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Queens County wind farm gets \$300-million boost from federal government

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QUEENS COUNTY – The federal government is committing more than \$300 million in loans and tax credits for a Queens County wind farm that plans to sell power directly to consumers.

In an announcement Thursday, Feb. 26 at White Point Beach Resort, Gregor Robertson, minister of housing and infrastructure, and Tim Hodgson, minister of energy and natural resources, said Mersey River Wind will get a \$206-million loan from the Canada Infrastructure Bank and qualify for up to \$122.5 million in clean energy investment tax credits.

“A lot is changing right now. The world

is an unstable place,” Robertson told about 100 local residents, businesspeople and representatives from all levels of government gathered for the announcement.

“We can’t rely on our partners to the south. We’ve got to invest in ourselves.”

The \$500-million project will see 33 wind turbines built on 80 hectares of Crown land in Milton near the Mersey River. During construction, it will employ up to 200 people.

It’s the first project under Nova Scotia’s renewable-to-retail program, which allows green-energy producers to sell power directly to residential and commercial customers.

Customers will buy their electricity directly from Renewall Energy, which promises slightly lower and more predictable rates than Nova Scotia Power.

The Mersey River site will be capable of

supplying electricity to up to 50,000 homes and divert 220,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

Renewall president Dan Roscoe said the project needed the support of the federal government and company partners Slate Asset Management and Hamilton Lane.

“The announcements today allowed us to purchase turbines and start the construction, which is already underway,” he said in an interview. “We have 50 people on site already, building roads, in preparation for the turbines that’ll come this fall.”

He said he expects windmills to begin arriving in September, with the first turbines operational by the end of the year, and customers beginning to come online in 2027.

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Mitchell: Cedar Place closure a “relief,” but not a victory

By ED HALVERSON
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BRIDGEWATER – The town’s mayor says the upcoming closure of the drop-in centre at Cedar Place marks the end of a long and difficult chapter for the town’s downtown core.

In an interview last week, Mayor David Mitchell confirmed that the drop-in services operating on the ground floor of Cedar Place on King Street will shut down March 27. The transitional housing units upstairs, operated by the John Howard Society, will remain open.

“I think everyone’s fully aware of the drop-in services on that King Street level of that building,” Mitchell said. “Those drop-in

services will cease to operate on the 27th of March. So, there will be no clients coming or going from that building.”

The upper floors of the building contain several apartments used for transition housing. Those units, Mitchell stressed, are not part of the closure and will continue to operate as they have.

But it was the drop-in centre itself that became the focus of mounting concern in the community over the past two years.

“For the first few months, it was like, okay, maybe it’s just growing pains. This is new,” Mitchell said. “It very quickly was not what we thought or were told it was going to be.”

According to the mayor, town officials spent roughly 18 months raising concerns

and pushing for changes. He said the town approached the John Howard Society, local MLA offices and provincial officials to address what he described as increasing issues around public safety and disorder in the downtown.

“Everything we tried to ask them to do wasn’t being done,” he said. “It was 18 months of... you have to do something. This is not working.”

Mitchell said the town eventually appealed directly to provincial officials, including the Department of Opportunities and Social Development. He pointed to police data showing a sharp rise in incidents in the area,

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South Shore Snowball Showdown

Let us know
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for winner.

CONTENDER #1

Newfie Snowballs

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups sugar
- 2 3/4 cups butter
- 1 1/4 cups milk (evaporated milk recommended)
- 3 cups Quick Oats
- 1 cup unsweetened fine coconut
- 12 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 cups coconut (for rolling the balls).

PREPARATION

1. In a large bowl, mix sugar, butter, and milk until well combined.
2. Stir in oats, fine coconut, and cocoa.
3. Form the mixture into small balls and roll them in coconut.
4. Refrigerate until firm.

CONTENDER #2

Scottish Snowballs

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 stick unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups self rising flour + 1 tbsp, sifted
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp milk
- 1 jar raspberry jam
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar (more as needed)
- 1/4 cup milk or water as needed
- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut (for dipping the cookies)

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Cream the butter and sugar with pinch of salt. Add the egg with a little flour and mix well.
3. Stir in the milk and add the rest of the flour. Mix to a stiff dough.
4. Divide into 16 equal pieces and roll into balls. Place on parchment or silicone sheet lined cookie trays, leaving a bit of space for them to grow. Press down a little.
5. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until very lightly golden brown. Remove from tray and allow to cool completely.
6. When cool, sandwich equal sized cookies together with raspberry jam.
7. Let sit for half an hour, allowing the jam to set.
8. Combine the confectioner's (powdered) sugar with enough water or milk to make a runny glaze in which to dip the snowballs. Dip the snowballs in the glaze and allow extra glaze to drip off.
9. Next, roll in the coconut. Set aside to dry.
10. Will keep for about 4 or 5 days in a tin.

CONTENDER #3

Danish Snebolde

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/4 cup marzipan (9 ounces)
- 1 cup good quality chocolate (for tempering)
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- Water

PREPARATION

1. Roll the marzipan into 36 equal sized balls. Leave the balls out to dry for at least an hour
2. Temper chocolate (Optional - store in refrigerator if not tempered)
3. Melt about 2/3 of your chocolate in a double boiler while stirring constantly, making sure to not exceed 110-115 degrees F.
4. Remove from the heat and add rest of chocolate (seeding)
5. Continuously stir until the chocolate hits about 86-87 degrees F.
6. Chocolate is tempered if it sets quickly at room temperature, has a snap, and a glossy sheen. Test by spreading small amount of chocolate on a piece of parchment paper and check after a few minutes. If does not snap, store in refrigerator for best results.
7. Once chocolate is tempered, cover each of the balls with chocolate.
8. Use a toothpick to set upright into a piece of foam, or a skewer to rest them in a tall glass to set so you don't get "feet" on the balls. (Optional, otherwise allow to set on parchment paper)
9. Let the chocolate fully set at room temperature. Once they are set, mix powdered sugar with a bit of water to get an icing that is not runny nor too thick.
10. Prepare a second bowl with just powdered sugar.
11. Dip each ball in the icing to coat and work quickly to transfer to the powdered sugar bowl, cover all sides of the ball
12. If you find your icing too runny, add more powdered sugar and mix well.
13. Repeat for all the marzipan balls. Make more icing or replace the powdered sugar as needed
14. Let them dry completely at room temperature. The sugar should harden to form a crunchy outer shell.
15. Store in a container.

Have a recipe you'd like to share?
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Closure of Liverpool's Perkins House Museum 'heartbreaking', community plans protest

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LIVERPOOL – Residents and community groups are planning a march and rally in Liverpool on Wednesday to protest the closure of Perkins House Museum and other provincial cuts to local arts and cultural groups.

Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage announced on Feb. 24 that 12 museums would close around Nova Scotia.

Perkins House Museum, the oldest house in the Nova Scotia Museum system, is one of them.

The march from Perkins House to Queens MLA Kim Masland's office is scheduled for March 4 at noon. Organizers are holding a poster-making event the day before (March 3) at the Astor Theatre from 2 to 7 p.m.

Built in 1766, Perkins House was the home of Connecticut merchant Simeon Perkins, one of the founding fathers of Liverpool. He became one of the town's leading citizens and kept a diary for 40 years, which is considered a rich and vital link to Nova Scotia's early colonial past.

Linda Rafuse, who retired in 2024 as the director of Perkins House and the Queens County Museum after working there for 35 years, said the closure is "heartbreaking".

"No one saw this coming and so the reaction was just one of shock and just an emotional upset. We're still just kind of reeling over it."

The house is a provincial heritage property, was recognized in 1983 as one of Canada's historic places and Perkins is designated a national historic person.

The Nova Scotia government spent \$2.3 million on a multi-year restoration. The museum reopened in 2021 after being closed for six years, as structural and other issues were addressed.

The Queens County Museum, the Milton Black-

smith Museum and the Astor Theatre, like most other cultural groups in the province, have also had their funding cut by 20 per cent.

After the announcement, Perkins House was immediately removed from the Nova Scotia Museum's online list of institutions.

Nobody at Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage would do an interview, referring to a statement that was posted to the Nova Scotia Museum website on Feb. 24.

It said the museum system, with 28 sites and 240 buildings, "has grown complex and increasingly difficult to maintain."

"These closures will allow us to prioritize museums and programs that reach more people."

The statement said the department would complete the closure of the sites over the next few months and work with community groups "to explore options for future use of the buildings that continue to benefit the community."

It said low visitor numbers were a factor in the closures, with some museums recording fewer than 1,000 visitors a year.

Rafuse says she's unsure of how many people visited Perkins House in the past couple of years, but she said that when she was director, they were getting "several thousand" in a full season, which ran from June 1 to Oct. 15. It employed three full-time seasonal staff and one summer student.

The museum reopened in 2021 after being closed for six years, as structural and other issues were addressed.

"Everyone came together and felt that because of her historical significance that she was worthwhile saving," Rafuse said, "and the Nova Scotia Museum and the province supported that, and we knew how important the house was, and we felt that was the saving grace, and that she would be here forever."

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including what he described as a 400 per cent increase in lockups, which he said police attributed entirely to activity connected to the facility.

"Those stats that I posted are alarming," he said. "As more and more of that data came in, the case was pretty clear and pretty solid that this wasn't going to work. And the only change now that was viable was closure."

Mitchell emphasized that neither he nor council oppose support services in principle.

"At no time did anyone, including myself or a member of town council, say we don't need services," he said. "But at some point, it tips, and the risk to public safety is far greater than the risk of... a temporary reduction in services."

He also cited concerns about the building's proximity to local schools, noting that approximately 1,000 children are within 250 metres of the site.

"You can't just dismiss that and say, well, you know what, we need services," he said. "It's not an at-all-costs scenario."

Once the drop-in centre closes, Mitchell said the only activity on the main floor will be outreach staff using the space as office space. There will be no clients entering or leaving the building.

For downtown business owners, he said, that change can't come soon enough.

"They've endured a lot," he said.

Looking ahead, Mitchell said the town is working with the province to determine how and where services can be delivered more effectively. He indi-

cated that any future location would not be in the downtown core or near schools.

"We're all in agreement what it doesn't look like, it's not downtown, and it's not in close proximity to the schools," he said.

As for those who relied on the drop-in centre, Mitchell said there will be measures announced soon to help mitigate the impact of the closure.

For individuals who were using the space to organize illegal activity, Mitchell suggested the closure will have a different effect.

"They won't have that one-stop shop that we were seeing," he said.

Reflecting on the past two years, Mitchell described the issue as one of the most sustained and vocal concerns he has encountered in nearly a decade as mayor.

"I've never had this level of consistent messaging from the community on one single issue," he said. "It was overwhelming that people were concerned with what was happening."

While some residents may have felt progress was slow, Mitchell said much of the work happened through meetings, calls and discussions that weren't always visible to the public.

"The message I would say to the community is, we heard you," he said. "It's unfortunate that it not only took this long to get to where we are, but that this is the end result."

He added that the closure is not a victory.

"The closure of Cedar Place is actually a failure," Mitchell said. "It's not a happy day. It's a relief for people. But again, it's too bad that it got to where it is."

Rotary Club's first market a huge success

By GLENNA M. JENKINS

LUNENBURG – The Rotary Club of Lunenburg's first flea market this year was a huge success, with 60 vendors renting tables and nearly 200 attendees perusing the various offerings throughout the market.

Revenues tripled from the last year's first flea market, meaning that our club can provide more support to more vulnerable families trying to get through the winter. People in our community are struggling to pay for gas, heating oil, groceries, and other necessities on budgets that don't stretch far enough and winter is still here. Our flea market is an important part of the fundraising we do to help those in need.

People come to Rotary's monthly flea market for a variety of reasons: curiosity; the thrill of the hunt for a vintage treasure or a heavily discounted item; or to socialize at a community event. Many come to support their local Rotary Club and the work we do. Finding a bargain is well worth the trip but supporting your local community is priceless.

The Rotary Club of Lunenburg is a member of Rotary International, which is rated the world's top charity as all funds raised or donated go toward projects. Volunteers manage operations, fundraising, communica-



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Matthew Veinotte buys tickets on the Rotary Club of Lunenburg's Spring Basket from Rotarian Lynn Mowbray during the Rotary's first flea market of the year.

tions, and other tasks. The Lunenburg club supports local, regional, and international programs and projects.

We provide financial support to local charities dedicated to assisting people in need (such as St. Vincent de Paul); the SchoolsPlus program, which assists vulnerable children and

families; positive recreation opportunities for kids (through ProKids); The Rotary Dictionary Project for Grade 3 students (jointly with the Rotary Club of Bridgewater); the South Shore Hospital Foundation; and Harbour View Haven's seniors' home. We also sponsor and participate in the Lunenburg Santa Claus Parade and

funded the construction of the pavilion on the Lunenburg Waterfront in partnership with the Fisheries Museum Association.

Nationally, we support the Music for the Future Program, which supplies musical instruments and education to Inuit youth in Nunavut. Internationally, we support Adopt a Village in Lagos, supplying clean potable water, sanitation, and other facilities to isolated villages in Laos ((in partnership with Ontario Rotary Clubs); Polio Plus, to eradicate polio worldwide (in partnership with Rotary International, the World Health Organization, and the Bill Gates Foundation); and The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary International.

Our newest project will fundraise to provide wheelchairs to disabled people in Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico, in partnership with the Mérida English Rotary Club.

Rotary's next Flea Market is on March 7 at the Lunenburg Community Centre. Doors open at 9 a.m. Come and find a treasure or a bargain or two and support your local Rotary Club and as it continues to support people in need in our local community and beyond. We can't do it alone.

Donations can be also be made through our website: <https://rotarylunenburg.ca/>.

Dahl's dispatch

EVAN DAHL

Lunenburg County firefighters answered 53 calls for service and Queens County firefighters answered 18 calls for service from Thursday, Feb. 19 to Wednesday, Feb. 25 – 24 of these calls were medicals.

FEBRUARY 19

At 11:11 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a commercial fire alarm in Bridgewater.

At 11:35 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Chester.

At 9:46 p.m., Tri District firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in Chelsea.

FEBRUARY 20

At 4:44 p.m., Oakhill firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in Pine Grove.

At 6:33 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Brooklyn. Port Medway and Mill Village also assisted.

At 6:53 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Liverpool.

At 7:50 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a possible commercial structure fire in Chester. Chester Basin, Western Shore, Hubbards, Blandford, Martins River, New Ross, Lunenburg, Southwest Hants and Windsor were also dispatched.

FEBRUARY 21

At 9:54 a.m., New Ross firefighters responded to a chimney fire in New Ross.

At 11:20 a.m., New Ross firefighters responded

to a motor vehicle accident in New Ross.

At 7:00 p.m., Midville firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Midville Branch.

FEBRUARY 22

At 9:12 a.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Cookville.

At 4:35 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a garbage fire in Chester Grant.

At 11:13 p.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a brush fire in Sunnybrook.

FEBRUARY 23

At 1:38 p.m., Blockhouse firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Maitland. Oakhill also responded.

At 2:10 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to power lines down in Beach Meadows.

At 2:30 p.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Wentzells Lake.

At 2:44 p.m., United Communities firefighters responded to a chimney fire in Cherry Hill. Petite Rivière and Italy Cross also responded.

At 3:21 p.m., Port Medway firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Port Medway.

At 8:15 p.m., Mahone Bay firefighters responded to a commercial fire alarm in Mahone Bay.

At 9:22 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in Eagle Head. Port Medway also responded.

FEBRUARY 24

At 12:42 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a power pole fire in Bridgewater.

At 11:20 a.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a possible structure fire in Beach Meadows. Port Medway, Greenfield and North Queens also responded. Mill Village was on stand by in Port Medway. Tri District was on stand by for Greenfield.

At 6:05 p.m., Hebbs Cross firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Conquerall Mills.

At 10:10 p.m., Hebbs Cross firefighters responded to a chimney fire in Hebbs Cross.

FEBRUARY 25

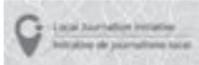
At 11:00 a.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in West Northfield. Oakhill also responded.

At 5:26 p.m., Greenfield firefighters responded to a tree on power lines on fire in Middlefield.

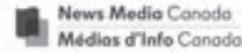
At 8:32 p.m., Oakhill firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Whynotts Settlement. Blockhouse also responded.

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MODC to help community groups provide free water to residents

By RICK CONRAD

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MODC - The Municipality of the District of Chester plans to partner with community groups to make water available for residents whose wells have run dry.

Councillors voted at their Feb. 5 regular meeting to approve an agreement to provide community wells in each of the area's seven electoral districts.

Chester will pay each group an annual hosting fee of \$5,000, plus capital and operational costs.

"It all comes from just the lack of rain and the dry-well scenarios that we've seen over the last seven or eight years," Warden Allen Webber said in an interview.

"Last year was probably the worst that we've had in quite some time. And it's just a different way of being able to provide water to people."

The public wells will be available to anybody.



The number of dry wells reported in the municipality more than doubled in 2025.

Municipal officials recorded 781 last year, compared to 346 in 2024, and 2,540 residents took advantage of Chester's water distribution program from August

to December, at a cost of \$135,500.

That program provides coupons to people so they can get up to four litres of water from local grocery and convenience stores.

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Setback revised in Chester land-use policy

By RICK CONRAD

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CHESTER – Municipal councillors recently gave residents near a provincial heritage property a little more flexibility in how they can develop their properties.

When the municipality's new land use bylaw came into effect last spring, it provided for a 45-metre circular setback from the centre line of the Old Stone Bridge on Victoria Street. That would have prohibited new buildings within that zone on either side of the street.

But after a homeowner said the new setback had significantly reduced the area she could build on, she asked them to review it. So, staff recommended changing it to a 20-metre setback, which would be closer to what

it was before the land use bylaw was revised.

"A small number of properties, very close to or adjacent to the stone bridge were inadvertently affected by the way that we changed the setback," senior planner Garth Sturtevant told councillors at a Feb. 12 public hearing to amend the bylaw.

"Staff are happy with the proposed option and we feel it does better replicate what was there originally."

The Old Stone Bridge was built around 1882 after the 1869 Saxby Gale destroyed the original wooden structure, according to Nova Scotia's Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Department.

It's believed to be one of the oldest surviving stone arch bridges in Nova Scotia, which also still handles regular traffic.

Warden Allen Webber says the new setback won't negatively affect the provincially owned bridge, and the new 20-metre buffer better reflects the original intent of the previous setback, which had been in place since 2007.

"It has no impact on the bridge as far as I'm concerned," he said in an interview, "and to be honest with you, the community didn't seem concerned with it either because there was absolutely nobody who showed up at the public hearing."

The setback affects a small number of property owners.

"There was one person in particular who wanted to do some development on their property," Webber said. "It would probably (affect) about a half dozen properties, but there's no clear intention to do anything with them more than what's already there."

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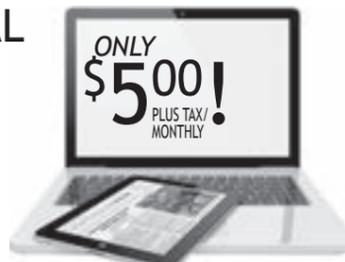
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SOUTH SHORE BULLETIN



Filipino community puts together formal organization



By KEVIN MCBAIN

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BRIDGEWATER – The Filipino Community Association – South Shore was formally put together recently, a logo was voted upon and an official meeting was held to introduce the concept Jan. 31.

Camla St. Croix is the president and founder of the association and explains the reason why they wanted to form this group.

“It was formed to unite Filipinos in the area, to provide support to newcomers and promote cultural awareness,” she said, adding that she hopes that they can build meaningful relationships within the South Shore communities, contribute and have a positive impact on the community.

St. Croix said she has estimated that there are between 150-300 Filipinos living in the area. She moved to Canada over 20 years ago with her family. She lived in Toronto before moving to Bridgewater.

She is a licensed practical nurse and she has started her own home care business.

She said the South Shore is a good place to be and very attractive to the Filipino community.

“The South Shore offers something very special – a safe, close-knit community with a slower pace of life. Many Filipinos value a family-centred environment and Bridgewater provides the balance of opportunity and quality of life,” she said.

“There are also a lot of job opportunities especially in health care, service industries and skilled trades and many will choose to come to the South Shore because they feel welcome and supported and the natural beauty, the small-town charm and sense of belonging make it feel more like home.”

Vilma Pearman is the co-founder and vice-president of the association. Originally from Queson, Manila, Philippines, she has been living in Canada since October 2003. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in management and she is a small business owner.

She said it is exciting to see the Filipino community grow, noting that until 2019, there were not a lot of immigrants in Bridgewater...the landscape has definitely changed.

While many more may move to the area, a lot move on to larger centres such as Toronto, thinking that they need to go to find more of a community

However, she says we have it all here.

“We want to tell the Filipinos to stay here and don’t go. There are lots of us here. Don’t say that you are lonely, because there’s no other Filipinos



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Camela St. Croix and Vilma Pearman are co-founders of the newly formed Filipino Community Association - South Shore. They are shown here wearing their Filipiniana dresses - a traditional Filipino attire that represents grace, heritage and cultural pride. This attire is often worn during important celebrations, symbolizing the elegance and strength of Filipino women.

around. We will bring more Filipinos here, so you don’t have to be lonely. We are here now, you don’t need to go anywhere.”

Many in the community work in health care, “a strong field for Filipino professionals worldwide,” said St. Croix. Others are also employed in hospitality, retail, manufacturing, transportation, education and small business.

While some families are moving here directly from the Philippines, there is a growing number moving from other parts of the country such as Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba.

The co-founders want to get the word out that they are there to support families that are curious about moving to the area. They have a dedicated Facebook page: Filipino Community Association-South Shore and they can be contacted in that way.

Now that the association has been formed the co-founders look forward to doing more in the community and celebrating their culture.

An upcoming event that is in the planning stage, is the Filipino Independence Day June 12. This dates back to the Declaration of Independence from the Spanish was signed in 1898. This ended 300 years of Spanish rule. The day has been an official holiday since 1978.

Pearman said that she has been asked to oversee celebrations on that day and a large party is expected.

“We’ve asked permission from the town to raise the flag on that day. Our Filipino children will see that and be excited,” said St. Croix. “We’re very proud of our heritage.”

Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Joining St. Croix and Pearman on the leadership team are Carl Adorna as treasurer and Celson Mirafior as The Chief Operating Officer.

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DATED at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, on this 26th day of February 2026

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Being a help when help is needed in the final days

Death doula wants people to make subject more mainstream

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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SOUTH SHORE – Living out your final days on this earth can be hard, it can be lonely.

Lisa Parsons, a care worker, death doula and founder of Integrity Home Care Services, can be a guiding hand, a helper, a friend ... a person to arrange how you spend your final days from diagnosis to your final breath.

“Grief starts with diagnoses. When we get diagnosed, grief sets in because...you’re dying. What a death doula does is, we go in and we meet with the people. I would sit down with you and find out what your diagnosis is and I would ask, ‘what do you want?’ what does death look like to you?” she explains, adding that she is trained in grief management as well.

“Do you want to pass away in the hospital, would you like to pass away at home and how do you want your room to be. Do you want people present? Do you want to be alone? Would you like music playing? Do you want your bed facing a certain way?”

Although this whole idea, sounds, well...a bit morbid she has a good reason for taking this up as a career.

“One of the reasons I did this course was, a few years ago, I had surgery for thyroid cancer and everybody said, ‘if you are going to get cancer, this is the best cancer to get,’” she said. “I don’t think that any cancer diagnosis is the best to get, but there was some emotional stuff going on – like, holy cow, what does this mean? How do I navigate this and do so on.”

For her, the work is very gratifying.

“It is the most gratifying work that I have ever done,” she said. “To be able to give people the death they want. It’s their life, it’s not our life and that’s what people have to remember.”

Parsons has been a caregiver for the past 21 years. She went to school in Nebraska for a Certified Nursing Assistant program and has lots of continuing education for work with Alzheimer’s and Dementia patients.



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Lisa Parsons, recently received her certification for being a death doula. What does that mean? Have a read and find out.

She obtained her death doula certificate this past January.

“The certificate is just a certificate. I had already doing the work without it,” she explained. The course she took is a six-month course, which she completed in less than three months, because she knew most of the things that the course covered, already.

End-of-life care is a bit of an umbrella-term for everything that she does.

She said that care lasts from diagnosis to the final day of her client and beyond. If wanted, she can be there to help manage doctor’s appointment, find someone to do foot care, or a barber that will come in and cut their hair if they wish, and tap into resources that they may not know about – which is part of her caregiver side.

Parsons also does legacy work... whether it’s helping build a shadow box with mementos, or fixing photos to go into a digital frame.

“I can help with all of that. It’s really whatever the person wants and I don’t judge. It’s not our place to judge what another wants. If you want to lay on a fur coat for the end of your life, then I will make sure it happens,” she said.

“I’m very passionate about this. The other thing a death doula does

is help set-up a personal directive, so when they’re voice can’t be heard anymore...it’s put into writing exactly what the person wants, which helps so there is no turmoil in the family.”

Parsons gave the example, “What happens at end-of-life with a last-minute diagnosis and nobody knows what their loved one wants? I help to give their loved one a voice and help families navigate along the way. Helping them understand what the death is going to look like and what each stage is and be there as a support to them.”

DO HER SERVICES COST MONEY?

It is a paid service that she offers, but for her, she says that she operates on a sliding scale. Her philosophy is that she doesn’t care what someone’s financial status is, people deserve to be cared for and have the death that people want regardless “of your means to be able to pay.”

She says there are a lot of different

options for payments and care and everything that she does is customized for the clients.

Parsons says death is a difficult subject, but it is something that happens to everyone and it is something that should be talked about more.

“I am looking for space somewhere, an intimate setting where I can get people talking about death. It’s a scary topic that no one wants to talk about,” she said. “So this is something that I am putting together to bring to the community so people can learn and find out the resources that are in the area to help.”

To contact her, you can reach out by going through her Facebook page: Integrity Home Care Services or by phoning: 1-902-529-1212 or by e-mail: lhomecare20@yahoo.com.

Integrity Home Care Services is the only private home service that provides hospice palliative clients in the necessary equipment needed to insure comfort at home.

MODC to help community groups provide free water to residents

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The Nova Scotia government reimburses the municipality for the distribution program.

Webber says the community wells will make it easier for people to access potable water whenever they need it.

“They can take larger jugs with them and fill them there and that’s the intent is just to make sure that people do have drinkable water. And these wells will meet the water standards that are required.

“There will be a variety of community organizations that are hosting these wells. And the taps will be outside and accessible to the public all times of the day.”

Webber said they hope to have wells in at least three districts running by this spring.

He said the municipality will likely use groups’ existing water sources and take care of the necessary testing to ensure it meets provincial standards.

“Accessibility to water is becoming more and more important all the time

and we also have a program where we’ll lend people money to drill new wells, improve the quality of the water in their wells, but that’s one solution, and this is another.”

He said this is a relatively inexpensive option, especially with the province signalling that they don’t plan to continue reimbursing municipalities for water coupon programs.

“We were just trying to come up with a plan that was better than people having to go to the grocery stores at certain times of the day and they weren’t even able to always have enough bottled water to provide. So, it was just a better way to provide potable water to the public when they were in serious need of it.”

More Nova Scotia municipalities are looking for ways to help residents deal with drought conditions. Last year was one of the worst, with some areas reporting half of their usual rainfall. Municipalities with water utilities had to impose either voluntary or mandatory conservation measures.



Public Hearing

Proposed Text Amendments to the Land Use By-law

Bridgewater Town Council is considering amendments to the Land Use By-law to rezone 283 properties from Single Unit Residential (R1) to Two Unit Residential (R2).

A Public Hearing will be held by Council at **6:00PM on March 9, 2026, in Council Chambers at Town Hall (60 Pleasant St, Bridgewater)**, at which time oral presentations and written submissions concerning the proposed amendments will be considered. This is the final opportunity for public input.

A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Community Development Department. For more information, please contact Evan Ferguson, Planner I, at 902-530-4081, or via email at: evan.ferguson@bridgewater.ca, or visit www.bridgewater.ca/DA to see all current applications.

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BOWLING

Pajo's Bowling Alley League Stats

Lucky Strikes League, Feb. 6: H.S.: Lisa Bochner 121; H.T.: Lisa Bochner 313; H.S.: Mark Knickle 137; H.T.: George Dorey 368; T.H.T.: Split Heads 1633

Youth League, Feb. 7: Junior: G.H.S.: Brooklynn M 81; G.H.T.: Brooklyn M 231; B.H.S.: John J 97; B.H.T.: John J 254

Peewee. B.H.S.: Hudson M 63; B.H.T.: 173

Bantam. B.H.S.: Avery F 90; B.H.T.: Avery F 251

Mickey Mouse League, Feb. 8: H.S.: Donnie Wamboldt 120; H.T.: Donnie Wamboldt 330; H.S.: Tatum Lohnes 126; H.T.: Lisa Kaizer 315; T.H.T.: Minions 1513

Men's, Feb. 9: H.S.: Colton Whitman 162; H.T.: Colton Whitman 418; T.H.T.: Thrown Together 1710

Ladies, Feb. 10: H.S.: Ariana Feener-Berringer 126; H.T.: Ariana Feener-Berringer 341; T.H.T.: Lil Rascals 1868; Bowling 300s: Kim Veinotte 315, Paulette Conrad 325, Jessica Francis 316

Canexcel, Feb. 11: Weather cancellation

Money League, Feb. 12: H.S.: Carolyn Kinsman De Maria 134; H.T.: Carolyn Kinsman De Maria 329; H.S.: Colton Whitman 134; H.T.: Charlie McCann 350; T.H.T.: You're Due 1515

Lumberjacks win game one

By KEVIN MCBAIN
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BRIDGEWATER – The South Shore Jr. B Lumberjacks defeated the visiting East Hants Penguins 2-1 in their first game of a best-of-seven Fred Fox division semifinals in a matinee tilt March 1. This is the third straight season that these two teams met in the semis.

The Penguins came out flying, after having just defeated the Brookfield Elks in the opening 'mini series' round. The Lumberjacks had to sit out several days for finishing second in the division, having last played Feb. 16.

Lumberjacks' head coach, Joel Isenor, said that he would rather have been playing, then having the time off.

"That's our first playoff game. They already played four games against Brookfield, so the layoff that we had, people may think it's good, but I would rather keep playing personally, but as we got going, as the game went on we got better, so that's our goal, just keep getting better," he said.

"I felt the kids held their own in the first period. They came at us, they dumped the pucks early and came at us hard, but we were able to weather the storm."

The two teams exchanged goals in the first period. East Hants got on the board first, but a shot from the blueline by Leo MacLean found the back of the net to knot the score at one.

Jack Piper, battling hard in front of the net, got the eventual game winner in the second to put the team up 2-1. The 'Jacks outshot the visitors 32-28.

Isenor said the playoffs are a different beast.

"Playoffs are totally different than the regular season. It's more physical. We got some guys that



KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTO

Jack Piper, #71, scored the game winner in the opening game of the Lumberjacks-Penguins round one series played March 1. Game two will be played Friday in East Hants, followed by game three Saturday in Bridgewater.

can play physical. We want to play heavy. We're a big team and have some speed. If we play big, physical hockey, we'll be hard to play against," he said.

"We're going to take this one game at a time. But there is some stuff that we need to clean up in the d-zone and neutral zone. I thought our d played really well tonight, but maybe we need to move the puck a bit faster."

Game two of this series will be play March 6 in East Hants; followed by game three, March 7 in Bridgewater and game four, March 13 in Bridgewater. If necessary, game five is scheduled for March 14 in East Hants; Game 6 will be held March 15 in Bridgewater. The date for game seven has yet to be decided.

The Lumberjacks were 3-2-0 while the Pens finished 2-2-1 in five regular season games between the two clubs with the Lumberjacks outscoring the Pens 12-11 in those five games.

South Shore eliminated the Pens in five games in the playoffs last season and rallied from a 3-0 deficit in 2023-24 to win in seven games.



KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTOS

PATRIOTS WIN DISTRICTS; HOST REGIONALS

The Hebbville Patriots A boys basketball team defeated the Bridgewater Vikings on their home turf Feb. 25 to claim the district championship and they will now host the regionals March 5. This year's team consists of, from left, Tate Fleming, Deacon Crouse, Luke Biliones, Pau Galo, Nate Meisner, Mason Jaskowiak, Tucker Grandy, Mason Taylor, Kaleb Merry, Liam Sabean, Lincoln Ellis, Sam Scott, Quintin Hann and EJ Frazer.

Hebbville's Mason Taylor goes up for the slam, against Bridgewater's Hayden Doucette during action at the district finals Feb. 25 at BJHS, while team-mate Deacon Crouse celebrates the attempt.



Those were the days

Take a trip down memory lane with this vintage ad from the Bridgewater Bulletin, March 4, 1964.



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Social Column

Enjoy this "social media of yesteryear" excerpt from the Bridgewater Bulletin.

March 4, 1964

Scarsdale

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zwicker and Lisa were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zwicker on Sunday, February 23rd. Other callers at this same home on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. George Hubley of Mahone Bay and Re. Robertson of Barss Corners on Wednesday.

Lower LaHave

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Eisenhauer entertained some friends on Wednesday evening, being the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Judy. Judy received a beautiful decorated birthday cake from Mrs. Oickle and other nice gifts from all present.

Chester

Roland McKill, Field Executive of the Boy Scouts of Nova Scotia was the guest speaker before a large attendance of Scouts and their fathers to a dinner in the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening with 130 scouts and fathers present. Eugene Mader, Executive head, showed two films. A fire lighting demonstration by Fred Hutchinson was a pleasing number.

New Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bolivar accompanied by Miss Lettie Bolivar, of Bridgewater, left on Friday by TCA for Toronto where they will attend the wedding of their son, Paul, to Miss Lidia Cymbal, Toronto, to take place in Metropolitan United Church on February 29th, 1964.

Western Shore

A baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. John Mosher on Wednesday evening in honour of her daughter, Mrs. George Mosher. A large number of ladies played bingo and other games. Mrs. Mosher opened her gifts assisted by Mrs. Raymond Carver reading the cards of best wishes. Mrs. Mosher received many lovely gifts. Mrs. John Mosher and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Newman Mosher served a very lovely lunch which was very much enjoyed. The lucky cup prize was won by Jean Hatt.



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Queens County wind farm gets \$300-million boost from federal government

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Roscoe said that Nova Scotia's winds "perfectly align with our energy needs."

"The coldest months of the year, when energy demand is highest, are also the windiest."

He said he's been an advocate of clean energy since he wrote a paper on it in junior high school 30 years ago.

"Today marks a turning point, not only how we power our lives, but how we think about our economy. This is about keeping more of our energy dollars at home, strengthening local communities and building an energy system that serves Nova Scotians first."

Renewall already has contracts signed with 32 commercial customers, including some municipal governments like the Region of Queens, the Town of Bridgewater and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Roscoe said the company has also had a good response from homeowners wanting to sign up.

"This is just the beginning of a long journey, but it's worth it, because it ends with a cleaner, brighter, more prosperous future for all Nova Scotians."

White Point Beach Resort is one of those early customers. Owner Robert Risley said that having consistent power costs is a plus.

"It's very important because the demands of power are going to increase," he said.

"And so therefore, our power costs are also going to increase.

And if we can make that a constant, predictable number, it certainly helps us planning for the future. ... Plus, it's just the right thing to do."

Marcus Zwicker, chief operating officer of Renewall customer Freeman Lumber, said the company's power costs are 20 per cent higher than their competitors in neighbouring New Brunswick.

"Everybody in this province is looking for ways to stabilize their energy source, so how do you make it so it's more reliable?"

And they're also looking at ways so that every year you know what your power is going to be for the next year. As compared to our competitors in the rest of Canada, we have very expensive power in Nova Scotia."

Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston said the Mersey River Wind project is just one of many ways the province is trying to be more energy independent.

He pointed to the province's proposed offshore wind development, Wind West, which also got funding Thursday from Natural Resources Canada. About \$5 million will go to Net Zero Atlantic for research into Wind West and the Atlantic Energy Strategy.

"People are looking for a choice," Houston said.

"They're looking for competition in the market. So, a lot of the steps we've been taking, certainly as a government, have been building up to this moment, and it is very much the start now, because it will open doors and will open eyes, and it will open opportunity for others. The appetite is there. ... This is a very, very significant moment for our province."

The province is promising \$700,000 in financial and in-kind support for the Mersey River Wind farm.

Renewall's Roscoe said the company has big plans for renewable energy in Nova Scotia.

"Mersey will produce about five per cent of the province's power in really rough terms.

We expect that there's more demand than that. So we have future projects under development that will come on in future years. And we hope every summer to be bringing new turbines online and be able to bring new customers over."

For more information on the Mersey River Wind project, visit renewallenergy.ca.

Snow, surf and 11-pound lobster

Lockeport celebrates 119 years by the sea

By STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT

Mother Nature set the tone early.

A blanket of fresh snow greeted Lockeport on Saturday morning, February 21st. By noon, the sun broke through, almost on cue, lighting up Crescent Beach and the Crescent Beach Visitor Information Centre just in time for the Lockeport Lobster Sea Catch Festival.

And from the moment it began, the energy never slowed.

Families, residents, visitors, and long-time lobster lovers filled the space throughout the afternoon. Multi-generational attendance gave the day a distinctly community feel, grandparents beside grandchildren, fishermen alongside first-time festival-goers.

The Lockeport Lobster Sea Catch Festival held during Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl and hosted by the Lockeport Heritage & Tourism Advisory Committee, blended food, film, vendors, and maritime pride into one high-spirited coastal celebration.

A FILM PREMIERE WITH GLOBAL RECOGNITION

One of the afternoon's most powerful moments came with the premiere of *Silver Surfers of the South Shore – Surfing the End of the World*, a short film by Greg Kedward of Disappearing Edge Film Co.

The documentary, an official selection of both the Canada Shorts Film Festival 2025 and the Krimson Horizon International Film Festival 2026, was chosen for its premiere screening during the



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This 11.1 pound lobster was the largest of them all at the Lockeport Sea Catch Festival. This monster was brought in by Devin Ackers who won \$500 for his efforts.

Lockeport Lobster Sea Catch Festival during the 2026 Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl.

The film captures a remarkable group of senior surfers who brave Nova Scotia's cold South Shore waters year-round, a tribute to resilience, adventure, and coastal spirit. Watching it premiere in the heart of lobster country felt exactly right.

CULINARY SHOWCASES AND COASTAL FLAVOUR

Guests enjoyed live culinary demonstrations by The Kilted Chef, presented by Nova Scotia Loyal. Lobster fried rice and wild blueberry butter tarts were served up to eager crowds, celebrating the best of local ingredients and creativity.

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Closure of Liverpool's Perkins House Museum 'heartbreaking', community plans protest

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Premier Tim Houston said in an interview in Liverpool on Thursday that the closures and cuts are necessary as the province deals with a \$1.2-billion deficit.

"It's a great institution, good people work there. They do good things.

They're not personal decisions, but we understand they have personal impacts. They're just tough, but it's kind of a sign of the world right now."

Perkins House was one of the only cultural institutions in Liverpool, but Houston said his government's decision is no reflection on the community.

"Well, I think it's nothing specific to the community. It's just a reflection of the world. You know, they're not alone, they're not singled out. It's just a situation that we're in as a province right now. So, we'll try to work through it and get to a little better days."

Queens MLA Kim Masland, who is also the minister of natural resources and emergency management, echoed the premier's comments that difficult decisions needed to be made.

"These cuts are hard, and they weigh very, very heavy on the heart," she said in an interview.

"We have such great cultural organizations. But budget is tough. And there's decisions that have to be made. As far as Perkins House, I fought very hard for Perkins House when I was in opposition to make sure those repairs were done. I know the significance of Perkins House. Do I want to see the doors close? Absolutely not. But I'll tell you what I'm committed to doing. I'm committed to working with our community. I will be the voice around our caucus table, around our cabinet table, if the community would be able to take this over, if there's some way we can try to offer other funding through them, for them to own the property."

It's unclear at this point if any community organization would be willing or able to take over the museum and its approximately \$120,000 budget.

Region of Queens Mayor Scott Christian called the Perkins House closure "disappointing" and he said the municipality is waiting for more information from the province.

"At this time, no requests have been made of the Region of Queens relating to the museum," he said in a statement posted to Facebook.

"I encourage members of the community with a passion for our heritage to become involved as the transition of this property and a future model for operations is contemplated."

Liverpool's historic Astor Theatre is also under the axe.

It will have its provincial funding of \$50,000 cut by 20 per cent, which represents \$10,000 a year, according to executive director Velta Vikmanis.

She said provincial and federal funding, as well as private donations, are vital to the Astor's survival, as it struggles yearly just to balance its books.

"We need those outside dollars in order to keep the doors open, because otherwise programming will have to diminish, and access to the facility will be reduced."

Vikmanis says theatres around Nova Scotia are in the same boat, struggling with the same cuts as the Astor. She said she was notified on Feb. 24 about the cuts to the Astor's funding.

She's unsure how the province's budget tightening will affect the theatre's outstanding grant applications.

"The sad thing is that I suspect that this is going to be a trend for the year, which is concerning for everybody involved. But I appreciate that dollars just aren't going as far as they used to."

Snow, surf and 11-pound lobster

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The Biggest Lobster Weigh In delivered a crowd-pleasing highlight, with Devin Ackers claiming the \$500 cash prize and trophy for an impressive 11.1 lb lobster.

The weigh-in was made possible thanks to UGO Fisheries Limited, Independent Fisheries Limited, Hailmar Investments Limited, Rhyno Fisheries Limited, Pierce Fisheries Limited, Cotter Lobsters, and R. Baker

Fisheries Limited, businesses that represent the backbone of Lockeport's fishing community.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND 119 YEARS OF PRIDE

The festival also spotlighted the Little Mermaid of Lockeport Project, a one-of-a-kind coastal sculpture designed to serve as both a nautical safety marker for fishermen and a magical low tide attraction near Crescent Beach. Local artist Sam Nickerson

will complete the sculpture, creating a lasting landmark that honours Lockeport's maritime heritage.

Local initiatives Make Your Move and Seacaps Play Park were on site, alongside the Big Beach Market featuring a curated collection of local vendors, many of whom are proud Nova Scotia Loyal members.

And in true small-town style, the afternoon included cake.

Lockeport celebrated its 119th birthday with a complimentary birth-

day cake shared among guests, a sweet reminder that this fishing community continues to honour its past while investing in its future.

MORE THAN A FESTIVAL

The Lockeport Lobster Sea Catch Festival wasn't simply an event.

It was a reminder of what happens when community, culture, and coastal identity come together. Authentic. Proud. Delicious. Intergenerational. And unmistakably Lockeport.

What's Coming to Streaming

March 4-10, 2026

CRAVE	DISNEY+	PARAMOUNT+	
<p>March 4 RJ Decker (Season 1 premiere)</p> <p>March 5 Casse-Guele (Season 1, episodes 7-8) Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (Season 16 finale) Snowpiercer</p> <p>March 6 Anaconda Eleanor the Great Fairyland Inch'Allah Kiss of the Spider Woman Little Women (1994) Mean Girls (2024) Nomadland Through the Black Spruce Wild Wild West</p> <p>March 7 Blue Lock: Episode Nagi Dragon Ball Super: Broly Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero Goblin Slayer: Goblin's Crown</p>	<p>In This Corner of the World Josee, the Tiger and the Fish Jujutsu Kaisen o Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World! Legend of Crimson One Piece Film: Red The Quintessential Quintuplets Movie Psycho-Pass: Providence Spy x Family Code: White Suzume That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime The Movie: Scarlet Bond</p> <p>March 8 Rooster (series premiere)</p> <p>March 9 The Hurt Locker Snapped (Season 36B premiere)</p> <p>March 10 Convoi du Nord (season finale) Fukushima: A Nuclear Nightmare</p>	<p>March 4 Battle of Fates (new episode) High Potential (Season 2, new episode) FX's The Beauty (new episode) FX's The Beauty: Official Podcast (new episode) RJ Decker (premiere) Will Trent (Season 4, new episode)</p> <p>March 5 Abbott Elementary (Season 5, new episode) FX's Love Story: John F. Kennedy Jr. & Carolyn Bessette (New Episode) Inside the CIA: Secrets and Spies (new episode) Scrubs (new episode) To Catch a Smuggler (Season 10, new episode)</p> <p>March 6 Friends Like These: The Murder of Skylar Neese (all episodes)</p>	
		<p>9-1-1 (Season 9, new episode) 9-1-1: Nashville (new episode) Marvel's Iron Man and his Awesome Friends (new episode)</p> <p>March 7 Locker Diaries: Zombies (Shorts) (new episode) Medalist (Season 2, new episode)</p> <p>March 8 Ghost Elephants</p> <p>March 9 American Dad (Season 21, new episode) Family Guy (Season 24, new episodes) In Your Radiant Season (new episodes) Paradise (Season 2, new episode) Paradise: Official Podcast (new episode) Tracker (Season 3, new episode)</p>	<p>Person of Interest (Seasons 1-5) Street Flow 3 (FR)</p> <p>March 5 A Friend, a Murderer (DK) Vladimir</p> <p>March 6 A Man Called Ove Beetlejuice Beetlejuice Boyfriend on Demand (KR) Crazy Rich Asians The Dinosaurs Hello Bachchon (IN) Still Shining (KR) Strangers in the Park (AR) The TikTok Killer (ES) War Machine</p> <p>March 7 Bad Boys: Ride or Die Beastars Final Season Part 2 (JP)</p> <p>March 9 Sesame Street: Volume 2</p> <p>March 10 Derrick Stroup: Nostalgic One Piece: Season 2</p>
		<p>March 3 NCIS (midseason premiere) NCIS: Origins (midseason premiere) NCIS: Sydney (midseason premiere)</p> <p>March 4 School Spirits Season 3 Finale America's Culinary Cup PAW Patrol: Rescue Wheels (new special)</p> <p>March 6 The Pink Pill: Sex, Drugs & Who Has Control</p> <p>March 8 Rebel in the Rye</p>	
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LIFESTYLES

Helping kids and pets build healthy bonds

ASHLEY KIPPERS

SHAID Tree Animal Shelter General Manager

The relationship between children and pets can be one of the most meaningful connections in a young person's life. When nurtured properly, that bond teaches empathy, responsibility, patience and respect. Lessons that extend far beyond the home.

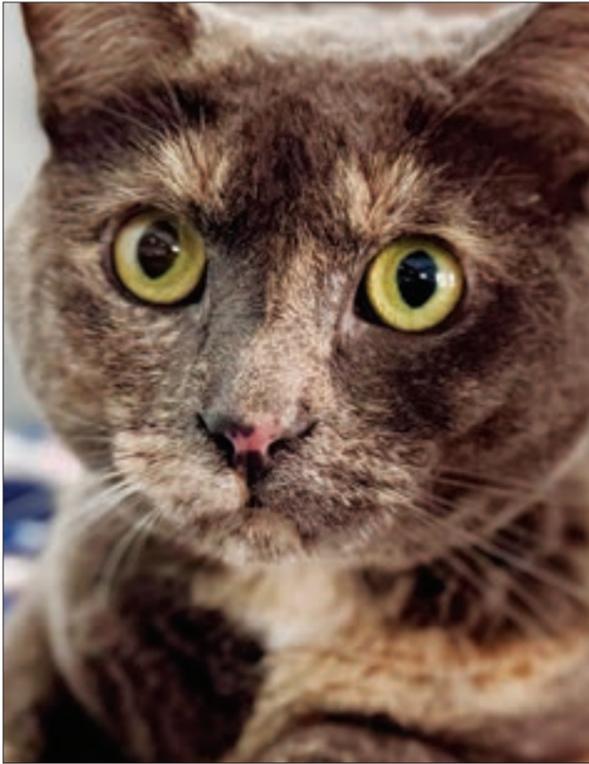
At SHAID Animal Shelter, we see firsthand how powerful these relationships can be. We also know that building a healthy bond between kids and pets doesn't happen automatically, it takes guidance, supervision, and understanding from adults.

Teaching respect from the start

Children naturally love animals, but they need help learning how to interact appropriately. Simple lessons make a big difference:

- Approach calmly and avoid sudden movements.
- Let the pet come to you.
- Use gentle hands — no pulling tails, ears, or fur.
- Recognize when a pet needs space.

When adults model and reinforce these behaviours, children begin to understand that animals have feelings too. Studies consistently show that children who grow up with pets often develop



ASHLEY KIPPERS PHOTO

Young Torie is ready to share her warmth and loyalty with a forever family.

stronger emotional intelligence. Caring for a pet, even in small ways like helping fill a food bowl or brushing fur, helps build confidence and

responsibility.

For pets, positive interactions with respectful children build trust and reduce anxiety. The key is supervision and setting both the child and the animal up for success.

If you're considering adding a pet to your family, take time to talk with your children about what that commitment means. Visit the shelter together. Ask questions. Learn about the animal's personality and needs.

A healthy bond between kids and pets doesn't just happen, it's built through kindness, structure, and love. When it's done right, it can shape a child's heart for years to come.

MEET TORIE

Torie is a five-year-nine-month-old sweetheart with a gentle, affectionate nature. She loves being close to her people and is past the busy kitten stage, making her a calm and steady companion. Torie is ready to share her warmth and loyalty with a forever family.

And while you're thinking about ways to support local animals and score some great items/opportunities, mark your calendar: SHAID's Annual Online Silent Auction launches March 9! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details on how you can bid, participate, and help us continue building happy endings for animals like Torie.

Reminisce or ruminate?

SUSANNE BECK

Reality Check

The ability to remember is a mixed blessing, isn't it? For example, we can look back and relive happy times with the people we love. Those pleasant memories can serve to remind us of the love and belonging that we have in our lives, even if we are not feeling it right at the moment.

Looking back can also help to satisfy our other basic needs. Power, freedom, fun; they get a boost when we think about our successes, when we recall precious experiences of freedom or warm our hearts with memories of days filled with fun.

Remembering those satisfying times means that we can continue to get joy for days, months or even years from events that may have lasted only a short time. Even if the memories are bittersweet because those days can never come again, we can still be soothed or joyful, knowing that we have had such experiences in our lives.

This can be referred to as reminiscing, and these are good examples for why we might spend some time doing it.

However, looking back isn't always joy-filled, is it? Instead of reliving heart-warming moments, we may find ourselves dredging up old hurts, embarrassing moments, or mistakes that can never be fixed.

Grinding away at the wrongs over and over and over; we can keep these events spinning in our minds. Like a cow chewing its cud, this activity is sometimes referred to as ruminating.

Choice Theory is very much focused on the present. Even if we occupy our minds with past or future, we live in the present and we can only act in the present.

Both reminiscing and ruminating involve looking back, but their impact on our present day is different. For example, how do you feel after you've spent some time reminiscing? I'm thinking that you might feel loved, content, accomplished, involved with people you care about and able to take on challenges that arise.

Now, what's the effect of spending time ruminating? It's probably a little different. We may come away angry, resenting, fearful. It could have the additional sense of helplessness; there's nothing

we can do about that past now. Except think about it. Again.

Is looking back helpful for you? Or does it detract from your present-day life? And if you find that you are doing more ruminating than reminiscing, do you want to change that?

Changing a behaviour, especially one that's become a habit, is not easy. Unless we have a substitute activity to put in place, just trying to stop troubling thoughts may not work so well.

A passage in Reality Therapy, by Dr. Robert Wubbolding gives us something to think about: "If you could set aside the distracting thoughts and repetitious actions, what would you do differently this afternoon or this evening? What pleasant thoughts would go through your mind if you were to abandon your painful thinking?"

If you are prone to looking back and ruminating, and you find that you end up being dissatisfied or vulnerable, then here's a suggestion you might try.

Seek out a few items from your past that remind you of good positive events. Maybe you have photographs, letters, souvenirs, whatever brings you a reminder of strength, joy, love. If you don't have any physical items, make them. Write your own remembrance, draw your own pictures, find photographs even if they are not your own. Just choose items that evoke strong, positive, helpful memories.

When you are tempted to ruminate, pull those out. Look them over. Remember the positive. Replace the ruminating with reminiscing.

Is that worth a try? Let me know at choice@focusonclarity.com or by mail c/o South Shore Bulletin.

To your choices! ~ Susanne ~
Susanne Beck, RTC is Reality Therapy Certified by the William Glasser Institute




WASTE COLLECTION ROUTE CHANGES

Curbside waste collection routes will change in the District of Lunenburg and Town of Bridgewater starting March 30, 2026.

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LIFESTYLES

The Baltimore Oriole

JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

On Feb. 19 I went with the Environmental Class for the community college out birding. We found 27 species for the day.

Our first stop was at the ferry launch in East LaHave to see three Barrow's goldeneyes that I saw at that spot earlier in the day. We were successful. It turns out that one of the students had photographed a male Barrow's goldeneye, with his cellphone, while crossing on the ferry a few days before.

We stopped at Tim Hortons in Lunenburg and when I came out the students had found two common redpolls feeding on birch seeds. This is a species that I had not laid eyes on for two years, so I was just as excited as the students were with their find. Other highlights were close looks at three gadwalls and very close views of cedar waxwings feeding on apples.



JAMES HIRTLE PHOTO

A Baltimore Oriole caught on camera in Lunenburg Feb. 19.

I usually take the students to view the feeders of Barbara McLean in Lunenburg. We had gone to the feeding station of Marc DeVries and Carrie Anne Thomas and saw tons of birds of multiple species there. When I spoke with Barbara, she did not have anything different, so we decided not to visit.

Our time for birding was up and it was time to head back to Bridgewater. At that point I received a text from Barbara saying that a Baltimore oriole had shown up. After being dropped in Bridgewater, I boogied back to Lunenburg and got to see the oriole.

A few days later another lady nearby had two Baltimore orioles. At the time of writing on Feb. 24, Barbara advised me that the Baltimore oriole visiting her had survived the storm.

Once called the northern oriole, the Baltimore oriole nests from Alberta east across Canada to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They are also in Maine, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Atlanta, Georgia and in South Carolina and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. They sometimes winter in Southeastern Canada and in the Eastern United States and from Mexico to South America.

The Baltimore oriole is the state

bird of Maryland. They are 17.5 to 20 cm long with a wingspread of 28.1 to 30.6 cm. The male is bright orange-yellow and black with one narrow white wing bar. The head is black as is the neck and upper breast, wings and tail. The underparts are orange-yellow. The female and young are olive above and yellow below, sometimes with black about the head, neck, and back. Each dusky wing has two white wing bars.

The food of the Baltimore oriole is caterpillars, fall webworms, and moths, beetles, ants, bugs, grasshoppers, scale insects, aphids, nut weevils, sawfly larvae, wood borers and a host of others. They also eat garden peas, wild cherries, Juneberries, drink flowers for nectar, and eat suet and peanut butter mixtures. They like oranges, grape jelly and meal worms. They also will come for sugar water.

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Your best marketing strategy is already walking through the door

STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
Business Moments

A couple walks into a café on the South Shore.

They're not from here, you can tell by the questions they ask.

They studied the menu like it's a map. Even before their food is served they're asking, "Where should we go next?"

That moment, the question, is economic development in real time.

It's not a brochure or a boosted post and it's not an ad campaign.

It's a conversation.

The server smiles and says, "If you're heading toward the coast, stop at the little gallery on Main Street. And if you're near here at lunch time, there's a spot down the road that does the best chowder."

Those recommendations matter more than any pamphlet, rack card or social media post ever could.

People trust people they can have conversations with.

And the businesses that understand this are the ones that will thrive, no matter what changes around them.

For years, many businesses believed growth came from being "listed," "featured," or "discovered." Visibility felt like the goal.

But visibility without relationship is fragile, even fleeting.

The strongest businesses aren't built on visibility alone, they're built on connection.

Visitors don't travel here for transactions, they travel for experiences.

Locals don't return because of discounts, they return because of how you made them feel.

That feeling? It's created in small,

intentional moments.

It's the barista who remembers your name.

The retail associate who says, "That colour looks incredible on you."

The front desk team member who circles a walking trail on a map and adds, "This one's my favourite, it's where you'll hear the ocean even before you see it."

Those moments turn a visit into a story and stories travel further than any advertising ever will.

Here's the shift the businesses we work with are making.

Every satisfied customer is a guide.

The guest who had a great meal last weekend? She's recommending you at a dinner party tonight.

The family who celebrated an anniversary at your inn? They're bringing friends back this summer.

The local who loves your shop? He's telling out-of-town visitors, "You have to stop there."

If you build loyalty intentionally, your customers become your ambassadors.

But loyalty doesn't happen by accident. It is earned through consistency, care and leadership.

And this is where business owners underestimate their own leverage.

Loyalty outside your business starts with the culture inside it.

If your team feels invisible, overwhelmed or easily replaceable, they won't advocate.

First, they stop doing the job you hired them to do, guiding the customer confidently through your service. They default to basic tasks. They complete transactions. But they stop leading the experience.

And if they're not guiding the experience, they certainly won't go beyond it. They won't be recommending the gallery down the street or the best trail for a morning hike. They won't be contributing to the economic development of your business and certainly not to that of the community.

When your employees feel seen, respected and when they understand that their voice matters?

They show up differently. You can see it in the eye contact they make, how they linger in conversations, when they share thoughtful recommendations.

They protect the reputation of place and their pride is persuasive.

So, if you want to strengthen your business this season, start here:

Ask one guest what brought them in and listen carefully. Patterns reveal opportunity.

Collaborate with one neighbouring business. Bring them in to share their story and in turn share your story with them. A simple cross referral builds a stronger community than competing in isolation ever will.

Empower your team with one sentence they can confidently offer: "If you're looking for something special nearby, I'd suggest..." That small shift creates momentum for everyone.

This isn't a complicated strategy. It's intentional leadership.

We often talk about marketing budgets and economic pressures. Those realities are very real. But there is something equally real that costs far less and delivers far more over time:

Trust.

Trust built in person, reinforced through consistency and sustained by

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**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE OF PASSING**

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter 18 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998.

TAKE NOTICE THAT on February 24, 2026, Council of the Region of Queens Municipality adopted Bylaw No. 14 – Tax Exemptions. The Bylaw establishes the list of properties granted full or partial tax exemption for the 2026–2027 taxation year.

A copy of the Bylaw may be inspected at the Municipal Administration Building, 249 White Point Road, Liverpool, during regular office hours, or viewed on the Municipality's website at www.regionofqueens.com.

Date: March 4, 2026

Angela Green
Municipal Clerk



Community Events and Activities

March 4 to March 10

Have an event to share? Visit our website at www.southshorebulletin.ca/community-events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Bridgewater Lunenburg County Job Lab, 215 Dominion St, 1 pm.

Bridgewater Imagination Playground, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr 9:30 am.

Bridgewater Bright & Lion Touch Rugby, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr, 8 pm.

Fox Point Seniors Luncheon, Hubbards Area Lions Club, 43 Lions Club Rd, 12 pm See Chester events on page 5 for more details.

Lunenburg Bring Your Own Book Club, Second Story Women's Centre, 18 Dufferin St. Information: 902-640-3044/info@secondstory.ca 6 pm until March 4.

Liverpool YMCA Youth Leader Program, 40 Water St, 2:30 pm.

Mahone Bay Badminton, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 7 pm.

Mahone Bay Ladies Gathering, Spill the Tea, 503 Main St, 6:30 pm.

Mahone Bay Fitness Classes, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 9 am.

Pinehurst Full Moon Walk: Worm Moon, River Ridge Common, 4668 Highway 10, 6 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Bridgewater Trivia Night, King Street Beer Company, 463 King St, 7 pm.

Bridgewater Toast Master Club, NSCC Lunenburg Campus, 75 High St, 6 pm.

Liverpool YMCA Free Drop-in Programs, 40 Water St, 2:30 pm.

Lunenburg Crafternoon, Hungry Traveler, 10117 Highway 3, 1 pm.

Lunenburg Wheelchair Basketball, Lunenburg Community Centre, 15 Green St. Information: 902-530-4100, 5 pm.

Lunenburg Travel the World Trivia, Hungry Traveler, 10117 Highway 3, 1 pm.

Mahone Bay Mahjong Club, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 2 pm.

Mahone Bay Chase the Ace, Saltbox Brewery, 363 Main St, 7 pm.

Mahone Bay Dan's Jam, Eli + Trix, 538 Main St, 5 pm.

Mahone Bay Family Game Night, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St 4:30.

Mahone Bay Young at Heart Seniors Drop In, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St 1 pm.

Port Medway The Rosefinch Sessions Volume 1: Live Music, Rosefinch Mercantile & Tea, 1615 Port Medway Rd, 7 pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Bridgewater Music Bingo with Heidi, King Street Beer Company, 463 King St, 7 pm.

Bridgewater Music Program, Thrive 55+, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish Centre, 115 Pleasant St, 6:15.

Bridgewater Clickety Clack Knitters & Crafters, DesBrisay Museum, 130 Jubilee Rd. Information: 902-543-4033, 1 pm.

Bridgewater Free Friday Swims, LCLC, 135 North Park St, 4:30 pm.

Lunenburg Try Stick Curling Lunenburg Curling Club, 13 Green St, 5:30 pm.

Mahone Bay Tech & Devices Help, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 12:40 AM. Information: 236-888-1183 andrew.mahone.bay@gmail.com, 8:30 am.

Mahone Bay The Listening Room, Abriel Room, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 5:30 pm.

Milton Music Jam with Adam Oickle and Friends, Milton Memorial Hall, 168 Tupper St, 6:30 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Blockhouse Farmer's Market, South Shore Waldorf School, 64 School Rd until Mar 31, 9 am.

Bridgewater Meditation Class, LCLC, 135 North Park St, 10 am.

Bridgewater Lunenburg FC Junior Winter Soccer Camp, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr, 8 pm.

Bridgewater Loose Still Life Workshop, DesBrisay Museum, 130 Jubilee Rd, 1:30.

Chester Spring Fling Market, Chester Area Middle School, 204 Duke St, 10 am See Chester events on page 5 for more details.

Chester Casino Night, East Chester Recreation Association Hall 3292 Highway 3, 7 pm See Chester events on page 5 for more details.

Cookville Breakfast Pinehurst Community Hall, 10 Nova Scotia, 7 am See our CLASSIFIED pages for more details.

Fox Point Pancake Breakfast, Hubbards Area Lions Club, 43 Lions Club Rd, 9 am See Chester events on page 5 for more details.

Lunenburg Rotary Flea Market, Lunenburg Community Centre, 15 Green St, 9 am.

Milton Dance with Saucy Jack Band, Milton Memorial Hall, 168 Tupper St, 8 pm.

New Ross Public Health Mobile Unit Immunization Clinic, Royal Canadian Legion, 64 Forties Rd, 12 pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Bridgewater Ultimate Frisbee, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr, 11 am.

Hubbards Irish Music, Two Coves Café St. Luke's Parish Hall, 10 Shore Club Rd, 9 am, See Chester events on page 5 for more details.

Lunenburg Public Health Mobile Unit Immunization Clinic, Lunenburg & District Fire Department, 25 Medway St, 11:30 am.

Mahone Bay Firefighters Breakfast, Mahone Bay Fire Station, 41 Hawthorn Rd, 8 am. See our CLASSIFIED pages for more details.

Mahone Bay Badminton, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 11 am.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Bridgewater South Shore Chorale Rehearsal, St Joseph's Parish Hall, 123 Pleasant St, 7pm.

Bridgewater Mindful Monday, Bridgewater United Church, 87 Hillcrest St, 7 pm.

Bridgewater Imagination Playground, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr, 9:30 am.

Mahone Bay Fitness Classes, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 9 am.

Mahone Bay Badminton, Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St, 7 pm.

Milton Bingo, Milton Memorial Hall, 168 Tupper St, 5 pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Bridgewater Creative Crew: 5 Weeks of Crafts for Youth, DesBrisay Museum. 130 Jubilee Rd, 4 pm.

Bridgewater Game Night at MSAC, Michelin Social & Athletic Club, 221 Logan Rd, 4 pm.

Bridgewater Recreation and Social Program for Mature Adults, HB Studio Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr, 10 am.

4-H: The Spice Your Life is Missing

By ELLAMAE LEBLANC

People say variety is the spice of life. In 4-H, there is a huge range of projects for you to get involved in, whether you would like to learn about animals, small engines, the outdoors or crafts.

4-H may be best known for farming, but it wasn't until I joined this educational program that I realized that 4-H was not only for youth into agriculture, but it also offers a large window of projects outside of the barnyard.

From an agricultural point of view, you can get involved in many projects like sheep (which I myself am in, and strongly recommend joining), light horse and draft horse, in which you deal with and care for horses, learn showmanship, review conformation and show in the local exhibition in Bridgewater, which you can also do in other agricultural projects like dogs, goats, dairy, poultry, cavy and more.

If you are looking for something to do in our beautiful wilderness, some great ones to join would be projects such as the great outdoors, where you explore nature, go for hikes, fish, camp, build fires, build lean-tos, and practice more survival skills. Another fun one to try would be horticulture, where you learn to start seeds, manage pests, build compost bins, make a display box presenting a specified variety of plants, and learn about various plants and flowers and how to display each one properly.

For youth interested in building things and learning the way things work, we also offer many projects that could be just right for you! Have you ever wondered how engines work and how to fix them? Well, if yes, then our small engines program may be the one for you! Learn how to make, repair, and handle small engines and explore how they operate. On the computer side, learn to create documents and presentations, building apps, rebuilding computers, and working with graphic design and animation are all things you can do.

4-H also gives you a chance to get creative with our projects like scrapbooking, sewing, crafts or cake decorating! If you join the cake decorating project, you learn decorating techniques and express yourself in making shaped cakes and writing writeups for your cake.

If you decide to dive into the sewing project, you will learn to make clothing, do different stitches and learn to sew various shapes and sizes of things. Wood crafts, nature crafts, painting, art and drawing and pottery are some examples of fun activities you can do in the crafts project. For scrapbooking, kids will learn to present and arrange beautiful pages and memories and create layouts.

Overall, 4-H is a great community to be a part of. It is my first year in 4-H, and I have already been presented with lots of opportunities for learning that I take advantage of and use in my day-to-day life. Whether you are a kid wanting to learn or an adult looking to help out, 4-H may just be the spice your life is missing.

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CITIZENS CARD GROUP RESULTS

The Bridgewater Senior Citizens Group met on February 25 for a game of Auction 45's.

Winners were: Ladies' high, Judy Johnson, 905; Men's high, Dean Avery, 1050; Runners up John MacDougall, 890 and Norma Joudrey, 885. Winner of the 50/50 draw was Marie Rafuse. Winner of 30 X 60 bids was Dean Avery (three times) and Marjorie Croft.

Card parties are held on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 in the Masonic Hall on Dominion Street. New members always welcome.

Municipality considering a move to change municipal hierarchy

By RICK CONRAD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CHESTER – The municipality will hire a consultant to conduct a full electoral boundary review as councillors consider moving to electing a mayor instead of sticking with the current warden structure.

“We’ve had this discussion on numerous occasions over the last eight or 10 years and we just felt that it was time for us to make that move,” Warden Allen Webber said in an interview.

“In most municipalities, the mayor system does exist, and we’ve just put it off for decades, and we just felt it was time to make that change.”

Of Nova Scotia’s 49 municipalities, 16 have wardens, while the rest are led by mayors.

Councillors discussed the idea at their Feb. 5 meeting. In a system of mayor and councillors, the public elects the mayor every four years during municipal elections.

In a warden and council system, a warden is elected by his or her fellow councillors. In Chester, it’s for a four-year term.

Wardens and mayors have many of

the same duties and powers.

“I’m the warden, but the general public, as far as they’re concerned, think I am the mayor,” said Webber, who represents District 4, the Chester Basin and Chester Grant areas.

“And they call me no matter what district they live in, and it’s a little complicated and sensitive for me because they should be calling their local councillor. But if I was the mayor, then it would make more sense why they’re phoning me instead of their own local councillor.”

At the Feb. 5 meeting, councillors had four options to consider, according to a staff report:

- Add an eighth seat to council automatically for the 2028 election, with the mayor being that extra seat. Under the Municipal Government Act, that change can be made up to nine months before the election

- Do an immediate boundary review and keep seven council seats, with one mayor and six councillors. This would reduce the number of electoral districts, though the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board could require further analysis

- A comprehensive boundary review that would explore various council sizes, and would include public

engagement

- Maintain the status quo of seven district councillors and delay a boundary review until the next scheduled re-examination before the end of 2030.

Some councillors worried about increasing the size of council.

“My feeling is that an enlargement of government will not be very popular with the folks that we represent,” Deputy Warden Andre Veinotte, who represents District 1, told his fellow councillors.

“I just think that if we explain to people that (reducing council size) is really a very small cost and we’re just changing the structure, that’s palatable.”

Others said they need advice from an outside consultant to help explain what it means for voters and how district boundaries could change.

“That’s something the public needs to know and think about because some areas may be represented by another councillor,” said District 7 Coun. Sharon Church.

Councillors eventually agreed that it’s better for a consultant to look at it during a boundary review process so that they and voters have a clearer understanding of what it means for

the 2028 election.

“I guess what I didn’t want to do was just reduce the number of districts, without having a full understanding of what the impact would be on the communities themselves,” Webber said after the meeting.

“I wanted to be able to hear from the communities before we made that decision. We wanted to take a clearer look at it, and ensure that the public was engaged, informed, and had the ability to offer their opinion, from not only the numbers of voters (in each district), but from what it meant to them as a community.”

Webber said the boundary review likely won’t begin for another six to eight months, because staff still need to hire the consultant.

The municipality has \$55,000 set aside in its 2025-26 budget for the review.

Webber says that even though council will still likely opt to switch to a mayor system, he said it’s important for people to get involved in the process and have their voices heard, especially on the size of council or how electoral districts may change.

“I just hope that they actually get engaged and come out to the meetings and speak their minds. It’s important.”

Future uncertain for Wile Carding Mill after provincial cuts

By ED HALVERSON

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BRIDGEWATER – Mayor David Mitchell says council will be looking closely at what comes next following the province’s decision to close the Wile Carding Mill as part of a broader shutdown of 12 provincial museum sites across Nova Scotia.

The provincial government announced the closures, citing rising maintenance costs and an increasingly complex system.

Mitchell said council has not yet formally discussed the impact of the closure but confirmed the town is aware of the decision.

“We haven’t met as a council to discuss the impact of this, other than, yes, it is closing,” he said.

The mayor noted that the province has indicated it is open to working with communities that may take ownership of, or responsibility for, the affected sites.

“I’m looking at the messaging from the province that they’re open and

willing to work with communities... to work on what’s next,” Mitchell said.

“The Wile Carding Mill is a very important piece of our history,” he said, adding that it is believed to have been the site of Canada’s first industrial park. “That is a huge piece of history, pretty cool, I think, for the Town of Bridgewater.”

Mitchell acknowledged the finan-

cial realities facing the municipality but expressed optimism about preserving the site.

“I am confident that we’ll find something that will keep the Wile Carding Mill preserved,” he said. “What that looks like, I don’t know.”

He added the issue will likely form part of upcoming town budget discussions.



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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 5. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM across various channels.

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SATURDAY DAYTIME MARCH 7. A grid of TV and radio programs for Saturday, March 7, with columns for time slots from 7:30 to 6:00 and rows for various channels and program titles.

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MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

EVENING

10:00 (WTV) "Late Night" (Comedy Drama,2019) Emma Thompson, Mindy Kaling. A talk show host hires a female staff writer to help smooth over concerns about workplace diversity. (14+) (SHOW) "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" (Action,2015) Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner. Ethan Hunt and his team square off against an organization bent on creating a new world order. (13+)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

EVENING

9:00 (CH) "The Bounty Hunter" (Action,2010) Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler. A bounty hunter (Gerard Butler) must track down his bail-jumping ex-wife (Jennifer Aniston). (G) 10:00 (SLICE) "Candyman" (Horror,2021) Yahya Abdul-Mateen, Teyonah Parris. An artist explores the macabre history of Candyman, not knowing it would unravel his sanity. (14+)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

EVENING

9:00 (ASN) "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (Sci-Fi,2015) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss and friends embark on a mission to assassinate President Snow and liberate war-torn Panem. (G)

(TBS) "The Shawshank Redemption" (Drama,1994) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (13+) 10:00 (SHOW) "The Equalizer" (Action,2014) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. A former commando comes out of retirement to rescue a girl from violent Russian mobsters. (16+) (APTV) "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" (Animated,2009) Voices of Bill Hader, Anna Faris. An overabundance of food falls from the sky, overwhelming townspeople. (G) 11:00 (WTV) "Love Strikes Twice" (Fantasy,2021) Katie Findlay, Matt Elrod. A woman magically wakes up 15 years earlier and gets to decide if she'll choose the same man again. (G) 11:45 (TBS) "Avengers: Endgame" (Action,2019) Robert Downey, Chris Evans. The Avengers devise a plan to bring back their vanquished allies for an epic showdown with Thanos. (G) 12:30 (CH) "Spiritual Kung Fu" (Adventure,1978) Jackie Chan, James Tien. A witty orphan learns the five-style fists technique from Shaolin temple ghosts. 1:00 (WTV) "Love at First Glance" (Drama,2017) Amy Smart, Adrian Grenier. A woman sets out to prove her adventurous side by tracking down the handsome stranger she just met. (G) (SHOW) "The Equalizer 2" (Action,2018) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal. Robert McCall battles a crew of highly trained assassins to avenge the murder of his best friend. (VIS) "The Young Victoria" (History,2009) Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend. Teenage Victoria (Emily Blunt) meets the love of her life and becomes England's queen. (G) (APTV) "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" (Animated,2009) Voices of Bill Hader, Anna Faris. An overabundance of food falls from the sky, overwhelming townspeople. (G)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

EVENING

6:00 (STAR) "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (Comedy,1986) Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck. A teen (Matthew Broderick) plays hooky in Chicago with friends (Alan Ruck, Mia Sara). (G) 7:00 (WTV) "A Pinch of Portugal" (Romance,2023) Heather Hemmens, Luke Mitchell. When a celebrity chef walks off his show, a prep cook steps into the spotlight and makes it her own. (G) (TBS) "Mortal Kombat" (Action,2021) Lewis Tan, Jessica McNamee. Earth's greatest warriors take on enemies from Outworld in a high-stakes battle for the universe. (13+)

7:15 (CTVSCI-FI) "Black Widow" (Action,2021) Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh. A dangerous conspiracy forces Natasha Romanoff, aka Black Widow, to confront her past. 7:30 (SLICE) "Instant Family" (Comedy Drama,2018) Mark Wahlberg, Rose Byrne. A couple learn the joys and frustrations of parenthood when they decide to adopt three siblings. (G) (SHOW) "Skyscraper" (Action,2018) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell. A former FBI agent must save his family from a blazing fire in the world's tallest building. (14+) 8:00 (APTV) "Aitamaako'tamisskapi Natosi: Before the Sun" (Documentary,2023) A Siksika woman competes in the Indian Relay, where bareback riders vault from horse to horse. 9:00 (CH) "Takers" (Action,2010) Matt Dillon, Paul Walker. A detective (Matt Dillon) hunts a gang of elusive bank robbers (Paul Walker, Idris Elba). (14+) (WTV) "Food for the Heart" (Romance,2023) Tara Wilson, Matthew MacCaull. Chef Lia's plans flounder due to her insistence on doing everything herself. (G) (TBS) "Avengers: Endgame" (Action,2019) Robert Downey, Chris Evans. The Avengers devise a plan to bring back their vanquished allies for an epic showdown with Thanos. (G) 10:00 (SLICE) "Bad Moms" (Comedy,2016) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. Three overworked and stressed-out mothers go wild after ditching their daily routines. (14+) (SHOW) "The Equalizer 2" (Action,2018) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal. Robert McCall battles a crew of highly trained assassins to avenge the murder of his best friend. (CTVSCI-FI) "Atomic Blonde" (Action,2017) Charlize Theron, James McAvoy. A spy travels to Berlin to retrieve a priceless dossier and take down a ruthless espionage ring. (13+) (APTV) "War Pony" (Drama,2022) Jojo Baptiste Whiting, LaDainian Crazy Thunder. Two young Oglala Lakota men navigate their unique paths to manhood. 11:00 (WTV) "Two Scoops of Italy" (Romance,2024) Hunter King, Michele Rosiello. An American chef falls in love while searching for inspiration in a quaint Italian village. (G) 12:00 (STAR) "Eurotrip" (Comedy,2004) Scott Mechlowicz, Michelle Trachtenberg. A teenager and his friends have misadventures in Europe while trying to meet one's pen pal. (14+)

12:30 (ATV) "To Catch a Killer" (Action,2023) Shaileene Woodley, Ben Mendelsohn. A troubled cop is recruited by the FBI to help profile and track down a disturbed individual. (13+) (SLICE) "Daddy's Home 2" (Comedy,2017) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. Brad and Dusty's respective fathers show up to turn Christmastime upside down. (G) (SHOW) "Now You See Me" (Mystery,2013) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. FBI and Interpol agents play a cat-and-mouse game with cunning illusionists who are thieves. (G) (CTVSCI-FI) "Lucy" (Action,2014) Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman. A drug mule's illicit cargo is absorbed into her system, giving her incredible powers. (14+) 12:40 (TBS) "Plane" (Action,2023) Gerard Butler, Mike Colter. A pilot and an accused murderer must save passengers from dangerous rebels on a war-torn island. (13+) 1:00 (WTV) "The Way to You" (Romance,2026) Kim Matula, Aaron O'Connell. Sparks fly between two New Yorkers after a subway blackout causes them to miss their connections. (G) (APTV) "The Last Stand" (Action,2013) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker. A sheriff must take matters into his own hands when a notorious drug lord escapes from FBI custody. (14+)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

EVENING

6:00 (SHOW) "The Italian Job" (Thriller,2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron. Master thief Charlie Croker and his crew plan to steal back their gold. (14+) 6:30 (SLICE) "Ocean's Eleven" (Comedy Drama,2001) George Clooney, Matt Damon. Danny Ocean and his gang organize a big Las Vegas heist to steal \$150 million. (G) 7:00 (WTV) "Food for the Heart" (Romance,2023) Tara Wilson, Matthew MacCaull. Chef Lia's plans flounder due to her insistence on doing everything herself. (G) (STAR) "Miss Congeniality" (Comedy,2000) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. A female agent goes undercover as a contestant in a beauty pageant to catch a terrorist. (G) 7:15 (CTVSCI-FI) "The Hurt Locker" (War,2008) Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. Members of an elite bomb squad pull hazardous duty in Iraq. (14+) 8:00 (ATV) "Skyfall" (Action,2012) Daniel Craig, Judi Dench. When M's past comes back to haunt her, James Bond's (Daniel Craig) loyalty is put to the test. (13+)

(TBS) "Pitch Perfect 3" (Comedy,2017) Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld. The Bellas get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour. (G) 8:30 (SHOW) "Men in Black: International" (Sci-Fi,2019) Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson. Agent H and Agent M use high-tech weaponry to battle aliens that can take the form of any human. (PG) 9:00 (SLICE) "Ocean's Twelve" (Comedy Drama,2004) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. After successfully robbing five casinos in one night, Danny Ocean and his crew have big problems. (G) (STAR) "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (Comedy,2005) Sandra Bullock, Regina King. FBI agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) must save two kidnapped friends in Las Vegas. (G) 10:00 (USA) "Meet the Fockers" (Comedy,2004) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. Future in-laws (Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman) clash in Florida. (G) (TBS) "Barbie" (Comedy,2023) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling. Barbie and Ken leave the world of Barbie Land to discover the joys and perils of the real world. (G) (CTVSCI-FI) "Olympus Has Fallen" (Action,2013) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A disgraced agent must save the president after terrorists seize control of the White House. (14+) (APTV) "Skyscraper" (Action,2018) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell. A former FBI agent must save his family from a blazing fire in the world's tallest building. (14+) 11:00 (WTV) "No Reservations" (Drama,2007) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Aaron Eckhart. A career-centered chef (Catherine Zeta-Jones) becomes the guardian of her 9-year-old niece. (G) 11:30 (SLICE) "Ocean's Thirteen" (Comedy Drama,2007) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. Danny Ocean and his gang plot revenge against a casino owner who wronged one of their own. (G) 12:30 (USA) "Little Fockers" (Comedy,2010) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. Greg Focker's moonlighting with a drug company threatens his father-in-law's trust in him. (G) (SHOW) "Lucy" (Action,2014) Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman. A drug mule's illicit cargo is absorbed into her system, giving her incredible powers. (14+) (TBS) "Pitch Perfect" (Romance,2012) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin. A new college student (Anna Kendrick) shakes things up when she joins a female cappella group. (G)

(CTVSCI-FI) "London Has Fallen" (Action,2016) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. Secret Service agent Mike Banning must save captive U.S. President Benjamin Asher from terrorists. (14+) (GLOBAL) "Fatal Family Reunion" (Thriller,2022) Alexandra Augustine, Brett Geddes. A young woman uncovers a dark secret when her stepmother dies and mysterious deaths begin to occur. (APTV) "Skyscraper" (Action,2018) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell. A former FBI agent must save his family from a blazing fire in the world's tallest building. (14+) 1:30 (WTV) "Irresistible" (Comedy,2020) Steve Carell, Rose Byrne. A political consultant helps a retired Marine colonel run for mayor in a small Wisconsin town. (8+) 2:00 (SLICE) "Ocean's Eleven" (Comedy Drama,2001) George Clooney, Matt Damon. Danny Ocean and his gang organize a big Las Vegas heist to steal \$150 million. (G) (STAR) "Miss Congeniality" (Comedy,2000) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. A female agent goes undercover as a contestant in a beauty pageant to catch a terrorist. (G)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

EVENING

10:00 (SHOW) "The Expendables" (Action,2010) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a South American dictator. (13+) 12:30 (SHOW) "Crash: Director's Cut" (Drama,2004) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. Racial tensions collide in a collection of intertwined stories involving residents of Los Angeles.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

EVENING

9:00 (WTV) "Pride & Prejudice" (Drama,2005) Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen. A convoluted courtship begins between a young woman and the handsome friend of a wealthy bachelor. (G) 10:00 (SHOW) "The Expendables 2" (Action,2012) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. A mercenary and his team seek vengeance for a murdered comrade. (14+) 12:00 (WTV) "Josie and the Pussy-cats" (Comedy,2001) Rachael Leigh Cook, Tara Reid. In a plot to take over the world, a music mogul tries to use the band to brainwash America's youth. (G) 12:30 (SHOW) "Panic Room" (Thriller,2002) Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker. A woman and her daughter must play a cat-and-mouse game after three thieves invade their home. (14+)

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Breakfast - Pinehurst Community Hall. Saturday, March 7, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, homemade beans and jam, toast, beverages. Adults: \$12, 5 - 12 yr: \$6, under 5: free. Takeouts 543-9190.

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Karen, Shari, Tammy, and David

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DEATHS

ANDREWS, Judith (Jude) Helen, 88, died February 21, 2026. Arrangements entrusted to Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home.

BREAUGH, Micheline (née Chênevert), died January 28, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

CALBURY, Patricia "Patsy" Ann, 63, Halifax, died February 25, 2026, in Chester. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

CLARK, Mildred "Millie" Ella, 66, Dartmouth, died February 9, 2026, in Dartmouth. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

COMEAU, Inez Leona - 74, Simpson Corner, died February 24, 2026, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, New Germany.

CORKUM, Roma Clara, 82, Lunenburg, died February 3, 2026 at Harbour View Haven Home for Special Care, Lunenburg. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

FAIRGRIEVE, William, 90, Cupar, Scotland, died February 23, 2026, in Mahone Bay. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

HUTCHINSON, Paul Douglas, 65, Liverpool, died February 22, 2026, in Liverpool. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

JOHNSTONE, Lorne Seymour, 87, Head of St. Margarets Bay, died February 8, 2026, in Mahone Bay. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

KENNEY, Mark D - 61 Maitland Bridge, died February 23, 2026. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

KJELLAND, Stephanie Ann, 61, Caledonia, formerly of Rose Bay, died February 5, 2026, at North Queens Nursing Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

MENARD, Judith Maryellen, 76, Chester Grant, died February 24, 2026, in Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

OICKLE, Judy Lorraine, 80, died February 20, 2026. Arrangements entrusted to Mahone Funeral Home.

RETIEFFE, Caron Matthew, 77, Maitland, died February 24, 2026, in Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

RISSER, Reginald Keith, 79, Lunenburg, died February 6, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

ROBAR, Doris Madilene "Madelyn", 93, Lunenburg, died February 16, 2026, at Harbour View Haven Home for Special Care, Lunenburg. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

ROBINSON, Ronald George, 71, Black Point, died February 19, 2026, in Black Point. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

SKINNER, Dehlia (Dee) June, 43, First Peninsula, died February 20, 2026, at home. Arrangements entrusted to Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home.

SMITH, George William, 91, Nineveh and New Germany, died February 24, 2026 at Queens Manor, Liverpool. Arrangements entrusted to R.A. Corkum Funeral Home.

STRICKLAND, James "Jimmie" Charles, 63, died Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

WALKER, Catherine Anne, 69, Chester Basin, died February 24, 2026, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Mahone Funeral Home.

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The Baltimore Oriole

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Dorothy Poole and I took a trip on Feb. 22 to Pubnico, to the Dennis Point Wharf, to try and see the slaty-backed gull there. This is only a fourth record for this species for Nova Scotia. We originally had planned to go on the 21st, but the weather was not good, and the gull was seen by several people on that day.

On the day that we did go the gull did not make an appearance. For those not familiar with the location there can be between 5,000 and 10,000 gulls there. The entire fleet of around 61 vessels was at dock, due to the pending storm.

Gull numbers on the day were few compared to normal, with only about 1,000. We were pleased to see two lesser black-backed gulls and an immature black-headed gull. It has been quite some time since Dorothy and I have birded that neck of the woods, so although we did not get to see our target bird we enjoyed the sunshine and the time we spent there.

Minga O'Brien sighted a northern saw-whet owl in New Ross. On Feb. 16 I saw a thick-billed murre off the beach in Feltzen South. Besides the oriole, Barbara McLean has a sharp-shinned hawk patrolling.

I made a trip to Liverpool to try for the Carolina Wren, which is present for the fourth winter. On my first venture it was very windy so I found no signs of it.

Dorothy Poole and I made a trip Feb. 20. We heard the Carolina wren singing. Others that were present at the time saw a pine warbler, but I missed it. Evan Sarty and others had previously seen the pine warbler there.

In the morning of Feb. 20, I saw a small flight of raptors near the intersection in Centre by Frank's Automotive, which included four turkey vultures and one American kestrel.

Many have spoken with me about seeing American robins. We can not yet count them as returning migrants. They usually start back mid-to late March. The robins we are seeing now are likely all from Newfoundland. Once there is large accumulation of snow in Newfoundland the robins push here and overwinter. The main food source recently for the robins has been apples.

During the past week and a half northern cardinals are calling on territory everywhere that I've been birding. Song sparrows, black-capped chickadees and white-breasted nuthatches are also very vocal.

I seldom write on political events, but our Nova Scotia Government has re-removed the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division to take away protection of Birds and other wildlife and to now focus on minerals and mining. This will allow pollution, removal of habitat and destruction, putting further stress on the environment, all for the almighty

dollar. This will also impact fish populations. A sad day for Nova Scotia.

On Feb. 19 a Townsend's solitaire was found at Duncan's Cove and photographed. Despite much searching it appears to not have stuck around. On Feb. 21 Mark Dennis found a black-headed gull at Swimm's Point on Cape Sable Island. On Feb. 23 Kathleen MacAulay reported the greater white-fronted goose as still present at Milton in Yarmouth County.

Ronnie d'Entremont found a northern mockingbird at West Pubnico. As of Feb. 24 the varied thrush at the feeders of Mike MacDonald at Clam Point, Cape Sable Island was reported to have survived the storm. An eastern towhee is still continuing in Dartmouth.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Wayne Eisnor

March 15, 1959 - February 27, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Michael Wayne Eisnor of Indian Point, at the age of 66.

Born on March 15, 1959, Michael was the son of the late Edward and Anne Eisnor. He was also predeceased by his Uncle Freddy Westhaver, and by his grandparents Ernest and Marguerite Eisnor and Linwood and Frances Westhaver.

Michael was a man of the great outdoors. He took great pride in his vegetable and berry gardens and generously shared his harvest, especially during his weekly visits with his Aunt Janet, which meant a great deal to him. In the winter months, he enjoyed cross-country and down-hill skiing and could often be found on his cherished tractor, snow plowing and snow blowing for neighbours, always willing to lend a hand. During the summer, he loved kayaking, scuba diving and spending time on his sailboat and being out on the water.

Michael's most recent employment involved work at Saputo, and Advocate Printing (South Shore Bulletin) He retired last year and had been looking forward to many years of enjoying retirement.

Hockey was an important part of his life. He played for many years and valued the friendships he formed through the game. It was while playing hockey that he passed away peacefully, on the ice he loved.

Michael found comfort and companionship in his beloved cat Benji, and treasured his many close and longtime friends. He was loyal, thoughtful, and quietly kind.

He is survived by his sister, Deborah Eisnor (Brad Scanlan), his niece Jillian (Bruce) McKinley and nephew Evan Eisnor; his Aunt Janet, Uncle Donnie & Aunt Beverley, and Aunt Elaine; and many cousins in Canada and the United States.

The family would like to thank the staff at South Shore Regional Hospital for their empathic care and support.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Mahone Funeral Home. A celebration of Michael's life will be held at a later date and details will follow shortly.

Mike was such a bright and happy spirit, always willing to lend a hand and share a story.

Our thoughts go out to his family.

Mike will be very much missed in this world.

- South Shore Bulletin staff members

OBITUARIES

James (Jimmy) Arthur Langille

of Dayspring, passed away peacefully at home, with his family by his side on February 2, 2026. Born June 26, 1945, he was the third child of Simeon and Annie Letitia (McCarthy) Langille.

Jimmy died peacefully at home, Monday, February 2, with his family by his side. Jimmy lived a fairly healthy life for nearly 80 years, until February 2025, when he had a mini stroke, a major heart attack on May 20th, and then on July 30th the diagnosis of esophageal cancer. Having survived the stroke and heart attack, he valiantly fought the cancer, taking chemo and radiation treatments at the VG starting at the end of November, and continuing until he came home on the 24th of December. The treatments had taken a toll on his body, and at this point it was decided that he was too weak to continue the rest of the treatments. In January we ended up at Bridgewater for two weeks, after which he was able to be cared for at home with the help of VON, Home Care, and Palliative Care.

Jimmy attended school at Bridgewater Elementary and then JR High School. His first job was in 1966 as a deck hand on MV Reliance. Because of his medical ability, he ended up in the engine room where he obtained his second Engineer's Certificate, and then his Chief Engineer's License. Jimmy worked on ships, both at sea, and then on land until December 1974 when he applied for, and obtained a job at Michelin, where he worked until he retired in 2005. Jimmy loved his job and all of the people he got to meet there as he was involved in maintenance over all the plant.

After retiring, he worked at Walmart for a few years putting bicycles, barbeques, and furniture together. He also built two wood splitters which he rented out. He so loved all the interactions that he had with his many customers over the years.

Jimmy was a real extrovert and after retiring he was a regular morning visitor to either Tim Hortons or McDonalds, where he made many friends, and had so many stories to tell. Thanks to all of you for the enjoyment that you added to his life.

Jimmy had a real gift for fixing things, and I called him my Mr. Fix it. Many others benefited from this gift over the years as whenever someone needed help, he would drop whatever he was doing and go help them. When our son and daughter-in-law lived in Texas, he would tell them to make a list of the things that needed to be done so that when we visited them, he would have something to occupy some of his time.

In 1983, he and Marie purchased a lot on Wallace Lake, where they put many years of labour into making it a lovely spot. There were many enjoyable times there over the years with family and friends visiting.

In 2011 he purchased a Bayliner, and he had many trips going down the Lahave River, and out to sea with family and friends. On the return, stops were always made at the Lahave Bakery landing where delicious treats were enjoyed by all.

Jimmy loved his family and enjoyed all the family get togethers. He loved playing cards on Friday nights and whenever any opportunity arose.

There was always a new project in his life to keep him busy, and one of the latest was the raised vegetable beds that he built for his wife, but which ended up being his special project. He kept adding to and tweaking them each year. He built a fence around them to keep the deer out, and installed a watering system, where all he had to do was push a button and aim the garden hose at the beds. He had barrels that he filled from the brook below home that enabled us to have healthy gardens in 2025. Because of his health issues we were late planting and so were enjoying produce right up to the end of October.

Jimmy enjoyed his time as a member of the Dayspring and District Fire Department for many years.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Marie, of 57 1/2 years; his son Jeffrey (Shelley); his grandsons, Elijah and Cameron; his sister, Alice; brother Charles (Cindy); and numerous nieces, nephews, and several cousins.

Jimmy was close to all of his family, but shared a special bond with his mechanically gifted nephew, Matthew.

Jimmy was predeceased by his parents, Simeon and Annie; his sister Marjorie and her husband, Ivan; his brother-in-law's William Rhodenizer, and Mervin Fraser.

The family gratefully acknowledge all who came to visit Jimmy at home, as he was glad to see each one.

We are grateful for his thoracic surgeon, his chemo and radiation doctors, and their nurses. Especially Angela who we called his angel.

Special thanks to Jimmy's family doctor G. Thibideau for all his assistance and excellent care.

Thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Bridgewater Hospital who cared for him the times her spent there in the ER and as an in-patient and also thank you to the EHS personnel and their care.

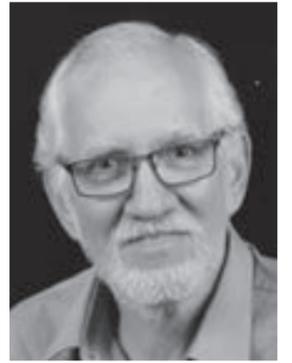
We are so thankful for the VON, the Continuing Care workers, and the Palliative Care team. We cannot say enough about their compassion and care - they were absolutely amazing.

We would also like to thankfully acknowledge Pastors Aaron and John for their support at R.A. Corkum Funeral Home.

Thanks to the team and patients at the Cancer Lodge where Jimmy stayed for several weeks. Everyone was so caring and helpful and where patients would reach out and support each other.

Special thanks to his daughter-in-law, Shelley, who drove him so many times to the VG for his appointments, and whose help at the end made it possible for Jimmy to stay home. Special thanks to his sister-in-law, Shirley, and his brother Charles and wife Cindy.

Arrangements were under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Jimmy's life was held at the Bridgewater Baptist Church on Saturday, February 21st, with Rev Dr. Aaron Kenny officiating. A private family interment will be held at the Dayspring Cemetery at a later date.



Youth theatre group celebrates World Theatre Day!

By KEVIN COLWELL

LIVERPOOL – The Mersey Rose Theatre Company (MRTC) will celebrate World Theatre Day (March 27th) by staging an original production, *The Tale of Tea and Thyme*.

Written by local youth and guided by MRTC Artistic Director Ashley-Rose Goodwin, the imaginative play follows a group of teenage girls – including a fashion lover, a shy wallflower and a pop star tired of fame – who arrive at Camp Steeped expecting a normal therapeutic camp. Things take an unusual turn when a sip of “super-steeped” tea transports them to Nocturne Grove, a strange place where magic is forbidden and an eccentric, evil queen uses



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Mersey Rose Theatre Company will celebrate World Theatre Day (March 27) by performing an original production at the Astor Theatre.

mind control to rule over everyone.

With the unexpected help of a lost Mary Poppins, the campers must de-

cide whether to assist the queen in hunting magical rebels or find the courage to stand up against her.

Artistic Director Ashley-Rose Goodwin reflected on the creative journey behind the production: “My favourite directorial challenge is helping a cast create a show from their own imaginations. Watching their characters leap onto a page, then to the stage, is an extraordinary process. This show is a total masterclass in their creativity and a perfect way to celebrate World Theatre Day!”

The Tale of Tea and Thyme has two shows, March 26th and 27th, at 7 p.m., at the Astor Theatre in Liverpool. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and free for children under five. Tickets are available at the Astor Box Office or online at: www.merseyrosetheatrecompany.com.

South Shore Players introduce music series

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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BRIDGEWATER – The South Shore Players (SSP) will be hosting a series of four local music acts this year beginning March 15 at their home located at 123 Empire Street in Bridgewater.

John Bird, SSP board member, is in the in-house producer of the series.

“It’s nice to have a space that is accommodating to small groups like we are hosting,” he said. “And all these musicians have contributed much to the theatrical performances of the South Shore Players.”

Quintz Jam will kick the series off on March 15 from 2-4 p.m.; followed by Collage on April 12, Mid-Life Crisis on June 28 and the Gamechangers will be front and centre on Oct. 18.

Admission is free with donations gratefully accepted. Seating capacity is limited.



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Quintz Jam will be the opening group in a series of four concerts hosted by the South Shore Players at their facility at 123 Empire Street.

DISCOVER THE UPDATED MUNICIPAL-WIDE

Land Use Plan for the District of Lunenburg

Work on the District of Lunenburg’s Municipal-Wide Land Use Planning project has progressed significantly over the past year. Residents shared their opinions, concerns, and ideas, helping Council to provide clear direction to planning staff. The updated second drafts are now ready for the community to review.

We invite you to explore the latest version of the drafts, view updated mapping, and speak directly with our planning team about how the plan may relate to your property and community.

The updated drafts will be introduced at a Council meeting on **March 10 at 6 p.m.** in the Municipal Council Chambers at 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville. All are welcome to attend.

Open House Events

March 12	LaHave Fire Hall 6–8 p.m. (presentation 6:30)
March 18	Municipal Services Building (Drop-in) 3–7 p.m.
March 19	New Germany Legion 6–8 p.m. (presentation 6:30)
March 23	Municipal Services Building (Drop-in) 3–7 p.m.
March 25	Virtual Open House 1–2 p.m.
March 30	Municipal Services Building (Drop-in) 3–7 p.m.
April 1	Northfield Fire Hall 6–8 p.m. (presentation 6:30)
April 8	Big Tancook Island Recreation Centre (Drop-in) 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

VIEW THE UPDATED DRAFTS AND LEARN MORE:

engage.modl.ca/MODL2040

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Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Call for Volunteer Nominations

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities. Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about? Nominations are being accepted for the following:

Representative Volunteer - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 52nd Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in September.

Municipal Awards and Reception - Community organizations are invited to nominate and send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week.

Deadline for Nominations: Thursday, March 12 at 4:00pm

Nomination forms are available on www.modl.ca, by calling (902) 541-1343 or emailing recreation@modl.ca.

We wish to thank all our community volunteers for their passion, their action, and the impact they have in making MODL a great place to live, work and play.

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER
VILLAGE PLANNING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the **Village of Chester Planning Advisory Committee** on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda items include:

- Consideration of a staff report and draft amendments to the Village of Chester Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit commercial uses in the Institutional Area and Zone at the Chester historical train station lands (PID# 60738093) as requested by the Chester Municipal Heritage Society (landowner).
- Any other planning matters.

The Meeting is to be held in Chester Municipal Council Chambers, 151 King Street, Chester.

Meetings are open to the public to attend. If you wish to reserve a time to speak or have any questions, please call 902-275-2599 or email: planning@chester.ca.

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