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Minister's Statement on Pursuing a New Pulp Mill for Nova Scotia

The following is a statement from Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources: The Province sees the opportunity a new sustainable pulp mill would have for Nova Scotia – leveraging the quality fibre from our Acadian forest, creating more jobs in the forestry sector and stimulating economic activity throughout the supply chain for generations.

Northern Pulp Nova Scotia has confirmed it was unable to secure the necessary funding for a new mill project. From the outset, our government was at the table, working closely with the company to explore every viable option. We provided meaningful support and discussed programs like our Capital Investment Tax Credit that could have offered significant financial assistance.

We did everything we could to help make it a reality. And while this is not the outcome we had hoped for, our government remains a steadfast partner with the industry in exploring how we might work together – and with the federal government – in attracting a new partner that sees the potential in doing business here.

Our government has always and will continue to support forestry families and communities. We remain open to bold ideas and strong partnerships that put our natural resources to work in ways that benefit all Nova Scotians.

Workplace Harassment Regulations Effective September 1

All workplaces in Nova Scotia will soon have a policy to prevent and respond to physical and psychological harassment. The new Harassment in the Workplace Regulations under the Stronger Workplaces for Nova Scotia Act take effect September 1.

"Everyone deserves to feel safe at work – physically and psychologically," said Nolan Young, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration. "These new rules will help employers take clear, proactive steps to prevent and address harassment, support their teams and build stronger, safer workplaces for everyone."

Employers must have a written harassment prevention policy that includes: expectations and how complaints will be investigated.

They must commit to confidentiality and non-retaliation, and train staff on the policy, which must be reviewed at least every three years.

The new regulations recognize the serious impacts of harassment, bullying and psychological harm in the workplace and follow a review of the workers' compensation system in 2024 that highlighted the need to address workplace harassment.

The new regulations also respond to concerns in a 2022 report by the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism, which found systemic issues of racism, inequity and a lack of psychological safety in many workplaces.

More than 600 Nova Scotians participated in public engagement sessions to help shape the new regulations. They shared personal stories and called for clearer policies, better training, stronger leadership and meaningful supports for those affected by harassment.

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Bearcats Add To Forward Core With Addition Of Samuel Vachon

The Truro Bearcats have announced the acquisition and signing of 2005 born forward, Samuel Vachon for this upcoming season.

His MHL rights along with a 2026 6th round pick were acquired from Yarmouth in exchange for prospects Will Shearer and Tucker Makinen as well as a 2026 2nd round pick and Future Considerations.

Vachon, 20, joins the Bearcats after spending parts of the past 4 seasons in the QMJHL, totalling nearly 150 games with stints in Drummondville, Chicoutimi and most recently Victoriaville.

Prior to his time in the Q, Samuel made his mark in U18 where over 2 seasons with the College Notre-Dame Albatros,

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he put up 28 goals and 44 assists for 72 points over 70 games.

Samuel's experience will be big for a Bearcat forward core that is already returning a number of key players from last seasons run to the division final.

You can catch Vachon and the rest of the Bearcats at training camp in Truro starting August 25th.

Welcome Samuel and family to the organization!

Bearcats Acquire Pick, Prospect From Valley

The Truro Bearcats have swung a trade with the Valley Wildcats, acquiring forward prospect, Brody Dawson and a 2027 3rd Round Draft Pick in exchange for Kevin Walker and Micah Tucker.

Dawson, 17, is a product of Sydney, NS but spent the past season in Edmonton with the heralded Northern Alberta Xtreme program, producing at over a point per game clip. Prior to that, Brody played his rookie U18 season in the NSU18MHL with the Sydney Rush, tallying 25 points and gaining valuable experience in the Telus Cup that was hosted by the Rush.

Walker has spent 2 of the past 3 seasons in Truro with a QMJHL season in Charlotte-town in between. He played in 104 total games with the Bearcats producing 27 points in that time and being a reliable player in the middle of the lineup, excelling on the penalty kill. Tucker, a Newfoundland native has spent the past 3 seasons with the Pinnacle Growlers in the NLU18MHL and was a Truro draft pick in 2024.

We wish Kevin and Micah all the best in the Valley and would like to welcome Brody and his family to the Truro Bearcats organization.

Bearcats Sure Up Goaltending With Signing Of Lavoie

The Truro Bearcats announced today that they have signed 2022 draft pick, Brandon Lavoie for the 2025/26 season.

The 19 year old goalie from Lower Sackville, NS spent last season in the QMJHL with time split between Cape Breton and Victoriaville, appearing in 13 games.

Prior to his time in the QMJHL, Lavoie was a top goaltender in the NSU18MHL with the Dartmouth Steele Subarus,

compiling a career record of 33-11 and collecting numerous accolades over his 2 seasons, including being named the top goaltender at U18 Atlantics that was hosted by Dartmouth.

Brandon was a 10th round pick of the Bearcats in the 2022 MHL Draft and attended camp in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 season.

Welcome Brandon and family to the Bearcats organization.

TICKET INFORMATION

Single Game Prices at press time (subject to change)

Adult	\$14.00
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