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Funding for Mulgrave Road Theatre

Mulgrave Road Theatre is receiving \$500,000 from the Province's Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund to create a net-zero community space and performance centre.

Mulgrave Road Theatre will renovate and expand the former Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation building in Guysborough to create a new arts and culture facility for the community and the region. The net-zero facility will have solar heat, LED lighting, energy efficient heating and cooling systems, be designed to conserve water, and will use solar energy to generate electricity. The facility will be an environmentally sustainable, welcoming and accessible place. It will also be an example of how community spaces can reduce greenhouse gases, improve Nova Scotia's environment and provide social benefits to Nova Scotians.

The new space is expected to be complete by March 2026.

Contract Awarded for Yarmouth Ferry Study

The Province has awarded a contract to consulting firm, 21 FSP, to do a broad economic impact study on the ferry service between Nova Scotia and Maine. The study will collect data over two sailing seasons to help account for potential fluctuations in passenger numbers. The ferry service resumed last year after not operating in 2021 or 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The contract with 21 FSP is valued at \$180,000, and a final report is expected in fall 2024. The current contract for the ferry service, with Bay Ferries Ltd., ends after the 2025 sailing season.

The service received \$17.6 million from the Province to support the 2022 sailing season; transported 36,151 passengers and 14,972 vehicles in 2022 and the ferry made 113 round trips last year, and 12 round trips were cancelled because of weather.

Former Cabinet Minister, Lloyd Hines, passes

Lloyd Hines, long serving former MLA and cabinet minister Lloyd Hines died September 10. Mr. Hines began his career in public service when he was elected in 1982 to the first Guysborough County District School Board, before being elected as councillor for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough in 1988. He subsequently served the municipality as warden.

In 2013, Mr. Hines was elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie. During his time as MLA, he also served as minister of Natural Resources and minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Public Accounts for 2022-23 Released

The Province released the public accounts for the 2022-23 fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, on September 12. The Province reported a surplus of \$115.7 million compared with an estimated deficit of \$506.2 million when Budget 2022-23 was introduced in March 2022. This reported surplus is an increase of \$375.1 million from the final forecasted deficit of \$259.4 million.

Total consolidated revenues were \$15.6 billion, an increase of \$2.0 billion from the budget estimate, due mainly to changes in tax revenues, recoveries, federal transfers, net income from government business enterprises and investment income. This total includes \$928.6 million in one-time revenue from previous years.

At year end, the net debt was \$17.8 billion. The net debt to GDP ratio for 2022-23 was 31.7 per cent, an improvement from 33.1 per cent a year ago. The Province's net debt now includes \$608.2 million in estimated asset retirement costs due to the adoption of a new accounting standard.

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THE WAIT IS OVER

Hurricanes and hockey aren't a good mix. It seldom ends well.

The MHL did get the season underway on Thursday, September 14, followed by three games on Friday; however, when the winds came up the cancellations shut down the remainder of scheduled games, including the Bearcat home-opener on Saturday, September 16.

The following week, the Bearcats faced the Valley Wildcats, Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the RECC. The Wildcats had a game under their belts and was ready to make things difficult for the Bearcats in their initial game. Cats versus Cats is always a good time, this day Truro found a way to beat Valley's tender Connor Blackwood three times for a 3-2 victory.

Sunday the 24th, the Bearcats hit the road to face Amherst. Game time was set for 2:00 pm.

The Ramblers are coming

off a tough season where they failed to make the playoffs. That is a situation the franchise does not want repeated.

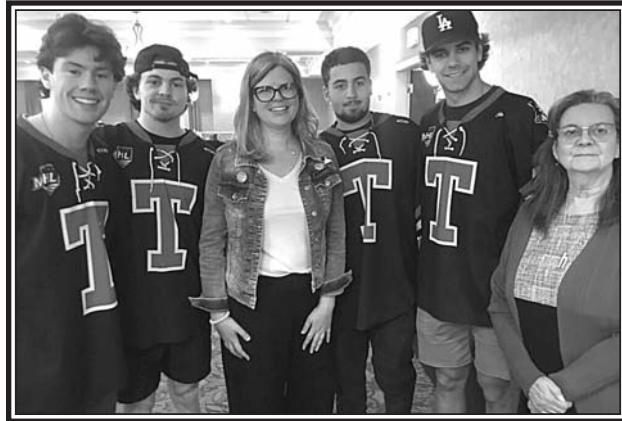
A quick look at their roster indicates quite a changeover. Offensively, eight rookies are listed; however, in the Bearcat-Rambler exhibition game they showed they're ready for the jump to MHL play.

The biggest change for the club was the appointment of Phil Fife as Head Coach and General Manager.

He's a four-year veteran of MHL, with two years spent with Woodstock and another two with the Bearcats, winning a MHL Championship with each franchise.

He spent the last three seasons as Assistant coach with the Estevan Bruins (SJHL). That team won the League Championship in 2022.

As the Ramblers are off to a fresh start, so too, are the Bearcats. From the corner, it's good to see former MHL players taking a leadership



Bearcats Assist United Way

To kick off the season, some of our guys were at the Inn on Prince to help out with the United Way Campaign Kickoff. Pictured left to right are James Beaton, Sam Archibald, Sam Madore (Marketing/Communications Director for United Way), Yacine Chemrouk, Alex Nadeau and Heather Hamilton (Office and Engagements Coordinator for United Way).

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role in the MHL, especially ex-Bearcats.

Both teams are looking forward to Divisional play. It goes without saying that the addition of the Summerside Capitals to the Eastlink South will up the competitive nature of the Division.

Last week, the Bearcats added 18-year-old, Julien

Roy. The 2022 Quebec Rempart pick played last season with Magog U18 and the Mount Academy U18 Saints.

Hats off to Alexandre Nadeau for being named Bearcat Captain. Joining him in the Bearcat Leadership group are Sam Archibald and James Beaton.

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