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## Collaborative Family Practice Clinic Opens

By *Maurice Rees*

On September 8th Tom Taggart MLA said, "I'm pleased to be here today, on behalf of Michelle Thompson, Minister of Health and Wellness to announce the official opening of the Masstown Collaborative Family Practice Clinic".

Access to primary health-

care is a challenge we're faced with in our system today but I am pleased to report the clinic has been accepting patients since June and that is leading to better access to primary healthcare for people living in west Colchester County.

Taggart added, "The clinic

we are in today is a new clinic and the first turnkey clinic in the community. Turnkey clinics remove the administrative burden from healthcare professionals, which allow them to focus their time on patient care. That is also why ownership of the Bass River Collaborative Family Practice clinic

was transitioned to Nova Scotia Health earlier this year".

After consultation with the West Colchester Community Health Centre Society and local community engagement, it was decided that Nova Scotia Health taking on ownership of the clinic would create the most stability and sustainability for the service. Both clinics will benefit from a shared health team. This model creates opportunities for cross coverage. It also allows teams to build support networks by working in a team and sharing finite health human re-

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### FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

#### October 2023

**A Bass River Community Meeting** hosted by MLA Tom Taggart to discuss Option 4 for the new bridge to be built in 2024-2025. The meeting will be held at Victoria Hall, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

**The first session** of the 64th general assembly will resume Thursday, October 12, at 1 p.m.

**The following organizations** will receive a total of \$11,245 to upgrade and expand the accessibility of local trails. Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre: \$7,861 towards replacing stairs, the boardwalk and signage. Tatamagouche Area Trails Association: \$3,384 towards the resurfacing of 3.7 kilometres of trail as well as general management along the provincial rail bed.

**The Annual Pork Dinner** will be held October 7 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth NS. Admission \$17, Under 12 \$8, Under 5 Free. Menu includes roast pork, gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, roll, dessert and tea or coffee. Proceeds to the Recreation Centre.

**Truro and Area Chamber of Commerce** 2023 Small Business Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 19, 2023, 11:30 AM at Legends Gaming & Convention Centre, Millbrook, 15 Legends Ave., Exit 13A off Highway 102, Truro. For advance ticket and information: Office Administration, 902-895-6328 or [oa@tcchamber.ca](mailto:oa@tcchamber.ca)

**Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage** along with MLA Dave Ritcey's Office will have a presentation on what Grants are available to Non-profits, how to apply and how to complete the Grant application. Date: October 26, 2023; Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Truro Fire Hall.

**After a strong start to the year**, visitation softened in June. According to statistics gathered by Tourism Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia welcomed 212,000 visitors in the month of June 2023, a 1% decline (1,000 fewer visitors) compared with June 2022, and a 7% decline (17,000 fewer visitors) compared with June 2019. Softer visitation in June is largely a result of fewer visitors from Atlantic Canada, the largest source of visitors to Nova Scotia. On the other hand, visitation from other parts of Canada and overseas continued to grow even beyond 2019 levels.



Mayor Christine Blair, Dr John Calder, Caleb Grant and others on the Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark team, travelled to Marrakesh, Morocco to attend the UNESCO Global Geoparks 10<sup>th</sup> International conference, September 5-12, 2023. On September 8th, a 6.9 earthquake struck the area. Above, Mayor Blair standing in the entrance to the Marrakech Hotel where the Canadian delegates were staying. See Mayor Christine Blair's story and photos starting on page 16 and see Dr. John Calder's story and photos on page 17. (Submitted)

### TRUTH and RECONCILIATION Day

#### SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

This year, September 30th falls on a Saturday and therefore provincial government offices, public schools, and regulated childcare will be closed on Monday, October 2. Federal government offices and federally regulated workplaces will also be closed on October 2.

Currently, Truth and Reconciliation Day is not a paid general holiday under Nova Scotia's Labour Standards Code, nor a retail closing day under retail closing legislation.

Businesses are not required to close on September 30 or October 2, they can choose to remain open.

We encourage employers to find ways to acknowledge this day and the harms caused by residential schools as a vital part of the reconciliation process.

For more information on Truth and Reconciliation Day, please see: <https://novascotia.ca/lae/employmentrights/truth-and-reconciliation-day.asp>

If you have questions about Nova Scotia's paid general holidays, or Truth and Reconciliation Day, please contact the Labour Standards Division at 1-888-315-0110.

## 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show – Sept 29-Oct 2

By *Angela Masters*

Excitement is building for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. This year's event will be taking place September 29 - October 2 at the Hants County Exhibition Grounds in Windsor, NS.

This event is the largest 4-H show in Canada, and we at 4-H Nova Scotia are very proud of the hard work members, leaders and volunteers put in to their project work throughout the year.

The members competing at Provincial show have been selected through their county competitions to compete at this provincial level, and their pride, dedication, sportsmanship and leadership will be on full display.

Members will start arriving on Friday at 12:00 noon, with the grand opening at 6:30 pm. Spectators will have something to see throughout the weekend as members compete in hands

on competitions, showmanship and judging for the approximately 40 projects offered by 4-H Nova Scotia. These range from Life Skills projects like foods, first aid and crafts to Livestock projects like cattle, horses, rabbits and dogs (and many more!). There is also a Young Speakers for Agriculture public speaking competition exciting tug-of-war pulls. This event is a must-see for any

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