

# New Chamber of Commerce Members

The following is a list of August new members to the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce..

**Graham & Butler Enterprises**, 172 South Branch Road, Middle Stewiacke, NS. (902) 814-7585.

Residential, commercial & industrial contractor. Energetic team with a keen interest in the success of your project.

**Kennie Snook's Garage**, 2200 Highway 246, Tatamagouche, NS

Kennie is well known for his excellent work and fair prices. Licensed Mechanic with over 30 years of experience. Some services offered are: Exhausts, oil changes, breaks, KROWN undercoating, inspections, tire changes etc

**Truro Landscaping**, Phone: (902) 410-6305;

Email: chris@trurolandscaping.ca

We may be the newer kids on the block, but that doesn't mean we haven't been around it a time or two! As a family, we grew up taking on big landscaping projects together, all of which are still standing the test of time up to 20 years later. We accomplish this by getting it right the first time and going just a bit above and beyond what the engineers suggest (After all, what do they know).

While we can confidently say that our work speaks for itself, perhaps what is more important is the customer experience. Starting a business from scratch allows us to lay the foundation on the values that we believe in: Integrity, Customer Service and Exceptional Results. We can't wait to show you what we can do!

**Precious Art Works & Design and Doggie Daycare**, 6 John Snook Blvd, Debert, NS, (902) 957-1656.

The Doggie Daycare and gift shop opened in Debert in January 2022. I have roughly 475 square feet of space in the indoor play area and 1,800 outside. The unique "Spoolyard" is continually growing and changing to keep the pups in my care entertained and happy. A favourite aspect of our daycare, as per my clients, is the number cap of 15 dogs per day, so you can be sure your pup isn't getting lost in a sea of dogs and will be getting lots of individual attention, often including a good old-fashioned brush out!

If you want to learn more, hop on to one of my social media pages (Facebook or Instagram) and browse the daily images and videos, or contact me via phone, text or email. I would be happy



to answer any questions you have, and we can book a time for you to come in for a tour of my facility!

**Cripps and Son Woodworking Inc**, 654 Loop HWY 311, Tatamagouche, NS, <https://www.crippsandsons.ca/>, Email: [contact@crippsandsons.ca](mailto:contact@crippsandsons.ca)

Cripps & Sons is a family-run business on the outskirts of Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia that specializes in building quality custom cabinets to fit any space. We install our cabinets throughout north shore Nova Scotia, but we also cover Truro, Halifax, and even as far as Sydney and the Annapolis Valley.

Using today's most advanced technology combined with our traditional craftsmanship we create cabinets that show pride in our work and we strive to provide quality products and customer satisfaction in every job.

**JM Practical Technology**, <https://johnmartinez.ca/>, Phone: 902-814-6563, Email: [info@johnmartinez.ca](mailto:info@johnmartinez.ca)

JM Practical Technology is a sole proprietor business owned by John Martinez and is located in Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. In July of 2022, John wanted to take the common-sense approaches to technology he had learned over the last 26 years in the Oil and Gas industry and put them to good use, helping people who are experts in other fields to use technology for practical activities in their own businesses.

For that reason, he walked away from his position as an IT Supervisor and Fuel Delivery Systems Specialist, to go into business for himself as an independent contractor. John specializes in IT problem solving, collaborative management, power platform development, fuel truck delivery systems, in-vehicle GPS technology, networking and multiple cloud-based software platforms to help you do business without having to think about technology.

## Tri-Star Ambulance contract Worth \$48.7 Million

The Province has signed a 10 year contract with Tri-Star Industries in Yarmouth to lease 146 new ambulances. They are expected to be on the road in August. The new fleet of ambulances and response and transport vehicles will ensure the right mix of resources to improve emergency care and relieve pressure on paramedics and the emergency health system.

The ambulances will feature: Power loaders and power stretchers to help paramedics lift patients—updated interior and exterior lighting for para-

medic and patient safety; redesigned interior cabinets to accommodate upgrades to paramedic equipment; paramedics will also be able to open the cabinets when outside the ambulance for timely access to emergency response kits; radio frequency identification (RFID) systems to tag and track paramedic equipment, ensuring items are not left behind at a scene; a longer wheelbase and patient compartment for increased paramedic workspace and improved patient comfort and rear backup cameras.

The new ambulances were designed with input from paramedics to ensure they are ergonomically designed for increased efficiency and safety. Under the agreement with Tri-Star, the Province will also expand the Emergency Health Services (EHS) fleet of patient transfer units and single-paramedic response units. The number of those vehicles is still to be determined.

Patient transfer units provide non-emergency transportation between healthcare facilities for patients who may require a minimal level of care

during transport. Maximizing the use of patient transfer units will free up ambulances and paramedics to focus on providing emergency care.

Single-paramedic units respond to low acuity calls where patients are experiencing minor illness, with the paramedic seeing patients in the community. The paramedic will have the patient taken to hospital if necessary. Because ambulances are staffed by two paramedics, the single units free up ambulances and other paramedics to focus on emergency care.

**Photos of the new ambulances are available at <https://news.novascotia.ca/photos/2022/07/22/new-ambulance-fleet>**

## Silverwood Drive Paving Tender Awarded

**By Maurice Rees**

Four bids were submitted for repaving of Sherwood Drive, a County owned road in Valley measuring 337 metres. Basin Contracting submitted the lowest bid of \$92,890 compared to Will-Kare Paving and Construction, \$98,000; S.W. Weeks Construction \$121,500 and Costin Paving and Contracting \$95,500. HST is additional in all submissions. Council's approved also included an internal contingency of \$5,000 be approved, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Work.

Based on asset condition ratings for County Roads, Silverwood was a top priority for

resurfacing. Staff had originally tendered a road reconstruction project for Silverwood Drive in March of 2022. March Council Committee had approved the award of the tender.

Prior to starting construction, a potential drainage issue was identified, and the method to be used for the road reconstruction was no longer deemed feasible. The original plan was to dig up the roadbed entirely and replace it, however the proposed final elevation of the road was too high. The contract was canceled prior to the expenditure of any funds.

The project was re-ten-

dered in July of 2022, and the work will include a 2-inch (50mm) asphalt overlay on the street. Prior to paving, potholes will be patched, the road will be swept, manholes will be adjusted, and a tack coat will be applied.

Tender documents for the repaving of Silverwood Drive were prepared in-house and tenders were posted on the Provincial and Municipal websites on July 21, 2022. A total of 6 bidders requested the tender documents and 4 bids were received by the closing date of August 2, 2022. The work would start by September 12 and extend over 2 weeks.

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### Vaccine Bookings for Children Under 5

Parents and guardians of children aged six months to under five years were able to book their child's OVID-19 vaccine appointment starting July 28. Children will need two doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least eight weeks apart. Moderately to severely immunocompromised children will need three doses of vaccine, with at least four weeks between the first and second dose and eight weeks between the second and third dose. Children will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after their last dose.

Pregnant people who have not had a COVID-19 vaccine while pregnant and whose babies are due before November 30 should get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Pregnant people are at increased risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19. Evidence shows that receiving a COVID-19 vaccine while pregnant provides immunity to both the pregnant person and the fetus. Infants of people who were vaccinated during pregnancy have lower rates of hospitalization in their first six months.

Appointments can be booked online at <https://novascotia.ca/vaccination> or by calling 1-833-797-7772. Vaccine scheduling by phone is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Initial supply of the vaccine for children in this age group will be limited, but more appointments will be added once shipments from the federal government arrive.

### Expanding mental health & addictions care in rural communities

The Rural Access to Urgent Care initiative provides people attending rural emergency departments for urgent mental healthcare the option to receive a virtual mental health and addictions urgent care assessment.

The program piloted in September 2021 at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish in March 2022. Work is underway to expand the program to the western area of the province, including the Annapolis Valley and South Shore, this fall.

"There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to mental health and addictions concerns," said Brian Comer, Minister responsible for the Office of Addictions and Mental Health.

"Having a variety of supports and services makes it possible to improve access and ensure people receive care that best meets their needs. Initiatives like this also help the health system by alleviating pressures on access and flow and reliance on emergency health services."

Previously, a person seeking urgent mental healthcare had to present to a rural emergency department and then be transferred to a regional site to receive services. The Rural Access to Urgent Care initiative allows assessments to be conducted virtually, which reduces wait times, improves access and eliminates travel to other regions.

During the assessments, a healthcare professional works with a person and their family or loved ones to understand their needs and then, if required, helps stabilize them while making a plan of care involving their clinician or a mental health treatment program.

**The world champion tongue twister got arrested. I hear they're going to give him a tough sentence.**

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