



# NEWS

TRURO  
Year in Review

# Mayor's Message



Happy New Year! With 2020 behind us, and the many challenges it has brought for our residents and businesses, I want to start by thanking all of you for your commitment to the community. Thank you for supporting the Town, our local businesses, our local not-for-profit organizations, local fundraisers, your neighbours, and many others. While there are still many challenges ahead for 2021, I know we will continue to prosper by leaning on one another and pulling in the same direction.

Our community and region has had an exceptionally difficult year. With the global COVID-19 pandemic, the mass shooting in Portapique that took 23 lives, including the life of an unborn child, the disappearance of 3 year old Dylan Ehler, and the Cyclone Helicopter crash which took the life of 6 service members, including Naval Weapons Officer, Sub-Lieutenant Matthew Pyke (formerly from Valley), I know pain still resonates throughout the community. As a Town Council, we also lost Councillor Tom Chisholm in June due to a battle with cancer. We've all struggled and have had to make adjustments in our lives, but out of this, I also believe we have become closer. We're all a part of "Nova Scotia Strong", making our local community stronger, more resilient, and more united.

I would like to thank and recognize the accomplishments of our outgoing Truro Town Council. All outgoing members sat as members of Town Council for consecutive terms and I'd be remised if I didn't recognize all we were able to accomplish over the last number of years. I also welcome our new Town Council, elected in October 2020. With three returning and four new members, we've got a lot we want to accomplish and a fresh perspective to bring to Town strategy. For the first time in our history, we also have a 50/50 split of male and female councillors.

We've also accomplished great things with our partners in Colchester County, Millbrook First Nation, Bible Hill, and Stewiacke, as well as our local partnerships with the Downtown Truro Partnership, Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP), the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce, and many other community organizations. Finally, a huge thank you to our Town staff members for bringing it all together.

While 2020 has been a challenging year, we also have many things to celebrate in the Town of Truro. We are coming off another banner year in Truro, with the total value of construction for 2020 sitting at \$20.4 million. Four of the past five years have been banner years for new private construction within the Town of Truro and there are no signs of that slowing down.

We are seeing several residential and commercial developments under construction, or in preparation and planning to begin in 2021. Currently there are over 1,000 new multi-residential units either under construction, approved for construction, or in the Development Agreement process. If all are approved, we can expect to see these new buildings under construction and hitting the market over the next 5-10 years. We encourage our developers on these projects to seek affordable housing programs and work with them to facilitate this process.

Our residential vacancy rate is low and real estate sales are robust. While this shows signs of growth, we are also working to address the challenges that come with this. We will continue to advocate for affordable housing stock and housing programs with our provincial and federal government partners.

I also want to congratulate the new owners of 435 Willow Street, the former Tandus Centiva/Crossley Carpet facility in the Truro Business Park. Asante Logistic Group purchased this 367,000 sq. ft. facility in 2020. Asante Logistic Group is Nova Scotia's first all-in-one logistic solutions provider offering warehousing, freight forwarding, export and import services all under one roof. We wish them continued success as they expand and move into their new facility.

I also want to highlight the success of the Railyard Mountain Bike Park. It has been key to attracting out of town visitors over the past year and in all four seasons. We know many of these visitors are spending time and money elsewhere throughout our community. We're happy that this asset is also appealing to locals of all ages and getting people outside and active. We hope to continue this development in a sustainable and respectful way so that it continues to be a community asset for everyone.

As we continue to move forward, albeit differently than before, we still expect growth and prosperity in our community. While we still have challenges and expect to uncover more as we grow, we will be conscious to take the time required to address those challenges. When we all pull in the same direction the momentum is very powerful and positive, and the results are noticeable.

It's been mentioned that we have survived, and even thrived, because we have had to lean on one another through 2020. Supporting one another and reaching out is a key to our next 12 months! Half the battle is knowing we are here for each other.

In closing, I'd like to say that on behalf of Truro Town Council and Town staff, I want to wish you all the very best for 2021.

**Thank you,  
Bill Mills, Mayor of the Town of Truro**



# New Council & Outgoing Members

In October 2020, the Town of Truro municipal election saw incumbent Mayor Bill Mills retain his seat for another term. Mayor Mills claimed the seat with 62% of the votes for Mayor. Mayor Mills has been an elected official with the Town of Truro since 1987, serving as Mayor for 23 years and counting, with an additional 10 years served on Council.

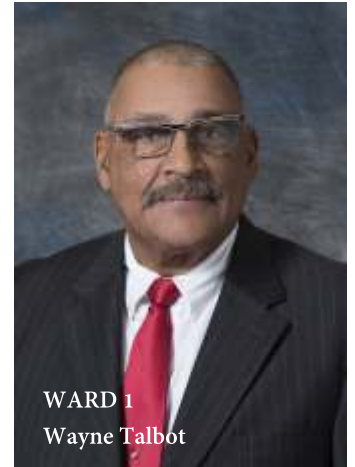
In Ward 1, incumbent Wayne Talbot retained his seat by claiming 875 votes along with newcomer Alison Graham who received 576 votes.

In Ward 2, newcomers Jim Flemming and Bill Thomas received 570 and 532 votes, respectively.

In Ward 3, incumbent Cathy Hinton retained her seat with 1,138 votes, while newcomer Juliana Barnard received 740 votes.

The Town of Truro welcomes and looks forward to this Council providing direction and oversight for the next 4 years. This marks the first Council in the Town's history with a 50/50 split of male and female councillors.

The Town wishes to thank outgoing councillors, Cheryl Fritz, Danny Joseph, and Brian Kinsman for their many years of service to the Town. Both Cheryl Fritz and Danny Joseph served on Truro Town Council for 8 years, while Brian Kinsman served on Council for 22 years and did not reoffer in 2020.



WARD 1  
Wayne Talbot



WARD 2  
Tom Chisholm (Councillor 2012-2020)

# Remembering TOM

The Town also wishes to recognize the accomplishments of former Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Tom Chisholm, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 69, after a battle with cancer. Tom Chisholm was elected to Council in 2012 for Ward 2 and served until his passing. He served on numerous committees during his time in office, including the Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee, the Town Planning Advisory Committee, and the Library Construction Committee. He was genuinely committed to making the Town of Truro a better place to live, work and prosper.

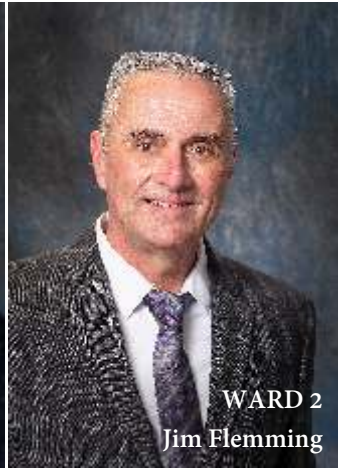
# 2020 Staff Retirements

The Town of Truro thanks these employees for their great work and years of service to the Town and wishes them all the best in their retirement!

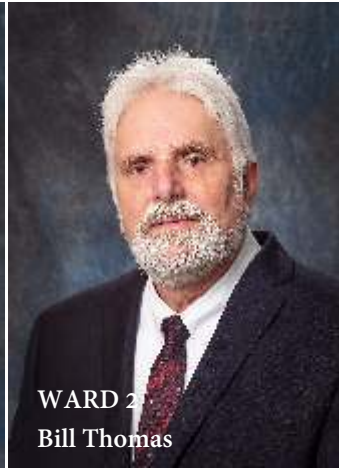
- Juanita Bigelow (36 years) | Planning & Development
- Stephen Dennis (32 years) | Public Works & Engineering
- Wayne MacDonald (30 years) | Public Works & Engineering



WARD 1  
Alison Graham



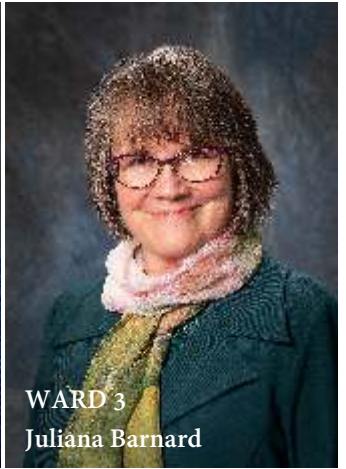
WARD 2  
Jim Flemming



WARD 2  
Bill Thomas



WARD 3  
Cathy Hinton



WARD 3  
Juliana Barnard

# 2020/21

## Truro's Annual Operating Budget Highlights

Residential Tax Rate

**\$1.85/\$100**  
Assessment

Commercial Tax Rate

**\$4.50/\$100**  
Assessment

Road Preservation Tax Rate

**\$0.0525/\$100**  
Assessment

**\$29.45 Million**  
**Operating**

Wage Increase  
For CUPE  
(per contract agreement)



Wage Increase  
For Police & Fire  
(per contract agreement)



TCPEP Contribution  
**\$40,300**



Capital Reserve Funding  
**\$447,000**

**\$4.5 Million**  
**Capital**



Buildings, Vehicles  
& Equipment  
**\$3.2 Million**



Streets & Sidewalks  
**\$1.3 Million**

During 2020, the pension plan for the Town of Truro was transferred to the Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Plan (PSSP). The PSSP has a larger member base, a larger asset pool, and will provide increased stability for Town of Truro pension members.

# Town of Truro COVID-19 Measures

## In Accordance with the Province of Nova Scotia

On March 13, 2020 the Town of Truro issued its first Public Notification to announce changes in services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the directive of the Chief Medical Officer and the Province of Nova Scotia, the first decision that was made to Town of Truro operations was to cancel or postpone many community programs and events. At this time, the Town also prepared a plan to be ready to alter municipal operations and services so that there was assurance essential and emergency services could be maintained throughout the State of Emergency. The plan included extremely limited access to public buildings such as Town Hall, the Truro Police Service, the Truro Fire Service, the Truro Public Works facility, and the Douglas Street Recreation Centre. Most other public facilities were closed to the public.

Later in March, the Province of Nova Scotia directed that both provincial and municipal parks be closed under the authority of the Emergency Management Act as the result of the State of Emergency. To follow this directive, the Town closed all playgrounds, trails and parks within the Town of Truro, including Victoria Park.

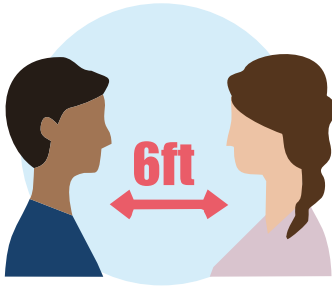
After more than two months, it was announced that the Nova Scotia government would begin easing some public health restrictions. One of the first things to reopen were municipal and provincial parks. While the Town of Truro has had to implement some changes to the operations of parks and playgrounds, they've been able to be open since May 2020. Given the public's compliance with provincial protocols, the Town of Truro also made the decision to open the Caldwell Roach Kings Mutual Skating Oval for the 2020-2021 season.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, the skating oval operates a little differently for the 2020-2021 season. Skaters are required to register online for a 45 minute session before they are allowed to skate. Registration helps to regulate numbers and is used for contact tracing purposes. Anyone wishing to skate can register in advance at [www.truro.ca](http://www.truro.ca). The registration link is located on the homepage. Once registered, the skating oval is available for free public use.



**PLAY SMART,  
PLAY SAFE!**

# Deer Management and Deer Plebiscite and



During the Town of Truro municipal election, held on October 17th, the Town sought input from residents through a plebiscite. Voters were asked to vote "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Do you support a managed urban deer bow/crossbow hunt in the Town of Truro to control and reduce the urban deer population?". In the end, 2,311 voted "Yes" and 1,728 voted "No".

While no decision has been made on proceeding with a managed urban deer hunt, work is continuing concerning deer management in the Town of Truro.



After the election, Town staff worked with the NS Department of Lands & Forestry on a briefing session for Council which took place in mid-December. The session provided Council with an overview of the current urban deer situation. The session also shared results from the plebiscite and other public feedback from a survey that was completed in 2017. During the session, Council had the opportunity to ask the NS Department of Lands & Forestry specific questions on the options presented and sought recommendations on moving forward.



While no decisions were made during the December session, it was a preliminary step in educating Council and preparing them to be able to make decisions at upcoming public meetings in 2021.



This briefing session was live-streamed on the Town's website and Facebook page for public viewing. It continues to be available for public viewing on the Town's website. For additional information on a potential Managed Urban Deer Hunt, a list of Frequently Asked Questions can be viewed at [www.truro.ca/learn-more-about-the-deer-plebiscite.html](http://www.truro.ca/learn-more-about-the-deer-plebiscite.html)



# Truro Colchester Delivers and other business supports through COVID-19



When the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, and many businesses were forced to close their doors or pivot their offerings due to people working and staying at home, the Town of Truro in partnership with other organizations began offering numerous supports for local small businesses. In late March, the Town of Truro partnered with the Downtown Truro Partnership to offer a virtual matching Downtown Dollar Program, whereby anyone who made a purchase at a local small business was eligible to receive 25% of their purchase, up to a \$100 maximum, back in Downtown Truro Dollars. The program ran for two weeks. Total local spending generated through this program was over \$21,500, through a grant program amount of \$3,000.

As an extension of this program, the Town of Truro and Downtown Truro Partnership also partnered to offer a delivery service to encourage residents to continue to shop and make purchases through Truro's local retailers. The program allowed anyone living in Colchester County, Pictou County or East Hants to receive free delivery of their package purchased from a local small business. The program ran from late March until June and saw over 1,000 packages being delivered from 20 separate businesses. The program resulted in over \$50,000 in local spending.

Due to the success of the first phase, an expanded second phase of this program was reintroduced in late 2020 to encourage local holiday shopping. This program, branded Truro Colchester Delivers, was a partnership program offered through the Town of Truro, Downtown Truro Partnership, Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity, and the Municipality of the County of Colchester. The intention of the program was to encourage local spending over the holiday season and to entice customers to shop from local small businesses while still receiving the perks of free shipping and door-step delivery. The second phase of the program was expanded to include delivery to the Halifax Regional Municipality. The second phase of the program saw over 600 packages delivered from 24 businesses, resulting in over \$45,000 in local spending.

The Town also partnered with the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations to provide consistent COVID-19 safety signage and floor decals to local businesses in Truro and Colchester, offered sector-based reopening sessions, provided mask signage and disposable masks for businesses, as well as promoted buy local campaigns, and promoted and allowed the creative use of green space by private business.



As a funding partner of the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP), the Town of Truro continued supporting the TCPEP and its mandate to promote the Truro Colchester region, support business growth and innovation, and help businesses with workforce attraction and retention.

In 2020, the TCPEP continued its program to aid physician recruitment efforts.

Physician recruitment continues to be a challenge in Nova Scotia. Working with the Town of Truro and other partners, the TCPEP has taken a leadership role in physician recruitment. For this, the TCPEP assists with physician recruitment tours, promotes the region at physician recruitment events, and is developing new strategies to increase physician recruitment and retention for the local area.

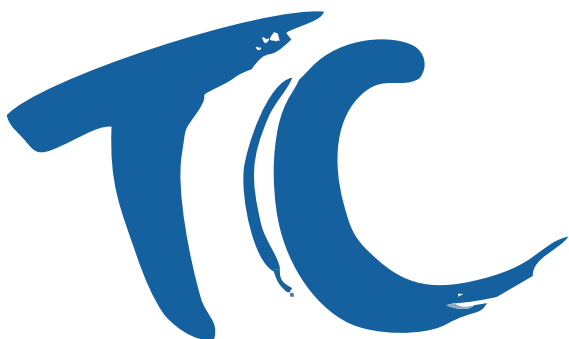
While there are still over 8,300 patients awaiting a family doctor and 9 family medicine vacancies in the Truro area, the area did successfully attract a number of physicians in 2020.

During 2020, the following physicians were recruited to the Truro Colchester area:

- 1 Physician in Family Medicine, Tatamagouche
- 2 Physicians in Family Medicine, Truro
- 3 Physicians in Psychiatry, Truro
- 1 Physician in Obsgyn, Truro
- 2 Physicians in Hospitalist, Truro
- 2 Physicians in Emergency Department, Truro
- 1 Physician in Anesthesia, Truro

If you live in Nova Scotia and you need a family doctor or nurse practitioner, please make sure you register through the "Need a Family Practice" Registry at <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca> or by calling 811.

This list is used when determining how many family physicians and nurse practitioners are needed in the area.



Truro & Colchester  
**Partnership**  
for **Economic  
Prosperity**

# TCPEP Focuses on Physician Recruitment

# Street and Sidewalks: 2020 Projects

The Town's Public Works & Engineering Department works hard to maintain the Town's roads, water, and sewer services, while also overseeing capital improvements and infrastructure projects. Through 2020, the following projects were completed:

## Parker Street: Revitalization

Parker Street is a local residential street located in the central part of Truro. The roadway had deteriorated significantly over the years, primarily due to insufficient sub-base material. To ensure the longevity of the street, existing gravels were removed, and a completely new base was constructed. New curb and gutter were installed along with new asphalt and the reinstatement of landscaping along the street. The budget for this project was approximately \$192,000.

## Robie Street: New Sidewalk

Approximately 800m of new curb, gutter and sidewalk were installed along Robie Street (Juniper Street to Longworth Avenue and Argus Drive to the Town line). The new sidewalk replaced an aging asphalt sidewalk that had no physical separation between the busy traffic lanes on Robie Street. The installation of a raised curb provides a much safer pathway for pedestrians along this high traffic area. This project also included the resurfacing of Robie Street between Juniper Street and Longworth Avenue. The total budget for this project was \$305,000.



## Laurie Street & Ross Street: New Sidewalk

Existing sidewalks that were in poor repair were replaced on the west side of Laurie Street and Ross Street. This included 540m of sidewalk on Laurie Street and over 200m of sidewalk on Ross Street. In addition, over 200m of curb and gutter was replaced on Ross Street. The value of these two projects totalled approximately \$165,000.

## Street Preservation Program

This year was unlike any other and the Town's Capital Construction Program was by no means immune to its impacts. A later than normal budget approval meant that a greater focus was placed on less intensive street preservation projects rather than more time-consuming full street reconstruction. Street preservation work addresses deteriorating streets with cost effective rehabilitation techniques before they fail and require more costly street reconstruction. This work typically involves pavement overlays or milling and repaving. This year, nearly 4km of streets were addressed with a total budget of approximately \$980,000.



## Robie Street: Water main Replacement

In early November, work began to replace the existing watermain on Robie Street between Longworth Avenue and Ford Street. This work was intended to begin in the Spring of 2020 but was delayed due to the pandemic. Installation of the main line was completed by the end of November and the remaining work will be completed in the Spring and Summer of 2021. The work remaining includes installation of new service connections and hydrants, commissioning of the new line, new curbs and gutters, and repaving of the street. The total project budget is approximately \$1.2 million.



# Launch of Emergency Alert Program

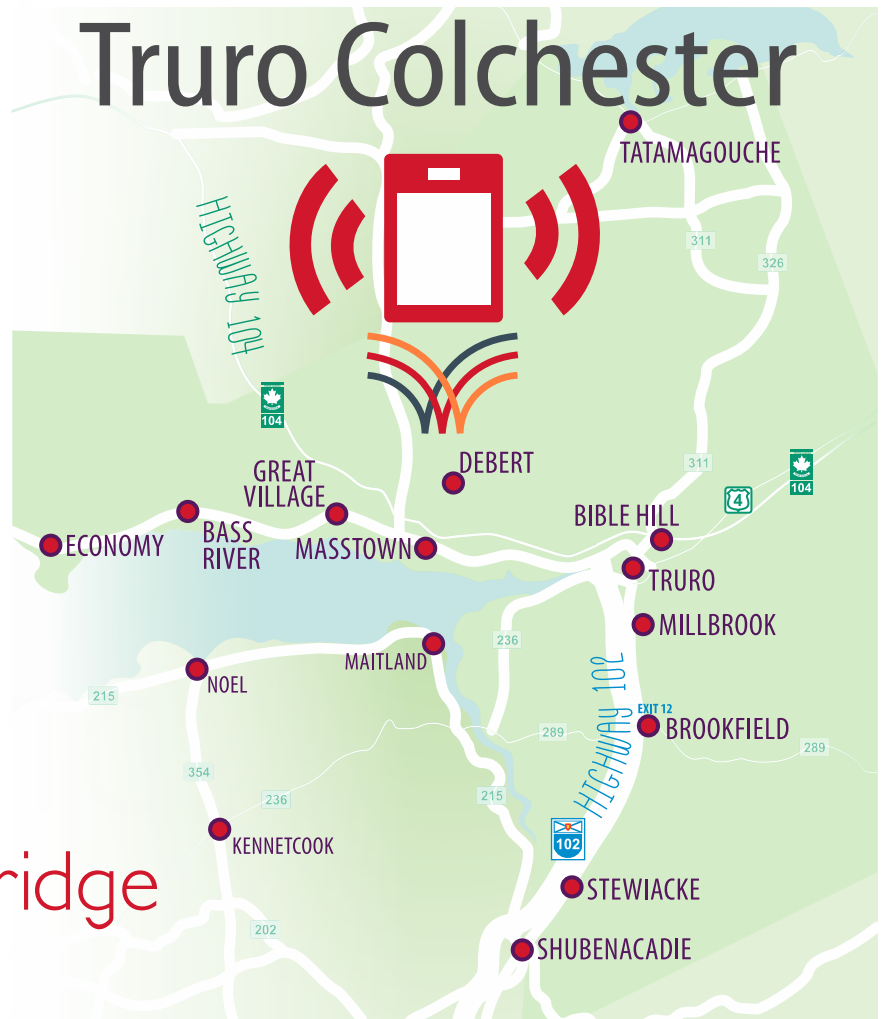
In June, the Town of Truro and Municipality of the County of Colchester introduced Alert Truro Colchester (AlertTC). Alert Truro Colchester (AlertTC) is a free public notification program that allows subscribers to receive important and critical information about the Town of Truro or the Municipality of Colchester via text message, email or voice call to a landline telephone, as well as through the AlertTC smartphone app.

Subscribers can sign up to receive emergency alerts (i.e. water quality notifications, severe weather notices, Amber alerts), public advisories (i.e. road closures, water main breaks), and general community notices (i.e. newsletters, special events).

AlertTC is a communication tool to assist individuals living and working in the Town of Truro and Colchester County to stay informed of what is happening in our communities.

Residents of Truro and Colchester are encouraged to sign up to receive alerts. In order to sign up, residents will need to register at [www.truro.ca/living-in-truro/alert-truro-colchester](http://www.truro.ca/living-in-truro/alert-truro-colchester). Anyone with questions is encouraged to call the Town of Truro at 902-895-4484.

As of December 2020, there were over 2,000 people signed up for the program in Truro and Colchester.



**ALERT**

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# Veteran Banners Continue to Grow

The Town of Truro's veteran banner program continues to grow year after year to recognize local fallen heroes. A program which started in 2015 with only 12 veteran banners, now sees almost 100 banners installed throughout Truro. Millbrook First Nation also installed almost 50 banners throughout Millbrook.

The veteran banners are hung the week leading up to Remembrance Day to help commemorate and recognize the veterans.

At the beginning of this program banners were only installed around the Cenotaph. With the growth in the program, banners are now installed throughout downtown and in many community neighbourhoods.

In 2019, the Town of Truro partnered with the Africian Nova Scotian community to recognize Africian Nova Scotian veterans in the historically black neighbourhoods within Truro.



# African Heritage Month

Mayor Bill Mills proclaimed February as Africian Heritage month in the Town of Truro on February 3, 2020. As part of this celebration, the Honourable Tony Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs addressed the crowd to bring greetings on behalf of the Province. Former Poet Laureate of Halifax, El Jones also performed some of her famous pieces for those in attendance.

That evening, the Town of Truro hosted a community event at the Marigold Cultural Centre. Councillor Wayne Talbot emceed the event which saw an additional performance by El Jones, performances by local students, and music from the choir of the Truro Zion Baptist Church.





Adventure  
Central



Culture  
& Heritage  
Central



Family  
Central



Nature  
Central



Taste  
Central

# Explore Central

# \$75,000 Received for Regional TOURISM

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on tourism in Nova Scotia. In order to assist in local markets, Tourism Nova Scotia, using partnership dollars from Destination Canada, put out a call for applications to help regional destination marketing organizations in Nova Scotia with marketing and recovery initiatives.

Spearheaded by the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Town of Truro, Municipality of the County of Colchester, Millbrook Heritage and Culture Centre, Town of Stewiacke and the Downtown Truro Partnership, the group received \$75,000 in July 2020 to be spent on regional tourism marketing initiatives. Since that time, the group has been working to develop and launch the 'Explore Central' project, an initiative which encourages Nova Scotians to explore the Truro and Colchester region. As part of this project, the website [www.explorecentralns.ca](http://www.explorecentralns.ca) was launched, and numerous other marketing initiatives are taking place.

Also funded through this program is a standalone website for Victoria Park and the Railyard Mountain Bike Park. The intention of the website is to highlight Victoria Park and the Railyard as unique tourism attractions within the local area, and to encourage and assist people from outside the region to plan a trip.

The Victoria Park website, [www.victoriaparktruro.ca](http://www.victoriaparktruro.ca), launched in early 2021. The wider project will continue until September 2021.



Take a Hike



Enjoy the Ride



Climb the Ladder

# Town of Truro Partnership with FCM Municipal Innovation Local Economic Development

The Town of Truro has been involved with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) programs for international development since 2013. This international programming has helped Canadian municipal elected officials, staff, and local community volunteers share knowledge and build relationships with their counterparts around the globe. Funded by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada (GAC), FCM's peer-to-peer approach enables its global partners to learn how to foster lasting economic development, empower local governments and encourage civic participation.

When the global pandemic was declared in March, and Canada closed its borders to non-Canadians and banned non-essential travel, the program was faced with the challenge of how to continue to deliver world-class programming safely, without face-to-face contact, in a variety of contexts around the world.

The Town of Truro has been partnered with Pailón, Bolivia through the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Local Economic Development (PMI-LED) program since 2017. This is a five-year capacity development program that seeks to increase sustainable economic growth at the local level by strengthening the capacity of selected municipal governments.

With Bolivia hard hit by COVID-19 and Pailón, Bolivia being severely affected, the Town of Truro expressed the desire to consolidate the training virtually and to find ways to overcome the significant connectivity issues in Bolivia. The partners decided to use Zoom to establish regular meetings and deliver subsequent virtual training.

As part of the program, two members of the Town of Truro team have been recognized for their significant contributions to the program and have been nominated for FCM's 2020 International Awards.

Jim Lorraine, a local business owner and long-time volunteer and contributor to the Town's projects in Bolivia, has been nominated for FCM's Pam McConnell Award 2020. This award recognizes an individual's contribution to the advancement and promotion of gender equality.

Jason Fox, the Town's Director of Planning & Development, has also been nominated for FCM's Mike Badham Award 2020. This award is given to an individual whose contribution to FCM's international programs has gone above and beyond in terms of innovation, creativity, engagement and leadership.

The final award winners will be announced during International Development Week in February 2021.



# & Construction & Growth

The Town of Truro continued to experience growth through 2020. During the year, the Town's Planning & Development Department issued a total of 118 building permits for a total construction value of \$20.4 million.

Permit Type	Value of Construction
Residential	\$11,136,779
Commercial	\$6,675,967
Industrial	\$2,500,001
Institutional & Government	\$115,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,428,247</b>

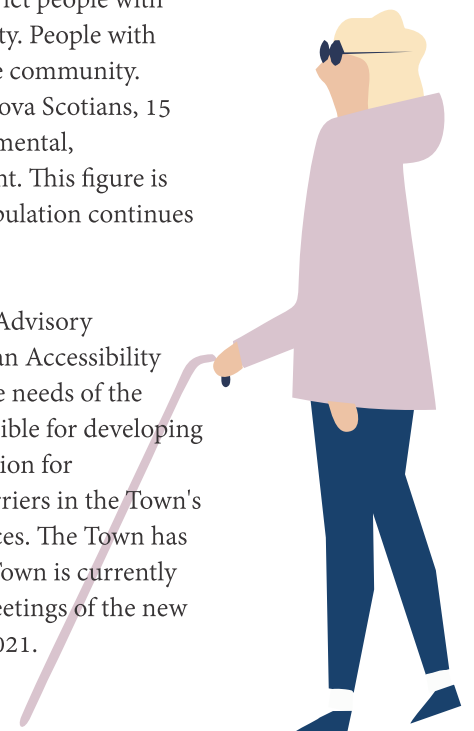
## Development Agreements

35 Esplanade Street	Victoria Suites Development	Amendment to a 2016 Development Agreement to add one storey and 13 units to a proposed 4-storey, 50-unit residential building.
74 Lorne Street	3326158 Nova Scotia Limited	Agreement to permit a 6-storey, 30 unit residential building.
140 Dominion Street	Meech Holdings Limited	Agreement to permit the existing building to be converted into a multi unit residential development containing 7 units.
225 William Barnhill Drive	Marchand Development Limited	Agreement to permit two, 4-storey, 56-unit residential buildings and 10 townhouse units.

## Accessibility Advisory Committee to Develop Town Accessibility Plan

The Town of Truro is committed to creating and adopting an Accessibility Plan by the end of 2021. This plan is intended to make the community more equitable and accessible by preventing and removing barriers that restrict people with disabilities from fully participating in society. People with disabilities make up a significant part of the community. According to Statistics Canada, 30.4% of Nova Scotians, 15 years and older, have at least one physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or sensory impairment. This figure is only expected to grow as the province's population continues to age.

The Town will be creating an Accessibility Advisory Committee to oversee the development of an Accessibility Plan, ensuring that the plan responds to the needs of the community. The committee will be responsible for developing a plan that provides a detailed course of action for identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers in the Town's municipal operations and delivery of services. The Town has invited interested citizens to join, and the Town is currently finalizing the committee's membership. Meetings of the new committee are expected to begin in early 2021.



In February 2020, the Honourable Deb Schulte, the federal Minister of Seniors, announced an investment of more than \$3.4 million in funding through the New Horizons Seniors Program (NHSP), for a project led by Dalhousie University's College of Continuing Education (CCE), that will help increase social inclusion of seniors in New Glasgow, Truro and Kentville.

The Town of Truro is working with the College of Continuing Education to implement this mentoring program called, "Mentoring Plus". Mentoring Plus aims to draw upon the skills and knowledge of retirees to help support young adults (age 16 - 35+) explore and connect to career paths through team mentoring and support.

Through this initiative, seniors will be able to share their skills and knowledge about their careers and life experiences with youth and young adults, with special emphasis on those that are unemployed or underemployed. Acting as mentors, seniors will help local youth explore possible career paths while also becoming more connected to and engaged in the community.

In Nova Scotia, seniors currently represent 20% of the population, but in towns like New Glasgow, Truro and Kentville, that number is in the range of 35%-40%. When seniors become more socially isolated, they are at greater risk of health concerns and often enter residential care sooner.

Mentoring Plus helps to combat senior social isolation by providing an opportunity for seniors to become involved in meaningful activities within their community — sharing their skills and knowledge about their careers and life experiences with youth of a variety of age groups and backgrounds.

# Mentoring Plus Program



# Victoria Park Sees Major Upgrades to Trail Leading to Joseph Howe Falls



Victoria Park saw major upgrades during 2020. Over 100 feet of trail heading towards the Joseph Howe Falls were dismantled and rebuilt to allow for a wider walkway. While the project still has 100 feet more to go before the project is considered complete, construction will commence in the Spring of 2021.

Staff also constructed a new hemlock timber frame structure by the Joseph Howe Falls. This structure is named after Edwin A. Fraser, a Victoria Park Commissioner in the 40's and 50's. An anonymous donor funded the structure.



## Parks & Recreation DONATIONS

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department accepts donations and sponsorships on a number of projects and facilities throughout Town. Any donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a taxable donation receipt.

The following projects were completed in 2020 as a result of generous community donations:

**Herb Peppard Park:** Fence (\$15,480 was donated)

**Railyard Mountain Bike Park:** Features and the purchase of trail maintenance tools (\$8,900 was donated)

For more information on sponsorship or donation opportunities, please go to [www.truro.ca/Sponsorship-opportunities.html](http://www.truro.ca/Sponsorship-opportunities.html)

# The Railyard Mountain Bike Park Continues to Draw Bikers and Investment

The Railyard quickly became one of Truro's most popular destinations in 2020. With the sport of mountain biking continuing to grow in Atlantic Canada, the Railyard was at the centre of attention throughout the last year for those drawn to the sport.

Several visitors from within the Atlantic Bubble travelled to Truro to check out the Railyard last summer and fall. This was largely due to the addition of a few new features, titled the Callus Cut jump lines. The Callus Cut jump lines are built off of McCabes' Loop. Construction of the jump lines were sponsored by Callus Moto, HAF Lifestyle, Jimolly's Bakery Cafe, The Tweed Suit, Bike Monkey, To You Like New, and Brookfield Bakery.

Built to modern standards, the Railyard Bike Park has been designed to provide riders of all abilities with an engaging mountain bike experience. From beginners to advanced, riders can enjoy the trails while advancing their skills to the next level through the progressive nature of the park's terrain. With a wide range of trail difficulties, technical trail features, wooden structures, pump tracks, and dirt jumps, the park has been designed to allow riders to build their skills in a safe and incremental fashion.

Adding further to the desirability of the Railyard is the emerging fatbike scene that has been growing in the park during the winter months. This further positions the Railyard as a high quality, four season mountain bike destination for both locals and out of town visitors.



Railyard Mountain Bike Park

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