

RCMP Traffic Stop in Goffs leads to Unstamped Tobacco Seizure

On September 20, at approximately 10:36 a.m., an RCMP officer was conducting proactive patrols on Hwy. 102 in Goffs when they observed a Promaster 2500 van with Quebec license plate swerving in and out of their lane.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and learned the van contained unstamped tobacco. The driver, a 51-year-old man, and passenger, a 47-year-old woman, both from Yarmouth, were arrested and the van was searched, locating 1500 cartons of unstamped tobacco.



The driver and passenger are facing charges under the Criminal Code, Excise Act and provincial Revenue Act related to possession of unstamped tobacco for the purpose of selling. Both were released and will be appearing in Dartmouth Provincial Court at a later date.

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Province Introduces Modernized Access, Privacy Legislation

The government is modernizing its access to information and privacy laws for the first time in 25 years. The new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act will consolidate related legislation into one updated framework.

The new act is the result of extensive consultation and engagement, including more than 100 submissions from stakeholders, 149 recommendations from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and feedback from Nova Scotians.

The bill introduces several important changes: Information and Privacy Commissioner will become an officer of the legislature, strengthening the independence of the office; privacy oversight will extend to municipalities and villages, and public bodies will be required to notify individuals when a privacy breach carries a significant risk of harm; fines for violations under the act will increase and applicants will continue to pay the current \$5 FOIPOP application fee but will receive an extra hour of processing time.

The new act will come into effect April 1, 2027, allowing time for municipalities and villages to prepare and to ensure public bodies have time to update systems, regulations, policies and training.

The new FOIPOP Act will replace the current act, Part XX of the Municipal Government Act and the Privacy Review Officer Act. The Personal Information International Disclosure Protection Act will be repealed.

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Bearcat Banter: Moving In The Right Direction

September, 2025

Week Two for the Truro Bearcats was a very productive one, picking up a pair of home wins before suffering an OT loss.

Last Thursday, the Yarmouth Mariners and Bearcats played dead even except in the scoring department. Truro scored one in the second, then two in the third, with no reply from the Mariners.

Saturday, the visiting Amherst Ramblers scored four first period goals, including three on the powerplay. The Bearcats shut them down the rest of the way enroute to a dramatic 6-4 come-from behind victory.

Sunday, in Bouctouche, the Bearcats scored four in the second period to take a lead, only to see the West Kent Steamers force OT, then win 5-4.

Lots of positives coming out of that series of games. Goalie, Louca Connolly picked up his second win and first MHL shutout. Goalie, Sam Berthume (15, Stellarton), struggled in his opening period of junior Hockey before responding with his first MHL win.

Offensively, forward Callum Aucoin (Hammonds Plains, 19) contributed a goal in each of the three games. A 2022 Bearcat and Cape Breton Eagle draft pick, he played a full season with the Eagles before splitting last year between Cape Breton and the Halifax Mooseheads.

Twenty-year-old Eli Bailargeon (Shefford, QC) picked up four goals, including three on the powerplay. He spent three seasons with the Shawinigan Cataractes before arriving in Truro in January.

In 19 Bearcat games last year, he scored 12 and assisted on 14 others while contributing a dozen points in 10 play-off games. His scoring and physicality can make a difference.

Team Captain, Liam Welsh (20, Halifax) picked up his first goal of the season Saturday. It proved to be the winner in the Amherst game. He added a pair Sunday as well.

Developing a powerplay takes time, however, the Bearcats have put up good stats to date, operating at a 30.4% efficiency.

The Penalty Kill is getting tested, perhaps too much. At 64%, it's well below Bearcat standards. In the loss Sunday, four of the five Steamer's goals came on the powerplay.

TICKET INFORMATION

Single Game Prices at press time (subject to change)

Adult	\$14.00
Student/Senior/Military	\$10.00
Youth (12 and under)	\$7.00
Family Pack (2 adults, 2 students/youth)	...\$40.00

Jr. Bearcats Home Games for October

October 2 versus Amherst

October 12 versus Summerside

October 16 versus Amherst

October 24 versus Yarmouth

October 25 versus Valley



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