comes four games on the road before Truro's next home game, Friday, November 13.



The Bearcats were once again taking part in Chantelle's Pumpkin Blast, On October 24th and 25, in support of the Chantelle Lindsay Legacy Fund. The Jr. Bearcats teamed up with the Senior Bearcats for autographs, pictures, contests and games involving the players.

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