

# The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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## Immigration continues to increase

So far in 2019, the number of new permanent residents in Nova Scotia is higher than for the same period last year. Nova Scotia has welcomed 3,393 new residents so far this year compared to 2,965 new permanent residents. Nova Scotia received these preliminary numbers from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. A total of 5,970 new permanent residents arrived in 2018 - the highest ever. More than 67 per cent of them were approved through provincial programs and the Atlantic Immigration Pilot. More information on the Office of Immigration can be found at <http://www.novascotiainmigration.com>

## Continuing the fight against RCMP relocation

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce has received support from both the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Atlantic Chamber of Commerce in its lobby to retain about 55 RCMP jobs in Truro. In response to the RCMP's plan to move its Truro Operational Communications Centre to Halifax Regional Municipality by February 2021, the three business organizations, along with Millbrook First Nation, submitted a joint letter to Bernadette Jordon, Minister of Rural and Economic Development. The letter was sent to Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Cumberland-Colchester MP Bill Casey. "We are asking government work with the RCMP to halt its plans to move the Centre until an impact analysis is completed, along with undertaking meaningful effort to engage with community partners to examine solutions to retain these jobs in Truro," said Ron Smith, President of the Truro and Colchester chamber.

## Perkins files lawsuit against Atlantic Gold

John Perkins has filed a lawsuit against Atlantic Gold Corporation and the RCMP stemming from his arrest at a public information session organized by the gold mining corporation at the Sherbrooke Fire Hall on May 23, 2019. Atlantic Gold plans to develop three new gold mines in the province, and it organized the public meeting to provide an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the company's plans to avoid environmental contamination in the management and storage of toxic tailings that will be generated in the proposed mining operations. Perkins attended the meeting. Perkins alleges Atlantic Gold's Chief Operating Officer and company director, Maryse Belanger, instructed Atlantic Gold security manager, Terry Moser, to report to the RCMP that Perkins and others were causing a disturbance at the meeting. He alleges that the security manager did as he was told and called 911. Perkins denies that he or anyone else was causing a disturbance at the meeting and says that those allegations were false and malicious and were in response to some challenging questions he had asked at an earlier session in a polite and courteous manner. Perkins is represented by lawyer Brian Hebert, of McKiggan Hebert Lawyers. Friends of John created a GoFundMe campaign to assist with the costs of the lawsuit.

## Funds to help communities attract doctors

A new grant program to support communities trying to attract and keep doctors and their families is open for applications. Government launched the \$200,000 Healthy Communities Stream under the Culture Innovation Fund. It is meant to help community leaders successfully connect new doctors to communities. Municipalities, museums, libraries, social enterprises, First Nations communities and community groups and cultural organizations that are registered Nova Scotia not-for-profits may apply. Funding is available up to a maximum of \$25,000. For more information, visit, <https://novascotia.ca/culture-innovation-fund-healthy-communities/>

## Tourism Nova Scotia Wins National Travel Award

Tourism Nova Scotia has taken home the 2019 Explore Canada Industry Award of Excellence for its Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl media campaign. Each year Destination Canada celebrates the storytelling of the travel media and tourism industry that inspires travellers to discover Canada. To see more about the award presentation go to, <https://youtu.be/4VjFBtPIEZO>

## Jackalope Atlantic Festival May 2020

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) in Truro, Nova Scotia will be hosting Jackalope 2020 Internationally acclaimed pros, skateboarder Tony Hawk and BMX Mat Hoffman to perform in May 15-17, 2020. Jackalope action sports festival promises to deliver adrenaline and thrills when it welcomes to a contingent of elite extreme sports athletes. Full Festival Ticket Packages are and start at \$39.75 plus taxes/fees for this All Ages/19+ event at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre Box Office, at any TicketPro outlet, online at ticketpro.ca or by phone at 1-888-311-9090. To get involved as a Jackalope Atlantic partner/sponsor please contact [mmoore@ratheastlinkcc.ca](mailto:mmoore@ratheastlinkcc.ca) To learn more, view: <https://jackalope.tribu.co/atlantic-2020/>

## Colchester to get \$3.4-Million in Gas Tax

Summer marks the time of year when Infrastructure Canada flows the first of two semi-annual \$27.9 million federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) installments to Nova Scotia for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In addition to the annual GTF allocation, the province will receive a top-up payment of \$58.5 million, made available through Budget 2019. The one-time top-up payment will double the amount of funding for every municipality across the country. This is great news for Colchester, which will receive its first installment of \$1,670,280 as its annual allocation, and an additional \$1,762,312 through the top-up.

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# North River's Gallant has Successful Competition



The Gold and Silver winning teams in the World Over 50 Hybrid relay. Shown are Team Germany (Silver) with a time of 1:24.67 and team Atlantic Canada (Gold) with a time of 1:24.52. (Submitted)

Guy Gallant, Deputy Chief of the North River Fire Brigade participated in Firefit Canadian and World Championships in Oshawa, Ontario from Sept 11th to 15th 2019, after qualifying at the Regional Firefit held Aug 10th 2019 held in Truro. The regional event was sponsored by the Cobeguid Fire Brigade. Chief local organizer was Dave Osbourne.

The Canadian Competition and World Championships included approximately 400 firefighters from across Canada, USA, Kuwait, England and Germany. The week began with "Wild Card qualifying" races held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the Championship finals held on Saturday for the individual runs and on Sunday for the team events.

Individual Competition for Guy Gallant started with a 4:52 race in Port Elgin Ontario, then followed by a 3:48 race in Truro to qualify to race in the wild card events in Oshawa.

The week in Oshawa started with the first "wild card qualifier race" on Wednesday. He ran the course in 2 min 58 seconds, his season fastest up to that point. On Thursday's wild card qualifier he ran 2 min 45 second run setting a new personal best.

Gallant had to wait until all the races were completed on Friday to find out if his time would be low enough to qualify him to race in the finals on Saturday. As it turns out he qualified for one of the last 2 spots in the Chiefs and over 50 categories.

In the finals on Saturday he again set a new beat my personal best with a 2:41. Gallant

says, "I was ecstatic with my results as you can see in one of the pictures".

Through the year received help and support from many of the fellow firefighters as they helped me train, lending of training props, giving tips on racing the course and even the lending of specialized racing gear. I must also give a shout out to the U-Haul in Truro for lending me the tower to train on as well.

Although he was very pleased with his results, his time wasn't fast enough place in the medals. The top three chiefs and 50 year old's ran in the 1 min 30 seconds to 1:43 seconds range. Gallant said, "Now I'm motivated to continue training and improve and hopefully get to below 2:30".

Colchester county, local residents and firefighters have something to be proud about with Guy Gallant's effort. He ended up in 11th place in the Chief's division. In the over 50 year old Category, he is with the top ten in Canada finishing 1 landed 9th in Canada and 16th internationally and a distant 153rd overall in the men on the final day. (the top firefighter was a blazing world record of 1:10.02)

Team Relay Competition - Over 50 year old relay event GOLD Medal. While at the competition, Gallant and three other competitors formed an over 50 year old Hybrid relay team to compete for the World Over 50 Relay team world championship. We had a firefighter from each Atlantic Province. In the picture: Owen Whelan, Gander NL; Guy Gallant, North River, NS; Blair

Nason, Douglas Harbour, NB and Brad Wonnacott -Charlottetown PEI). We were called the Atlantic Silver Storm.

After our preliminary seeding race we were seeded 3rd going into the knock out round with a time of 1:33. In our first knock out race we beat the Canadian All-star team with a 1:28 race advancing to the Gold medal race against Team Germany. In the end, we ended up beating the German's by 17/100th of a second for the Over 50 year old Hybrid Relay division Gold medal with a 1:24:52 in the Gold medal race for the "Firefit World over 50 hybrid relay" championship.

Father- Son relay race in Truro: A highlight for Gallant this year was getting to race

with his son, Kent Gallant, in Truro in the tandem relay race in August. They posted a time of 2:43 together. Kent is a native of North River, but now resides in King City Ontario where he is also a firefighter.

Four world records broken at the event: Fastest open women, 1 min 51.77 seconds Katherine Ross Brampton, Ont; Fastest woman over 40, 1:59:25 Vanessa Gilbert St-Catherines, Ont; Fastest 64 year old Male, 1:55:25 Steve McAleer CFB Gagetown, Gagetown, NB and Fastest ever Open men, 1:10:02 Ian van Reenan Sarnia Fire Dept, Sarnia, Ont.

Complete results are available at: <https://firefit.com/Results/2019-Results>

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Gold medal received in the Over 50 Hybrid Relay race at the Firefit Canadian and World Championships in Oshawa. (Submitted)

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