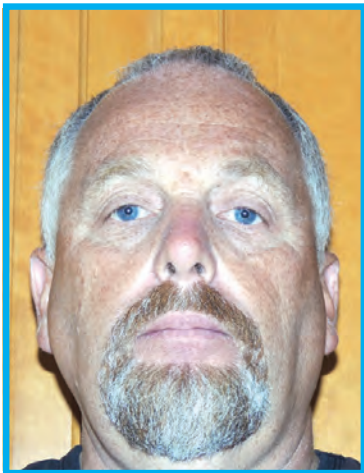




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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to 2018*

■ BY JERRY VILLARD

I hope everyone's Christmas and New Year's with family and friends was enjoyable, and you had a chance to recharge for the upcoming winter.

I'm sure everyone had a busy fall with the extraordinarily warm weather that allowed for an extended construction and maintenance season.

On behalf of association members, I would like to extend congratulations to Clara Shea, our executive secretary, on her marriage to Danny Whiting in Antarctica in November. On a more solemn note, we extend condolences to board members Rick Larlee on the passing of his father, and Nicholas Legere on the passing of his brother.

The 38th Annual MPWWA Training Seminar is being held in Charlottetown at the P.E.I. Convention Centre from April 22 to 25 and planning is underway. This year the ACWWA Top Ops competition to decide representatives for ACE in June 2019 will be held on April 24. There is a new format that was adopted for the ACWWA's 2017 conference that makes for less of a "Reach For The Top" style competition. If you would like more info, please contact Clara (contact@mpwwa.ca). We are in the process of finalizing the seminar schedule and will get it out to everyone as soon as it's prepared. The theme for this year is "You are not Alone - Taking Advantage of Networking".

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A \$4.6 million street reconstruction project in the Town of Port Hawkesbury will see a total rebuild of both Pitt and Napean streets. Work was about 50 per cent completed before the winter weather set in. The project is expected to be completed this summer.

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## Street reconstruction, new booster station underway in Port Hawkesbury

■ BY KATHY JOHNSON

A \$4.6 million street reconstruction project in the Town of Port Hawkesbury will see a total rebuild of both Pitt and Napean streets. The project is expected to be completed by this summer.

The capital project, which is supported by the federal government's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, was

started in September and involves the total rebuild of both streets, including replacement of all buried water mains, sanitary and storm sewers, replacement of road asphalt, as well as concrete sidewalks, curb, and gutterage. Also included in the scope of work is replacement of all lot services, connection to existing municipal infrastructure, landscaping, and removal of existing manholes, catch

basins, hydrants, and the addition of many new trees.

"It's pretty much a complete street reconstruction," says Jason MacMillan, CET, Town of Port Hawkesbury. In total, the project covers about 1.5 km. PVC piping for the water and sewer mains and HDPE storm water main is replacing "fairly old infrastructure."

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# Street reconstruction, new booster station underway in Port Hawkesbury

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Allsteel Coatings, Port Hastings, is the general contractor on the project.

“They are a local contractor, employing local people, hiring local sub-contractors and sourcing as much of the project materials on Cape Breton as they can,” MacMillan says. “They’re trying to keep as much of the project money as local as possible, which is great. We appreciate that.”

The project was about 50 per cent completed at the end of December. Construction activity will begin again in the spring, with an expected project completion this summer.

“We’re seeing that people are quite happy with the results so far,” MacMillan says.

The two streets are mainly residential, with Pitt Street also serving as a thoroughfare, while Napean Street is densely populated. MacMillan says the town is looking at installing some sidewalk furniture, such as benches, and possibly garbage and recycling receptacles once the reconstruction work is completed.

The street reconstruction project is just one of two capital projects undertaken by the Town of Port Hawkesbury with support from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. MacMillan says the town was also successful in getting funding to replace the water booster station and “equipment that was ripe for failure,” which services the Tamarac sub-division. The \$220,000 project is expected to be completed in February.

Projects approved under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund receive 50 per cent funding from the federal government, 25 per cent from the provincial government, with municipal units paying the remaining 25 per cent. Projects worth a total \$116.88 million have been approved for Nova Scotia so far under the Fund.



A new Grundfos pump package has been installed in the new booster station building that services the Tamarac sub-division in the Town of Port Hawkesbury. The project was one of two for the town to receive approval under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

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The new booster station built by the Town of Port Hawkesbury to service the Tamarac sub-division is one of two projects for the town to receive approval under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

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An overview of the street reconstruction project underway in the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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The chosen charity as beneficiary of proceeds from our silent auction will be the Brain Injury Association of P.E.I. If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction, please contact your zone director or bring them to the seminar and get in touch with this year's auction coordinator, Andre van der Velden, or leave them with the registration desk.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible attend this year. Again, this year we are going to have a large equipment tradeshow with all types of existing and emerging technologies and products for you to ask the suppliers about.

I'm certain we will all be busy in 2018 with new projects and upgrades to our systems, since there has been some infrastructure money made available to municipalities and likely more to follow. It's great to get the money to upgrade our water supply, treatment, and distribution systems or wastewater collection and treatment systems, but this can stretch already thin personnel resources even further.

It's difficult for municipalities to afford the increase in labour, but the number of maintenance personnel must grow as systems become larger and as regulations become stricter, requiring more and more documentation to meet them. We all give what we can, but there's only so much that can be accomplished during the workday and still leave time for family life.

Often this part of the equation gets overlooked as part of the growth process, and as we know the workforce in this industry isn't getting much younger. I think we need to start to promote employment in the water and wastewater industries, especially at the "boots on the ground level."

This industry has become, and will continue to be, more technical and technological in nature, as suppliers are moving to wireless technologies for sensors and such. There is still field/trench work that's part of it, but trenchless technology and "cured in place" repairs are helping to reduce that part of maintenance. No longer is it necessary to excavate the street to make repairs, they can be completed from the inside with minimal disturbance to the community.

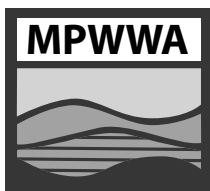
We are doing a good job of talking about water, but now must start the conversation about wastewater and the fact that once it disappears from the building, that's where our work begins. Out of sight, out of mind is no longer a good strategy for dealing with wastewater. The public must be educated on what happens after it enters the collection system, and how what they put in can have negative effects throughout the process.

# You are NOT ALONE, Taking Advantage of Networking

Looking forward to crossing paths with all of you in Charlottetown at the Prince Edward Island Convention Center from April 22—25, 2018 at our 38th Annual Training Seminar. As usual we have our Technical workshops, Tradeshow, Tours and Charity Auction, also this year will be the first time that the MPWWA be presenting the Top Ops Challenge, sponsored by ACWWA, to determine who will represent Atlantic Canada at ACE in June 2019.

Make plans now, start working on what you need to do to get here! Networks are not only what your computers operate on, but are also the relationships you build with suppliers, contractors, neighboring operators and especially the Maritime Provinces Water and Wastewater Association! Through our membership there are centuries of combined experience in every aspect of the industry, so take advantage of it to help with whatever may be causing you headaches!!

**April 22nd—25th, 2018 at the  
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## MPWWR BRIEFS

## GRAND FALLS RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO VIOLATING CLEAN WATER ACT

WOODSTOCK, NB – A 53-year-old Grand Falls man has pleaded guilty to performing work along the Tobique River without obtaining a permit.

Dana Marshall Gillespie, of 536 Route 375, appeared before Judge Brian McLean in Woodstock provincial court and entered a guilty plea to two charges brought forward by the Department of Justice and Public Safety under the Clean Water Act.

Gillespie was ordered to pay \$2,500 plus a surcharge of \$750, or spend 68 days in jail, for failing to obtain a watercourse alteration permit. He was also ordered to pay \$5,000 plus a surcharge of \$1,500, or spend 133 days in jail, for failing to comply with an order issued under the act.

A local resident was canoeing along the river with his wife in July of 2016, and noticed that a large portion of the bank had been excavated. As a result of his complaint, the Department of Environment

and Local Government completed inspections of the property.

Environmental inspectors issued an order, directing Gillespie to cease all work until he applied for and received a watercourse alteration permit. Gillespie did not comply with the order and the Department of Justice and Public Safety began an investigation.

An alteration permit is required for any work undertaken within 30 metres of a watercourse or wetland. Permits issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government stipulate the manner in which work can proceed while protecting the province's water and ecosystems.

Gillespie has been given until July 12 to pay his fines.

Anyone with information on illegal activity related to the environment is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## MINISTERS ANNOUNCE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR MOUNT PEARL

MOUNT PEARL, NL – Provincial, federal and municipal governments are investing more than \$10.1 million for a number of projects in Mount Pearl.

Details on the projects were announced by Dale Kirby, minister of Education and Early Childhood Development; Seamus O'Regan, minister of Veterans Affairs and associate minister of National Defence; and Dave Aker, mayor of Mount Pearl.

The provincial government is contributing approximately \$1.9 million for work on portions of both Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road that will include upgrades to the wastewater management system. There will also be widening and repaving, reconfiguring the Blackmarsh Road-Topsail Road intersection, new traffic signals; new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and bus lay-by areas. The federal government and the City of Mount Pearl will be contributing more than \$1.4 million each.

A second project includes a provincial investment of \$3.4 million to update the water and wastewater management systems along Commonwealth Avenue from Glendale Avenue to Francis Street. Also included is repaving, installation of 2,000 metres of sidewalks, and traffic signals at four key locations. The federal and municipal contributions are approximately \$2.6 million each towards this initiative.

Funding has been allocated under the Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Fund.

"Strengthening our province's infrastructure is a priority for our government and we're pleased to continue a positive working collaboration with the Government of Canada to achieve this goal," Joyce says.

"Strategic investments in infrastructure help address growth and safety issues along vital road and highway corridors, and around transportation hubs and ports. The Government of Canada is glad to invest in projects like these, which will make the city safer and more efficient, helping kids travel safely to school, workers arrive on time, and seniors access the services they need," O'Regan says.

"We are a city growing to meet the future head on. Through good asset management, smart planning, and thoughtful infrastructure and development, we are ensuring long-term, sustainable services for Mount Pearl. These projects will be some of the largest in our city's history. They will create modern thoroughfares, improve accessibility for our pedestrians, reduce traffic delays, and advance capacity for future development in these areas," Aker says.

Also announced is a provincial government contribution of \$234,000 to upgrade Second Street, with a federal contribution of up to \$213,000. Additionally, both governments will contribute approximately \$150,000 each towards upgrades of the elevator and HVAC system at the Glacier Arena.

# Damien Monk to handle technical sales in Atlantic Canada for GREATARIO

GREATARIO Engineered Storage Systems has hired Damien Monk as its new technical sales representative for Atlantic Canada. Monk will be based in New Brunswick.

Monk comes to GREATARIO with 15 years of experience as a technical sales representative in the construction industry.

"Damien's combination of skills, experience and knowledge of Atlantic Canada will make him an immediate asset to the GREATARIO team and will allow us to provide even greater support to our customers in the Atlantic Canada region," says Steve Gregory, vice president of GREATARIO.

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## NL supporting infrastructure in Happy Valley-Goose Bay


The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay has received more than \$220,000 in provincial funding to upgrade its wastewater and sewer systems. The total value of the projects, which also include federal and municipal components, is approximately \$620,000.

Funding is being provided for four projects, including upgrading sewage lift stations #1 and #7, improving storm drainage, and replacing a hospital pressure-reducing valve. The federal share for the projects is up to \$203,000 and the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is contributing \$197,000.

These projects are part of 77 projects that have been allocated funding under the Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Fund. Provincial and federal governments have allocated approximately \$29.3 million under the fund for municipal infrastructure projects. The provincial share in these projects is \$17.4 million, and the federal share is up to \$11.9 million.

"Residents continue to express to our government that improvements to infrastructure are the types of projects that are important to them and their communities," says Eddie Joyce, minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Newfoundland and Labrador. "We continue to prioritize water and wastewater systems throughout our province. We are pleased to contribute more than \$222,000 to assist the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay in upgrading their sewage lift stations, improving storm drainage, and replacing the hospital pressure reducing valve."

"I'm pleased to see the federal, provincial, and municipal governments working together to help municipalities like Happy Valley-Goose Bay meet infrastructure demands through the Small Communities Fund. These infrastructure improvements will benefit the residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay for many years to come," says Perry Trimper, MHA for Lake Melville.



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# Progress made on efforts to improve water quality at Parlee Beach

Construction on two projects, to upgrade wastewater infrastructure in Shediac and lift stations in Pointe-du-Chêne, started this fall and are underway. The New Brunswick government also reports all other projects announced earlier this year to help improve the water quality at Parlee Beach are either underway or have been completed.

“We understand that Parlee Beach is a major tourism draw for New Brunswick, one of North America’s finest beaches, and we’re working hard to get things done by having all these projects completed before the start of the 2018 season. Public safety and a healthy environment remain our main concerns,” says Environment and Local Government Minister Serge Rousselle. “We’re also committed to keeping the public informed about the progress made on these projects on an ongoing basis.”

The projects in Shediac include the renewal of a lift station on Wayne Street and the addition of a standby generator. Other standby generators are being installed at lift stations on Pleasant Street, Paturel Street, and Pussyfoot Lane. The work is on schedule to be completed by the end of May.

In Pointe-du-Chêne, work includes upgrades to the lift station on Jarvis Street and the renewal of 455 metres of sanitary sewer and six manholes along St. John Street. After a review was conducted by the Department of Environment and Local Government, it was determined the replacement of sanitary sewer on St. John Street had to register for an Environmental Impact Assessment, which was done. The assessment is currently ongoing.

However, the other components of the project are not codependent on the replacement of the sanitary sewer on Saint John Street, so the lift station upgrade is underway, and the completion of the project is still planned for the end of May.

Following is an update on projects announced earlier this year:

- The installation of a rain gauge and near real-time data logger at Parlee Beach has been completed. A rain gauge was also installed at Murray Beach.

- An education campaign about responsible dog ownership was initiated in May and continued until early fall. Waste bins, bag dispensers, and signage were placed throughout Pointe-du-Chêne. Educational flyers were distributed. An estimated 5.3 tons of dog waste was disposed in the bins throughout the 2017 season.

- Upgrades to the Murray Beach sewage lagoon are underway. A nutrient infuser was installed. The tendering process has been completed this fall for the supply and installation of the new UV system and the backup generator so that the work can be completed in advance of the 2018 operating season.

- The independent ground survey to delineate wetlands was completed. The 148 owners of the 277 properties in the drainage area, which have a high potential for wetlands, were contacted to seek their consent to carry out the exercise. After receiving land owner consent, the delineation was completed on 94 properties. The delineation of a large section of wetland along the Pointe-du-Chêne Road and in Parlee Beach Provincial Park has also been completed and a map is available online.

- The Parlee Beach Provincial Park Sewage System upgrade project is ongoing. The project was transferred from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to the Greater Shediac Sewerage Commission, because it needs to be connected to the commission’s collection system. The design work is in progress and the tendering is scheduled for early 2018. Although there has been a delay in the start of construction, it is still set to be completed by May 2018.

- New pump-out facilities were installed at both marinas in early October.

- The inventory of private septic systems was completed.

- The Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is working with Transport Canada on establishing a boater exclusion zone in accordance with the federal Navigation Protection Act. Meetings with stakeholders and the public were held on Aug. 11 and Aug. 24, 2017, respectively. The installation of buoys farther from the swimming area is on track to be completed in time for the 2018 beach season.

- All the scientific work has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the steering committee to make recommendations to the government in early 2018.

- In addition, a water quality monitoring protocol is being developed for all other provincial parks based on principles behind the protocol for Parlee Beach, and will be in place for the 2018 season.

“I am pleased to report on the progress on all this work and to say all projects are on track to be completed before the 2018 beach season,” Rousselle says. “We’re proud of the work that has been accomplished and we’re now looking forward for the steering committee to make

its recommendations to the government in early 2018.”

In April, the government also announced measures to improve water quality monitoring, in accordance with the Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality, and to improve communication with the public. Water quality test results were posted online daily throughout the season and will follow the same process of posting results next season as well.

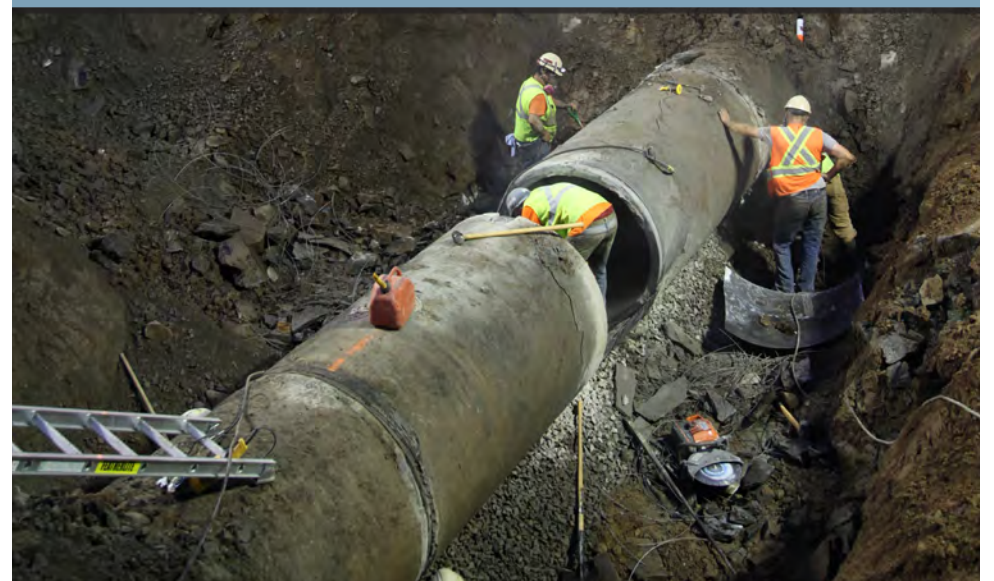
In May, the government announced about \$3 million in investments in strategic infrastructure and studies to support water quality improvements at Parlee Beach. It also declared the Parlee Beach watershed a unique feature of the environment under the environmental impact assessment regulation. The declaration means developments that could affect water quality at Parlee Beach now require an automatic review by the Department of Environment and Local Government to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. To date, there have been 78 new projects screened, with two requiring an assessment.



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# N.B. water strategy released

A New Brunswick water strategy has been developed to guide the government in protecting and managing the resource. The strategy was based on input from stakeholders, the public, and First Nations.

"In its 2015 speech from the throne, your government committed to develop a province-wide water strategy, and we got things done, as New Brunswick now has a long-term water strategy that articulates a set of specific goals and planned actions directed toward the protection and management of water, now and in the future," says Environment and Local Government Minister Serge Rousselle. "This strategy was developed following an extensive engagement process, which started in the spring of 2016, and represents the views of New Brunswickers on how the government can improve and plan for the future."

The strategy is meant to allow the government to build on areas of success, share information with New Brunswickers, and encourage collaboration. It focuses on subjects such as protecting drinking water, preserving and enhancing aquatic ecosystems, understanding and sharing knowledge about water, working cooperatively, and reporting progress publicly.

The strategy identifies water-related challenges and opportunities, provides a vision for the province's water resources, establishes goals in support of the vision, describes actions necessary to achieve

those goals, and assigns responsibility for the actions.

Key issues have been prioritized in the strategy, and the government is committed to acting upon them from 2018 to 2020. They include a renewed approach to watershed management, improved wetland protection, enhanced public reporting, and establishing a recreational water monitoring program.

"A water strategy is not a static document or the result of a one-time effort," Rousselle says. "It represents an ongoing, evolving activity that will have to be reviewed and adjusted to ensure its goals and actions remain relevant."

During the engagement process, the Water Classification Regulation under the Clean Water Act was frequently raised as a concern. As a result, in October 2016, the Department of Environment and Local Government established a technical working group to look at this issue in depth while the overall draft water strategy was being developed. The working group, which includes members of watershed groups, non-governmental organizations, industry, First Nations, regional service commissions, academics, and department staff, recently presented its report with recommendations to the minister for his consideration.

The final water strategy is available online. The report by the technical working group on watershed management is also available online.



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# Henry Rosta feels fortunate to work in his home community

■ BY ANDY WALKER

Henry Rosta considers himself fortunate to be able to pursue his chosen career within a 10-minute drive of the house where he grew up.

He started working for what was then the Town of Glace Bay in 1989 in the Public Works Department as an environmental technologist. By 2002, his home community was part of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Rosta was keen to take advantage of a new opportunity as manager of the Glace Bay Water Treatment Plant.

He had the rare chance of being involved on the ground floor, as the municipality was replacing the former town plant. "It's really special to be the first manager," Rosta says, noting the process included the development of a man-made lake at MacAskill's Brook Dam, which serves as the plant's source of supply. The MacAskill Brook Dam reservoir watershed includes all the lands and streams draining into the reservoir, and encompasses 3,700 hectares.

The plant, one of five in the municipality, serves a population of 23,760 in Glace Bay, Dominion, Reserve Mines, Tower Road, Donkin, Port Caledonia, Birch Grove, and Port Morien. There are 8,425 metered customers, and just over one million gallons per day flow through the 238 kilometres of pipe.



Henry Rosta, a Level 4 water operator and manager of the Glace Bay Water Treatment Plant, says the MPWWA offers a spectacular opportunity to network with his fellow operators from across the region.

Like many people in his business, Rosta is on call 24-hours-a-day every day of the year. He has one employee working under him, and says it's the same situation in each of the five plants, plus two additional "floaters" that go where they're needed.

Rosta maintains the technological changes over the almost two decades he has been in the business have made life simpler in many ways.

"There are a lot of problems we can fix from home now with the touch of a computer button," Rosta says.

Rosta says he joined the MPWWA shortly after he assumed his post as manager and makes every effort to attend the annual conference. The Level 4 water operator says the association offers not only an opportunity to learn about the latest technology within the sector, but a spectacular

opportunity to network with fellow operators throughout the region.

A water profile developed by the municipality reveals 96 per cent of the customers are residential or small businesses, although they only account for 57 per cent of consumption. Despite being just three per cent of the users in Nova Scotia's second largest municipality, big business accounts for 27 per cent of the consumption. The large users, such as the hospitals and fish plants, are just one per cent of the customer list, but represent 16 per cent of usage.

As for upcoming changes, Rosta says the municipality is now in the process of mounting a water conservation program, and a new water tank is expected to be installed in Glace Bay within the next several years.

With the youngest of his three children now in Grade 11 (he has two other children, one in university and the other in nursing), Rosta says he's starting to plan for retirement. While he loves to travel, the on-call nature of the job does present some challenges.

"The last few years have mostly been travelling for hockey, but I'm looking forward to going a little further afield," he says.

However, he plans to spend his golden years in the Glace Bay area, saying, "I have been here all my life, and it's a great place to live and work."

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# Clean-up costly when oil enters Summerside wastewater plant

■ BY ANDY WALKER

Officials with the City of Summerside remain frustrated at the fact they haven't been able to pinpoint how hundreds of litres of oil got into its wastewater treatment plant last October.

The city's wastewater supervisor says knowing the source could possibly help prevent similar incidents in the future. Sam Arsenault says the first thought he and his staff had when the spill was discovered on Oct. 23, 2017 was there had been an oil spill somewhere in the city.

"However, there was nothing reported," he says.

"If the oil had poisoned a significant number of the micro-organisms, that could have had a major impact on our system and we might have been out of commission for a while."

**SAM ARSENAULT, WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR FOR THE CITY OF SUMMERSIDE**

Arsenault says there are likely two possible explanations for how the oil ended up in the wastewater system: either it was poured down a drain deliberately, or a furnace line developed a leak and the oil got into the sewer system.

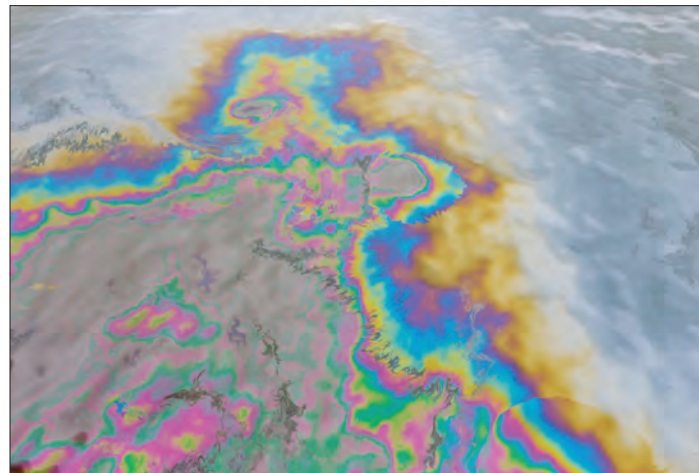
Using absorbent pads, it took department staff about 36 hours to clean up the approximately 500 litres of oil, at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The oil was spotted by an employee and clean-up began immediately. Arsenault says that went a long way towards preventing any long-term damage to the plant.

Since the oil was caught in the first stage of treatment, it didn't have a chance to interfere with the suspended growth treatment process, which utilizes micro-organisms to treat waste in a series of process reactors and settling tanks. Settled sludge or activated sludge is then recycled to the start of the process.

The oil would have also interfered with the biological nutrient removal.

"If the oil had poisoned a significant number of the micro-organisms, that could have had a major impact on our system and we might have been out of commission for a while," Arsenault says.

This is the first such incident Arsenault has seen in the two and a half years he has been with the plant. However, he says, "One of our veteran employees did recall



Staff at the Summerside Wastewater Treatment Plant still have not been able to identify how 500 litres of oil made its way into the plant. Clean-up cost \$15,000 and took 36 hours.

another incident a few years ago. Thankfully it doesn't happen very often."

Andrew MacDonald, drinking water and wastewater supervisor with P.E.I.'s Department of Communities, Land and Environment, says, "Thankfully this isn't a common issue on P.E.I. However, it does occur from time to time."

MacDonald says his department recommends municipal operators develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with oil spills in either the collection or treatment system.

"As part of the SOP, it would be advisable to have a hydrocarbon spill kit on hand, in a designated area, as well as hav-

ing a backup plan if the spill were too large for the facilities' operators to handle," he says. "This could include having a hydrocarbon remediation specialist contact number on hand that can assist in removal and clean up."

MacDonald said the department also recommends any hydrocarbon spill be reported to the appropriate authorities as soon as possible, including reporting it to the Environment Canada Pollution Reporting Centre for a P.E.I. case.

Arsenault says his department is always trying to educate residents and businesses about the risk involved when oil isn't properly disposed of.



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## New Maryland, Oromocto First Nation get \$1.1 million in infrastructure upgrades

Combined investments of more than \$1.1 million are being made by the provincial and federal governments in infrastructure projects in New Maryland and the Oromocto First Nation.

“The provincial government knows that targeting smart infrastructure investments will help produce long-term prosperity and strengthen communities, which will have a lasting positive impact on the quality of life of all residents,” says New Brunswick’s Deputy Premier Stephen Horsman. “These investments will allow the residents to have a better quality of life

“By supporting the development of important public infrastructure, like these projects, we help create increased opportunities for Oromocto First Nation and New Maryland residents.”

MATT DECOURCEY, FREDERICTON MP

and enable staff to be more effective in the delivery of services.”

Part of the funding will be used to extend the water main and storm sewer on Daniel Drive in New Maryland. There will also be upgrades to the existing storm sewer, and the roadway will be resurfaced with new curbs and sidewalks. This project is meant to ensure continued access to high-quality drinking water and an efficient, reliable sewer system.

The other project involves installing solar thermal heating units on band-owned buildings throughout the Oromocto First Nation. The new equipment is intended to increase energy efficiency and reduce the community’s operating costs.

“The Government of Canada is working in close partnership with the Province of New Brunswick to ensure we make smart infrastructure investments that help grow the middle class, promote sustainable development and increase public health,” says Fredericton MP Matt DeCourcey. “By supporting the development of important public infrastructure, like these projects, we help create increased opportunities for Oromocto First Nation and New Maryland residents.”

## Joyce announces funding for water system upgrades in Wabana

Eddie Joyce, minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Newfoundland and Labrador, has announced municipal infrastructure funding for the Town of Wabana on Bell Island. The province is contributing more than \$892,000 toward a municipal drinking water project.

With a total project value of \$1.7 million, the funding will be used to replace the pumphouse and drill new wells at Yard #3 and will result in cleaner, safer drinking water. The federal share for the project is up to \$525,000 and the Town of Wabana is contributing approximately \$158,000.

This initiative is one of 77 projects that have been allocated funding under the Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Fund. Provincial and federal governments have allocated approximately \$29.3 million under the fund for municipal infrastructure projects.

“Our government is prioritizing water and wastewater systems, as these are the types of projects communities and residents have told us are important to them. We’re pleased to be contributing over \$892,000 to assist the Town of Wabana in upgrading their drinking water system, which will contribute to a safer and more sustainable communities for residents and visitors to Bell Island,” Joyce says.

“Across Canada, and right here on Bell Island, our government is delivering on our unprecedented commitment to public infrastructure. Partnering with all orders of government allows us to meet local needs quickly and efficiently. The Government of Canada is proud to invest in these 77 infrastructure projects to strengthen and grow our economy and improve the quality of life of Canadians for years to come,” says Nick Whalen, member of Parliament for St. John’s East.

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## MPWWR BRIEFS

## PROVINCIAL, FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCE \$3.3 MILLION TO DEVELOP COMMUNITIES IN HUMBER-BAY OF ISLANDS, CORNER BROOK



Eddie Joyce, minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Newfoundland and Labrador.

ST. JOHN'S, NL – Eddie Joyce, minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, and Gudie Hutchings, member of parliament for Long Range Mountains, have announced approximately \$3.3 million for municipal improvements through federal and provincial infrastructure funding programs in the Humber-Bay of Islands and Corner Brook regions.

The Town of Mount Moriah will receive approximately \$1.7 million for the extension of Corner Brook's water system to provide clean drinking water to Mount Moriah. The investment in this important project is being made through the provincial Water and Wastewater Initiative Fund, which is allocated from contributions from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

"We have worked diligently with all levels of government to invest collaboratively in projects that contribute to growing communities. Through the Way Forward, we are focusing on enhancing service delivery in order to secure a prosperous future for residents," Joyce says.

"Through federal funding, the Government of Canada is helping communities in Newfoundland and Labrador to make informed decisions about their infrastructure investments. We are proud to support projects like the ones announced that will help create good, well-paying jobs, while improving the quality of life of residents for generations to come," Hutchings says.

"This funding will help my district of Corner Brook, as well as many communities throughout the Bay of Islands, meet infrastructure demands. These are significant projects that will allow these municipalities to better serve residents for many years to come," says Gerry Byrne, minister of Fisheries and Land Resources, and MHA for Corner Brook.

Funding for a wide variety of other community-oriented projects was also announced under the federal Small Communities Fund, including:

- \$453,000 from each of the provincial and federal government for the City of Corner Brook's street resurfacing efforts;
- \$180,000 from each of the provincial and federal governments for the Town of Meadows' multi-purpose court/rink upgrades and roof installation;
- \$66,000 from each of the provincial and federal government for the Town of Mount Moriah's street resurfacing for road upgrading on Sweetapple Drive;
- \$85,000 in provincial funding and \$56,000 in municipal funding from the new provincial Municipal Capital Works program for infrastructure upgrades in Humber Arm South;
- \$27,000 in provincial funding and \$18,000 in municipal funding from the new provincial Municipal Capital Works program for upgrades to the town hall in Hughes Brook; and
- \$19,000 in provincial funding and

\$13,000 in municipal funding from the new provincial Municipal Capital Works program for a municipal depot in Meadows.

All these announcements support commitments made in The Way Forward to leverage federal funding to maximize benefits for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. By making significant investments in municipal infrastructure, the provincial government is building on the work of the cabinet committee on jobs.

### FREE WELL-WATER TESTING FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FLOODING

FREDERICTON, NB – The provincial government is providing free bacterial testing for water from private wells which have been directly affected by recent flooding.

The free testing in relation to this weather event will be available until March 31. Additional information is available online.

All owners of private wells are advised that their water should be tested twice a year, in the spring and fall, and a bacterial analysis conducted to help ensure safety.

# Broadleaf Guest Ranch investing \$661,236 in upgrades

Broadleaf Guest Ranch, a year-round tourism operator in Hopewell Hill, New Brunswick, is undergoing a major upgrade with support from the provincial and federal governments.

Upgrades will include new water and washroom facilities, improvements to road and water systems, new water adventure equipment, and the addition of six "glamping" pods, offering visitors a popular new style of camping. These and other upgrades will allow the ranch to welcome more guests and create more jobs.

The provincial government, through Opportunities NB, is investing \$45,324 in the improvements, which total \$661,236. This investment will also support the creation of two new full-time jobs and generate an estimated \$115,936 toward the province's GDP annually.

"We're focused on job creation and economic growth," says Moncton East MLA Monique LeBlanc. "Broadleaf Guest Ranch has been a pillar for tourism in southeast New Brunswick for decades, and we are pleased to support the business's excit-

ing new growth and the new jobs that will come with it."

The federal government is providing \$166,750 for the project through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's (ACOA) Business Development Program.

"The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring Atlantic Canada's tourism industry is fully prepared to take advantage of growth opportunities offered by emerging markets and new tourism products and experiences, positioning the region as a global leader in this competitive industry," says federal Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains, who is also the minister responsible for ACOA. "Investment in the Broadleaf Guest Ranch reflects our government's commitment to helping fuel economic growth in rural communities throughout Atlantic Canada."

The ranch has roots dating back to 1953. Today, it's a 445-hectare (1,100-acre), family-owned-and-operated adventure business, employing 32 people through full-time and seasonal jobs.

"Our family has worked hard for more than 50 years and three generations to build Broadleaf Guest Ranch into an authentic destination that meets the needs of our clients," says ranch CEO Wendy Hudson. "We're convinced the time for growth is now, and we're committed to taking Broadleaf Guest Ranch to the next level. We're very appreciative of the partnership and support of federal and provincial governments through ACOA and Opportunities NB as we move our business forward. This funding will assist us in creating new and unique accommodations and experiences. These efforts, like those of other local businesses, will help to attract more visitors to the Fundy region for longer stays, year-round."

This investment, in supporting a New Brunswick business in its growth, aligns with the provincial government's new Tourism Growth Strategy.

"Product and experience innovation is a cornerstone of the New Brunswick Tourism Growth Strategy," says Tourism, Heritage and Culture Minister John

Ames. "Broadleaf Guest Ranch's ability to bring this unique, competitive product to market is a perfect example of the entrepreneurial spirit that's driving tourism to new heights in our province. Broadleaf Guest Ranch is a pioneer tourism operator, and we're proud supporters of this initiative and look forward to the many ways in which it will add to the overall guest experience at Broadleaf and along the Fundy Coastal Drive."

The New Brunswick Tourism Growth Strategy will invest \$100 million in tourism over the next five years, with a goal of growing tourism-related GDP to \$2 billion by 2025. Tourism has been identified as a key opportunity for growth in the New Brunswick Economic Growth Plan. Tourism visitor spending is estimated at \$1.3 billion, making it the third-largest service sector in the province.

Opportunities NB is a Crown corporation that seeks to attract and support opportunities to grow the economy and create jobs. It provides support services for businesses across the province.





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### NL INVESTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN MILLERTOWN

ST. JOHN'S, NL – Dwight Ball, premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, was joined by Al Hawkins, minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour and MHA for Grand-Falls-Buchans, to announce more than \$263,000 in provincial funding for municipal infrastructure projects in Millertown. The overall investment in the projects, which also includes federal and municipal support, is \$463,000.

Under the Small Communities Fund, the provincial government is contributing more than \$194,000 to be used to install a water treatment system and to construct a chlorination building. The federal government will contribute up to \$114,000 to the project, and the municipal share will be approximately \$34,000.

In addition, the province will provide more than \$69,000 to upgrade the sewage pumping station in the community. The federal contribution will be approximately \$40,000 and the town will contribute the remaining cost of more than \$12,000.

“Expanding investments in municipal infrastructure is a priority of our government. Leveraging federal funding and fostering positive working relationships with our federal partners reflects our vision for The Way Forward, and it will contribute to economic benefits for communities and residents,” Ball says.

“Providing investments to support quality water and wastewater projects

such as this one is a priority for the provincial government. We continue to work to build safe and sustainable communities and the residents of Millertown will greatly benefit from clean and safe drinking water and wastewater systems,” says Eddie Joyce, minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

“This funding will improve vital infrastructure in the town of Millertown. Helping communities complete quality water and wastewater projects are priorities for our government, and will improve the life of local residents,” Hawkins says.

“Our government has made unprecedented commitments to support public infrastructure across Canada. By working in partnership with every order of government, we will target smart infrastructure investments to produce long-term prosperity and strengthen communities. The Government of Canada is proud to invest in these 77 infrastructure projects, which will have a positive and lasting impact on the quality of life for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for years to come,” says Scott Simms, member of parliament for Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame.

Approximately \$29.3 million has been allocated for 77 projects under the Small Communities Fund for municipal infrastructure projects. The provincial share in these projects will be \$17.4 million, and the federal share is \$11.9 million.



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