

MODY Leaders of Tomorrow Bursaries

The Council of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth recognizes the importance of post-secondary education in an individual's professional pursuits. Furthermore, Council acknowledges the value of a well trained workforce to the region's continued economic vitality. To that end, Council has established two annual bursary awards in the amount of \$1000.00 each. To qualify for a MODY Leaders of Tomorrow Bursary, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Successfully complete the requirements for a Nova Scotia High School Diploma at a public or private school, or;
- Provide documentation of equivalency to Nova Scotia High School Diploma where the student is home schooled;
- Be accepted to a program of study at a university, community college level or technical school;
- Reside in the Municipality of Yarmouth **or be the child of a residential rate payer in the Municipality of Yarmouth.**

Application Requirements:

- Complete the application form;
- Demonstrate to Municipal Council, in a 150 word essay, how this award will impact the applicant's access to higher education;
- Include transcript including marks for first semester of grade 12.

The application process for Municipal Bursaries opens on February 15th and closes on April 30th of each year. Applications can be submitted electronically to:

admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

in person at our office located at 932 Hwy 1, Hebron,
or by mail:



Municipality of Yarmouth
932 Hwy 1, Hebron, NS B5A 5Z5

If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Office: **902-742-7159**



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Screen Nova Scotia - Starring Your Property

Have you always wanted to learn more about the film industry, even getting the chance to see how a film is made? Now is your chance! With Screen Nova Scotia's **Starring Your Property** program, you can include your home or business as a potential filming location in productions from films, television series, music videos, to commercials.

Screen Nova Scotia is looking for a wide array of residential and commercial properties that might attract a producer's attention – from warehouses to condos, newly built homes to rustic farm houses – any property could be valuable in attracting productions to the province.

Film production in Nova Scotia communities creates and generates revenues for the local economy, and filming locations – such as your home or business – are just the start of the services required by a film production. Others include everything from accommodations, building supplies, catering and more!



For more information, please visit the Screen Nova Scotia website at:

www.screennovascotia.com/starring-your-property

Fire Dispatch Service

Volunteer Fire Departments for the Municipality of Yarmouth are now being serviced by Digby dispatch. Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact their security system service providers (if they have one) to advise of their change in dispatch services.

It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that any security service they purchase has the correct information about emergency dispatch.



Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

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Clean Water - What Can We Do to Help Reduce Algae Blooms in Lakes?

Some species of algae are toxic to animals and humans, affecting fish and bird populations as well as making swimming and fishing dangerous. Cyanobacteria, which is called blue-green algae but is actually a photosynthesizing bacteria, can contaminate water supplies and cause headaches, fever, nausea, vomiting and, in serious cases, severe liver damage.



Algae doesn't necessarily mean poor water quality, but it can be a problem. So what's the key to reducing algae on our lakes? The most effective thing to do is reduce the number of algae-feeding nutrients, especially phosphorus, that make it into the water. Here are some tips to keep our lakes in tip-top shape:

Be Careful With Fertilizer: Sure, you want a nice green lawn and healthy plants - but that fertilizer you spread in your garden also encourages algae to bloom. It's best to avoid fertilizer altogether if you're close to a water source. Plant native plants instead, which are well-adapted to the environment and don't require special maintenance. If you must fertilize, try and find a phosphorus-free product, and reduce run-off by applying it when there's no rain in the forecast.

And don't think natural fertilizer like manure or compost is any better than a chemical version. Anything that's going to make your garden plants grow is going to make algae grow as well. It's best to avoid fertilizers generally.

Check Your Septic System: Just as manure encourages algae to grow, so does human sewage. A leaky septic system can easily contaminate water sources, so make sure you keep your septic tank well maintained and be on the lookout for cracks and fissures.

Combat Shoreline Erosion: An eroded shoreline, meaning few plants or trees, means more run-off from the land into our lakes. Make sure your shoreline is planted with native species to help keep its integrity intact and run-off out of the lake, and don't cut down vegetation that's already there.

Don't Lather Up Near Water Sources: Even if you're using biodegradable or organic soap, it's best to keep it far from water sources. Use a bucket or other container for your wash water, then bury your rinse water so bacteria in the soil can break down any contaminants. It may sound annoying, but it's better than washing in slimy, smelly algae.

Be Careful With Your Detergents: Canada banned phosphates in household cleaning products in 2010, but if you're using an old bottle of dish detergent, you could still be dumping algae-feeding nutrients into your lake. Make sure you're using phosphate-free cleaners and soaps.

Minimize Impervious Surfaces Close to the Water Where Possible: The goal in preventing nutrient-rich run-off from making it into lakes and other water sources is making sure it's absorbed by the earth, which is a lot harder to do if you've paved right up to the edge of your shoreline. Ideally, you'll have a nice, natural shoreline, complete with plenty of native plants around your lake to make sure run-off stays on land.



Lyme Disease - How to Protect Yourself

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted to humans by a bite from an infected blacklegged tick. In Nova Scotia, only the blacklegged tick carries the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, and not all blacklegged ticks carry the bacteria.

Ticks attach to the skin and feed on blood. A tick carrying the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease can only transmit it after filling itself with blood, which takes at least 36 hours. Blacklegged ticks survive best in areas that provide a moist habitat, such as wooded or forested areas, because the trees provide shade, and leaves provide protective ground cover. There are several ways to prevent or reduce contact with ticks when in areas with long grass, shrubs or woods:

- Apply insect repellents containing DEET to exposed skin and clothes. Follow directions on the package carefully.
- Wear light colored, long sleeved shirts and pants, closed shoes, and tuck pant legs into socks.
- Walk on well-traveled paths, avoiding high grass and vegetation.
- Check yourself, children, and pets after walking in grassy or wooded areas. Check clothing and inspect skin especially in hair and scalp area. When possible, take a bath or shower within two hours of being outdoors. This makes it easier to find ticks and washes away loose ones.
- Remove ticks as soon as they are found. Carefully grasp ticks with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and pull the tick straight out. Clean and disinfect the area where the tick was attached to the skin.
- Keep lawns mowed short.
- Put playground equipment in sunny, dry places, away from wooded areas, yard edges, and trees.

More information on protecting yourself and your family can be found on the Province of Nova Scotia website:

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/lyme.asp>

Spotlight on Local Business Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd.

Founded in 1990, Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd. provides personal and commercial vehicle maintenance and repair services, with firsthand attention from their owner/head mechanic. Besides the outstanding skills of their specialist, you will also receive polite and knowledgeable assistance from their customer service manager.

In addition to general automotive work, Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd. also rebuild and repair transmissions, from light to heavy duty, as well as industrial torque converters, do complete heavy trailer refurbishing, aluminum and steel welding, complete motor vehicle inspections from cars, light trucks, trailers to HEAVY DUTY trucks. They are certified by the Truck and Transport Red Seal, as well as the Car Red Seal.

Because Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd. is a family-owned and operated business, they emphasize quality customer service. Every job is given their full care and attention, from start to finish. The diversity of their repair and refurbishing skills is exceptional. They like to say that "there's nothing we can't fix"!

Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd. has a large network of contacts for parts, and pride themselves on providing the best services at a reasonable price. They are the only garage in the area with exclusive rights to service and rebuild Allison transmissions.

Prime Transmissions & Parts Ltd. have recently moved to a newly built facility with a two car garage and six truck bays and are ready to serve all of your personal and commercial vehicle needs.

**375 Highway 1 Dayton, NS
B5A 5A2**

Phone: 902-749-1215

Fax: 902-749-0238

<http://www.primetransmission.ca>

**PRIME TRANSMISSIONS
& PARTS**

SCAN - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods

SCAN improves community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land that are regularly used for illegal activities. SCAN gives citizens the tools to report problem residences and businesses, and gives authorities the power to investigate and take action. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities regularly taking place on their property.

Closing down an illegal cannabis dispensary must be done under the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, (SCAN) and this requires a resident to make a complaint.

Here are some possible signs of illegal activities covered by SCAN. Any one of these activities or signs may not mean there are illegal activities on a property, but if they happen often, or in combination, there may be a problem.

- There is often activity late at night
- Windows are blackened or curtains are always drawn
- People are unfriendly and secretive about their activities
- People watch cars suspiciously as they pass by
- Strange odours come from the house or garbage
- Garbage is put out in another neighbour's collection area.



If you are suspicious of a property in your community and want to report a problem, please call SCAN at **1-877-357-2337**.

You may also want to notify the Yarmouth rural detachment of the RCMP by calling **902-742-9106** or notify Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**.

Nova Scotia SPCA Dog By-law Services

All dog complaints should be referred to the Nova Scotia SPCA Dog By-law Services at **902-307-0475**. Their hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. If you are calling after regular business hours and it is a by-law emergency, please contact the rural detachment of the RCMP at **902-742-9106**.



Instances of animal cruelty should be reported to the Animal Cruelty Line at **1-888-703-7722**. You may also fill out an on-line complaint form and email it to the SPCA. All complaints filed and information provided is kept confidential.

The SPCA does not provide your name when responding to animal cruelty complaints.

www.novascotiaspca.ca/animal-cruelty-complaint-form

If you give unpaid care to a family member or friend,
please join Caregivers Nova Scotia for a

**Caregivers
Nova Scotia**
for Friends and Family @vovg.com

Caregiver Wellness Retreat

Friday, May 24th, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Beacon United Church Hall
25 Beacon St, Yarmouth, NS

Enjoy the company of other caregivers as we learn about self-care, enjoy a delicious lunch, and share a few laughs.

This event is FREE but seating is limited. Please register by calling Jennifer at 902.521.5592 or 1.877.488.7390.

This event is made possible by funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program.



Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

(for Seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement or The Allowance)

The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors Program, administered by Access Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a rebate (determined by the Provincial Government) on their municipal property taxes paid the previous year. Application forms are available in **July of each year** at Access Nova Scotia in the Provincial Building on Starrs Road as well as the Municipal Office in Hebron. The deadline to apply is December 31st of each year. For more information, please contact:

Access Nova Scotia at 1-877-296-9338

<https://novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/property-tax-rebate-for-seniors.asp>



or the Municipal Office in Hebron
902-742-7159 or email:

linda@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Fees Eliminated for Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks

As of October 25th, 2018 residents of the Municipality of Yarmouth are no longer required to pay a fee and obtain a receipt from the Municipal Building in Hebron. However, residents will still require a letter from the organization requesting the criminal record check or vulnerable sector check to bring to the Yarmouth County RCMP Detachment.

If you live within the Municipality of Yarmouth you can apply in-person for a Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Check from the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment on Starrs Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. (closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch).



Times Gone By - Hebron Corner Looking South

NOT Accepted!

WHY can't I use these?

- The compost facility does not accept them
- They don't break down fast enough so it contaminates the compost.
- They look like plastic

You CAN use...

- Paper bags
- Cardboard liners
- Cereal or cracker boxes (liner must be removed)
- Newspaper or flyers

waste déchets

902-742-1312 or
toll free 1-800-569-0039
www.wastecheck.com

Open for Innovation

Did you know that your local NSCC is actively managing a **Rural Innovation District** right here in the tri-counties?

Quite simply, a Rural Innovation District is a means to provide funding to help local rural businesses develop innovative products and/or services. If you own a local business, are an industry association or community organization and have an innovative idea, the Rural Innovation District might be able to help you bring your ideas to fruition.

Along with Janet Specht, Project Director of the Rural Innovation District, your municipal Economic Development Officer Mark Blinn is always ready to help you access these services provided by NSCC.

We encourage anyone who has any questions regarding this innovative program or anything economic development related to reach out to Mark or Janet via the emails or phone numbers below.

mark@district.yarmouth.ns.ca 902-307-3492

janet.specht@nsc.ca 902-690-2184

You can also visit NSCC's website for more information:

www.nsc.ca/sites/ruralinnovationdistrict/

Vial of Life - Emergency Medical Information

The Vial of Life provides emergency medical personnel with vital health information during a home emergency. Information is recorded on a medical form requiring a name, health card number, doctor's name and number, people to be contacted in case of an emergency, medical conditions, allergies, and a list of medications taken. The form is then placed in a vial on a shelf in your refrigerator door. A Vial of Life sticker is placed on the outside of your refrigerator to indicate to medical personnel that vital health information is available. The Vial of Life can save valuable time in a home emergency.



A Vial of Life is available free of charge from the Senior Safety Coordinator for the Municipality of Yarmouth by calling 902-881-4099.