

# The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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### New model of inclusive education

New and returning students across the province will benefit from greater access to programs and services this year. As part of the new model of inclusive education in the province, 173 more inclusive education specialists, teachers and non-teaching staff will bring the total number of new supports to 364. Two programs will also be rolled out province-wide. Reading Recovery helps children in Grade 1 who are struggling significantly with reading and writing by working with a reading recovery teacher and one-on-one lessons. SchoolsPlus helps students and families access various supports including mental health services. In addition, the Pre-primary Program will be available in 201 school communities this fall. Busing for eligible pre-primary children and the Nova Scotia Before and After Program will be available in some pre-primary locations this year.

### Evenings to Celebrate Heritage and Artists

Nova Scotians are invited to attend the 2019 fall Evenings at Government House in Halifax to celebrate heritage and artistic excellence. All events are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and include: mark the 75th anniversary of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust, Devin Huang, scholarship recipient, will give a piano recital, Tuesday, Oct. 8; musical performance by Leanne Hoffman in association with the Halifax Pop Explosion, Tuesday, Oct. 22; presentation by author Leo J. Deveau on the Halifax-based infantry regiment the Princess Louise Fusiliers, Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 10th anniversary of its reopening after the major renovation, Christopher McCreery will give a presentation on Government House, Tuesday, Nov. 19.

### Man arrested for multiple vehicle thefts

Eric Gordon Fraser, 30, New Waterford is facing several charges following four separate vehicle thefts starting in Inverness County, to Colchester County. The series of thefts started in Port Hastings on September 6<sup>th</sup>. At 9:10 a.m. on September 7, Colchester District RCMP responded to a call of a theft of a car, and the vehicle stolen from the Inverness Raceway was left there. A family member of the owner of the car tried to stop it from leaving a parking lot, but the suspect struck the family member's vehicle with the stolen car and left the area. At approximately 4 p.m., Truro Police responded to a call of an intoxicated man trying to get into cars in the parking lot of a car dealership in Truro. The suspect was arrested by a member of Truro Police, and turned over to the RCMP. Eric Gordon Fraser, 30, of Inverness has been charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Property Over \$5000, Mischief Under \$5000, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000, and Breach of Probation. He in Truro Provincial Court on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Province Hosts Guangdong Delegation

Premier Stephen McNeil welcomed a delegation from China's Guangdong province on Sept. 9, for two days of meetings on how Nova Scotia and Guangdong can continue to collaborate. Key areas of discussion include air access, education, transportation, culture, seafood, agri-food and tourism. There were discussions about the potential for an exhibit of Chinese artwork to come to Nova Scotia, following the success of a collection of Nova Scotia artists' work in Guangdong. Nova Scotia signed a twinning agreement with Guangdong province in November 2018. Premier McNeil later visited the Chinese province in May 2019 to discuss mutually beneficial opportunities. China is Nova Scotia's largest trading partner with exports valued at \$792 million last year — exports from Nova Scotia include fish and seafood, wild blueberries, wood pulp, tidal, energy and mineral resources. The work of Maud Lewis and six contemporary Nova Scotia female artists are currently on display at the Guangdong Museum of Art. So far, 45,000 visitors have viewed the collection. More Chinese students are studying at Nova Scotia universities every year. Between 2013 and 2018 the number increased by 36 per cent to 3,453.

### NBSI Approves Innovation Rebate

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NBSI) has approved a business development incentive in the form of an innovation rebate for MacKenzie Atlantic Tool and Die / Machining Ltd. Based in the Musquodoboit Harbour area of Halifax Regional Municipality, MacKenzie Atlantic has been an owner-operated machinery facility since 2006. The company will be proceeding with a \$2,213,968 capital investment to implement more robotic machinery adding two computer numerical controlled machines and two inline machines to their facility. MacKenzie Atlantic's modernization of equipment will help to meet increased demand for several projects throughout Canada and also to support additional initiatives in the United States. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$415,992 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending of \$1,663,968.

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someone to return to work and still continue to receive UBI because unlike the social welfare system, UBI encourages people to start or return to work. Green's will also reduce expenses by offering free pharmacare, free tuition, free dental care for people under 16 and by supporting affordable housing.

**(Duchesne - NDP):** I will support the call for a \$15 minimum wage and would argue for the introduction of a basic income. Support for a national Pharmacare program and energy retrofits would reduce the cost of living.

**(Zann - Liberal):** The Liberal Opportunity for All plan - Canada's first ever national poverty reduction strategy - is one I believe in. The new Canada Child Benefit, which has lifted 300,000 kids out of poverty, and is increasing to keep up with the cost of living; the increase of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS); the restored age of eligibility to 65 for old age security, after Stephen Harper's Conservatives had raised it to 67; the new National Housing Strategy, which will see \$40-billion invested over ten years to give Canadians a safe and affordable place to call home; the new Canada Workers Benefit, which will allow low-income workers to take home more money for things like groceries, utility bills and other essentials.

### What type of jobs and at what rate of pay can be created in Cumberland-Colchester in the next two years?

**(Armstrong - Conservative):** There are incredible opportunities in virtually all sectors of our economy. We are rich in natural resources and beauty, we are a transportation hub, and we have a workforce who can compete with any in the world. All we need is to create an environment where business and entrepreneurs can thrive. Local entrepreneurs and workers need to be unburdened by the high taxes and cost of living that the Trudeau Liberals have imposed. We need to understand that we cannot have the highest taxes and the heaviest regulatory burden and still attract jobs. We can compete and succeed against the best the world has to offer if the Government allowed us to compete. A Conservative Government would realize this potential.

**(Blanch - Green Party):** The really beneficial aspect of the Green Party's policy to address the Climate Crisis is the creation of an estimated 4 million new jobs renovating houses and buildings to become Net Zero energy efficient. This work includes insulating, replacing windows and the installation of Solar and Wind energy infrastructure. This infrastructure renewable program alone would create 133,000 jobs in Nova Scotia alone.

**(Duchesne - NDP):** We need more people trained to support our elderly and infirm persons to stay in their homes and to look after them in nursing homes. We need more skilled tradespeople here both for repair and upkeep work and to address the shortage of affordable housing and to retrofit all buildings and make them accessible. We should establish what our infrastructure needs are, physical, social and communications, and work with the community college system to offer training to so that we can meet these needs. These should all be well paid jobs.

**(Zann - Liberal):** In the last four years, we drove Canada's unemployment rate to the lowest level ever recorded, Canadians have more money in their pockets, with the typical middle class family being more than \$2,000 better off every year, compared to 2015. Under our plan, Canadians created over 1 million new jobs. Under Liberal leadership, this momentum will continue. As an MLA, my focus was on protecting our rural way of life and keeping our economy strong. As the Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester that is still my focus.

*An Atlantic Institute of Market Studies (AIMS) report stated excluding federal employees Nova Scotia had the biggest ratio of public sector employees per 1000 population (99 per 1000). It further stated, if provincial and municipal governments in the Atlantic Region reduced the number of employees to the national average (84/1000) of other provinces, the savings of \$1.9-billion would be \$800-Million larger than the combined \$1.1-Billion deficit of the four Atlantic Provinces.*

### How would your expertise assist to achieve those efficiencies and savings, even though it's the provincial and municipal governments who need that adjustment?

**(Armstrong - Conservative):** A government must live within its means. It is immoral to burden future generations with ever-increasing levels of debt. Remember: today's deficits are tomorrow's tax increases! The Trudeau Government has run

massive deficits every year they were in power. They have proven themselves either unwilling or unable to deal with this issue. And make no mistake, this fiscal mismanagement will lead to higher taxes if Trudeau is re-elected. I believe balanced budgets and debt reduction are vital to grow the economy. That way, less money would be needed to pay and service the debt, and more could go to front line services. I will use my voice - and my vote - in Parliament to make sure the Federal Government is living within its means.

**(Blanch - Green Party):** I believe there are opportunities in reducing some public sector employees as we continue with the slow and challenging process of amalgamating municipal communities. The advantages of this go beyond simply saving money and will lead communities to replace competition with collaboration and improved services for all residents. Towns and rural areas need to be treated more equitably by the province with regard to services, particularly the maintenance of roads.

**(Duchesne - NDP):** I would first examine the AIMS report to discern the basis of their conclusions. AIMS is an organization that is based on the premise that markets provide better solutions than governments. Does the report consider the impact that taking away almost 10% of good paying jobs from the riding would mean to the local economy? Does it consider that the loss of those jobs would mean a loss of money being circulated in our communities but also, presumably, a loss of services to our citizens? One would have to do a rigorous analysis of the benefit of the reduction of government debt versus the costs to the local community. What would the citizens of Cumberland Colchester lose in order for us to reduce debt by cutting government jobs?

**(Zann - Liberal):** In my 10 years as an MLA, I forged true bonds and effective working relationships with my provincial and municipal colleagues. I will carry those connections with me as the MP for this riding. It's important to acknowledge that many members of our communities are employed by the government, at all levels. There is no one-size-fits-all solution to governing, we need to acknowledge that what works in one province, may not work everywhere else.

### Do you support all public building being accessible? Did you ensure your campaign offices were accessible prior to opening?

**(Armstrong - Conservative):** Yes. Yes, there is an elevator that can be used to access office.

**(Blanch - Green Party):** I absolutely support all public buildings being accessible and I have had accessibility in front of mind when selecting space for campaign offices. All people in our society deserve equal access to all services of our democracy and society.

**(Duchesne - NDP):** Yes. The needs of our citizens with mobility issues have been neglected for too long. We will ensure our office is accessible.

**(Zann - Liberal):** I firmly believe that all public buildings should be accessible. We are all equal members of society and need to be afforded the same level of dignity and respect. Achieving that level of accessibility can take time, but it can be achieved. My campaign offices are fully accessible. Everyone is welcome.

### What type of jobs and at what rate of pay can be created in Cumberland-Colchester in the next two years? How many jobs should be set as a goal?

**(Armstrong - Conservative):** The Government does not directly create jobs. It puts the policies and funding in place in order for businesses to grow and thrive. I will leave it to our local businesses and entrepreneurs to do the hiring. I will, however, advocate for policies and projects that allow businesses to thrive here in Cumberland-Colchester. These policies include lower taxes, and grants directly into our communities which create jobs and improve our quality of life.

**(Blanch - Green Party):** .....

**(Duchesne - NDP):** We should be able to establish good paying, skilled jobs in green energy infrastructure. We have it all here in Cumberland-Colchester: wind, solar, thermal, wave, and tidal, if we can ever get it developed in a way that works and that doesn't damage fish and whale populations. The goal should be enough jobs to meet the needs of the people of Cumberland Colchester.

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