

Woodmere Rock It Smashes Summerside Track Record

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Casino at the Charlottetown Driving Park on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Anthony MacDonald fired Woodmere Rock It from post five in the \$17,400 P.E.I. Colt Stakes Gold division, and after the undefeated gelding raced rough-gaited on the first turn, he resumed his fluid stride and pushed to the lead in the :28 quarter. He maintained separation to pocket-sitter Malicious Benny (Marc Campbell) while motoring through :56.3 and 1:25 fractions and stormed home in :27.4 to stop the timer in 1:52.4, the fastest mile by a two-year-old in Atlantic Canada history. Malicious Benny was 3-1/4 lengths back in second, followed by Woodmere Dougal (Corey MacPherson).

The time equalled the Canadian record for two-year-old pacing geldings on a half-mile track, previously set by Betterhavemymoney in 2021 at Grand River Raceway and Funtime Bayama in 2023 at Flamboro Downs. It also demolished the former Charlottetown track record for rookie gelding pacers of 1:54.1, jointly held by Bettim Again and Woodmere Stealdeal, both of whom set the mark in 2020. The effort made him the fastest two-year-



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old in the track's history, taking the mantle over filly Windemere Skye's 1:53.3 mile.

Woodmere Rock It (\$2.10) is trained by Jamie Smith for Thestable Woodmererock It of Guelph, Ont. The son of Tobago Cays-Musette Mindale, bred by Woodmere Farms of Marshfield, P.E.I., is six-for-six with \$34,525 in lifetime earnings. He now holds the overall two-year-old pace record at both Red Shores properties after his 1:54.3 victory at Summerside Raceway on Aug. 9.

Archaeological Investigation to Cost \$593,317

At their meeting of June 2026, Council approved expenses to complete the necessary archaeological studies for the installation of fencing at the Debert Airport. The total length of fencing required is approximately 5km.

At the time, staff presented pricing to complete archaeological work for both fencing and lighting installation, which totalled \$899,000. Council approved an expenditure of \$593,317 excluding HST to start the archaeological investigation for the fencing project, which



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be centred here.

was awarded to CRM Group. Work in the field is expected to begin the last week of August and take approximately 2 months. Capital cost for fencing installation in fiscal 2027/28 will be included in Council's upcoming Capital Budget discussions.

Staff continue to investigate solar lighting options for the runways, which will not require excavation. This approach appears promising and

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we do not anticipate that any archaeological testing will be required for the lighting system.

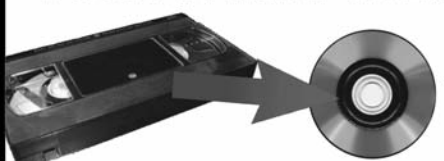
Capital cost for new runway light installation

Support for Public Transit Across NS

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includes regular maintenance, timely repairs, and fuel and route management to help support the delivery of rural public transit services in the western Annapolis Valley. The other recipients are: Antigonish Commu-

nity Transit Society, \$25,000; Cape Breton Regional Municipality, \$425,000; Pictou County Transit Authority, \$25,000; Strait Area Transit Co-operative Ltd., \$50,000 and Town of Bridgewater, \$25,000.

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