

# AGNEWS

## Agriculture & Food Operations

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture



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## Programs and Business Risk Management

For nearly 15 years, federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments have relied on agriculture policy frameworks to ensure a collaborative approach that encourages investment, adaptation and sustainable growth in the sector. The current framework, Growing Forward 2 is set to expire in March 2018. FPT Ministers are committed to maintaining the coordinated approach and building on past successes in the development of a new agricultural policy framework.

Past frameworks focused on building a competitive, profitable, innovative and environmentally sustainable sector. Over time, framework policy priorities and program delivery approaches have evolved. FPT governments recognize that flexibility across Canada and collaboration with industry have enabled them to meet diverse regional needs while supporting common national outcomes.

Building on the lessons of past frameworks, the Next Policy Framework will further enhance policy and regulatory coherence and set clear objectives across the country in support of the sector.

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) is committed to ensuring that stakeholders from all parts of the agriculture and agri-food value chain were provided an opportunity to share their perspectives on the policies and programming that enable our sector's success, as well as the emerging challenges that the sector may face.

In April, NSDA collected feedback from stakeholders for the Next Policy Framework through several in-person consultations and an on-line survey. This information will be used to set programming direction and priorities for the next five years.

### 2017-18 Program Approvals

Many program approvals for the 2017-18 fiscal year have been issued. Clients are asked to review the terms and conditions of the funding agreement(s). Most importantly, please sign and return the Letter of Agreement within **60 days**, which applies to all programs. Failing to do so, could result in loss of funding for the project.

For information on Programs, please call the Programs office at 902-893-6377 (Toll free: 1-866-844-4276) or visit the website:

<http://novascotia.ca/programs/>

### Nova Scotia's Farm and Food Events Calendar

<http://nsfarmandfoodevents.com/>





## Ag Education ChickCam Project

The school chick hatch program is moving into the digital age.

In the past, the Agricultural Education Office with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture has offered an in-class chick hatch program. The Agricultural Education Liaison provided a limited number of classrooms with the resources needed for hatching chicks. Classrooms served were mainly in the Halifax Regional School Board, but a few hatches were also offered by regional office staff. A total of about 30 classrooms were served.

Although the program is popular, there is always room for improvement. The in-class program places responsibility for successful incubation on school teachers and staff. Sometimes hatches are unsuccessful and are a disappointment for the school children. There are also inherent human health and animal welfare risks of having eggs in incubation and live chicks in the classroom.

This year, a webcam chick incubation project will be piloted. By partnering with the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm in Dartmouth and with Nova Scotia Webcams live streaming coverage of an incubator at the farm will be provided to classrooms across the province.

The goal is to reach more classrooms and interested people while providing enhanced access to information about Nova Scotia poultry sectors. Each Wednesday morning the webcam will feature live educational presentations with guests providing information on incubation, the poultry industry, and poultry research.

The ChickCam is an exciting new approach to a popular program. It will be live from May 30 to June 19 at [www.novascotiawebcams.com](http://www.novascotiawebcams.com).

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Ruth Grant, Manager

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# Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission

## Wildlife Compensation for Blueberry Growers and Bee Keepers

The Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission administers the Wildlife Compensation Program for the province. This program provides compensation to growers who lose a listed crop as a result of uncontrollable wildlife. This also applies to honey bees and bumble bees or leaf cutter bees. To be eligible you must:

- Be a registered farmer under the Farm Registration Act.
- Report the damage to the Commission within 72 hours.
- Experience damage to crops affecting at least two acres or experience a loss of at least \$250.
- Follow industry production and protection standards (e.g. Fencing or caging of bee hives.).
- Have damage that is readily identifiable, recent and measurable.

## Policy for Bumble Bee Quads

The following is the Commission's policy for bumble bee quads. Provided all other requirements for compensation are met, damage to bumble bee quads will be covered according to the following:

1. Full compensation (80%) will be paid where no more than 50% of bloom in a field has expired at the time of the damage.
2. 50% compensation will be paid where between 50-80% of bloom in a field has expired at the time of damage.
3. No compensation will be paid where 80% or more of

the bloom in a field has expired at the time of damage.

As an exception to 1, 2, or 3; compensation may be paid in the event the quads were intended for another use after the blueberry bloom if:

1. The producer can provide a contract for the sale of quads; or
2. There is a statement from another party about the intended sale; or
3. You are able to show Commission staff the new destination field requiring pollination.

Quads intended for another field must be removed from the original fields immediately after bloom. Where quads that have been used on a second crop field experience wildlife damage, compensation will be limited to 50% or less and will be determined on a case by case basis by the Commission's Field Agent.

## Policy for Honey Bees and Hives

The following is the Policy of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission for the compensation of losses due to wildlife affecting Honey Bees and Beehives.

Provided that all other requirements are satisfied for a compensation payment, the following chart will be used to determine the maximum claim payment for Honey Bees and Honey Beehives.

MONTH	HIVE COMPONENTS	BEE COLONY	HONEY	TOTAL VALUE
January February March	Up to \$200	\$200		Up to \$400
April May June July August September	Up to \$200	\$200	Up to 60 lbs of honey at current published price	Up to \$500
October November December	Up to \$200	\$200		Up to \$400

Claim calculations will be made based on the actual parts of a honey beehive lost to eligible wildlife damage up to the maximum values noted above.

Beehives must be protected from wildlife as per industry best management practices and hive owners must be registered as a farm under the Nova Scotia Farm Registration Act.

## Value of Honey

\$3.00/lb

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## Value of Beehive Components

ITEM	VALUE
Bottom Board	\$20.75
Standard Super	\$21.95
Standard Frames & Foundation	\$3.65
Medium Super	\$18.50
Medium Frames & Foundation	\$3.00
Small Super	\$18.50
Small Frames & Foundation	\$3.00
Queen Excluder	\$14.50
Inner Cover	\$12.95
Outer Cover	\$28.00

## Forage Producers -

### Forage Establishment Plan

The forage establishment plan protects against establishment failure in the first year of growth for grasses, alfalfa and other legumes. This plan covers losses from such things as winter injury, drought, insects, diseases, floods, excess moisture, frost and wind.

The plan covers your new forage crop from time of seeding up until May 31 of the following year. Seeding must be completed by July 1 for legumes and legume/grass mixes and by September 2 for grasses. The deadline date to apply for this insurance is October 15, but you can apply as soon as your crop is seeded.

When you apply at seeding time, your coverage can begin immediately. If you apply at some point after your seeding date, an inspection is required before coverage will be offered.

Coverage and Cost Options 2017		
Option	Coverage	Producer Cost
A	\$300/acre	\$9.90
B	\$200/acre	\$6.60
C	\$100/acre	\$3.30

## Crop Insurance Reporting Reminders

Crop Insurance clients are reminded of the following reporting requirements:

- File a seeding report no later than 10 days after planting.
- **Report damage when it occurred and within 5 days of any potential loss or damage. File this report regardless of whether you believe you may have a claim. If damage is not apparent until harvest you must provide a Notice of Damage either while harvesting or within 5 days of harvest. You can mail, fax, or phone in these reports.**
- File accurate yield information within 30 days of harvest.
- If you believe you have an insurance claim, apply using a Proof of Loss within 30 days of the harvest or the end of the crop year (whichever is earlier).

If you are interested in learning more about this plan or for information on any of our insurance plans, contact the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission at:  
1-800-565-6371 Toll Free,  
902-893-6370 Truro, or  
902-679-6015 Kentville,

Visit our website at:  
<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/crop-livestock-insurance/>.

You can also visit our offices at:

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Perennia Innovation Park  
Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2.

Or  
Agricultural Centre  
Kentville, NS B4N 1J5

## New Small-Scale Outreach Specialist

Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc. is pleased to announce Sarah Wood, BSc. P.Ag., will be our new Small Farm Outreach Specialist, effective immediately.

This new position was created to utilize Sarah's general experience and understanding of a wide cross-section of production areas to assist Nova Scotia's substantial and growing organic and conventional small-scale farming sector.

Sarah is a key connector between producer groups and our production specialists, outside experts and other partners.

The primary focus of this role will be to provide general and commodity specific information to advance the small farm producer. In addition, working closely with our production specialist team to ensure issues are addressed for growers, she will develop workshop offerings, training videos, publications, etc. to address the sectors' needs.

Sarah will continue to be our first point of contact for the company for producer requests and follow up questions, and will attend a number of industry association events on our behalf each year.

Sarah can be reached at 902-896-0277, EXT 231, by mobile 902-890-1659 and by email [swood@perennia.ca](mailto:swood@perennia.ca)

## Upcoming Food Safety Training Courses

The quality and food safety team at Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc., in partnership with NSF-GFTC, will be putting on the following food safety training courses. For the full list, course information, and when and how to register, please visit <http://www.perennia.ca/events/>  
All sessions are held at the Perennia Innovation Centre at 173 Bernie MacDonald Drive in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia.

May 31 2017 until Jun 1 2017  
Implementing SQF Food Safety Systems for Manufacturing (Ed. 8 Update)

Jun 2 2017  
Internal Auditor: SQF (New Date)

Jun 6 2017  
Principles of Internal Auditing

Jun 16 2017  
Shelf-Life Determination

Aug 14 2017 until Aug 16 2017  
FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food

Sep 12 2017 until Sep 13 2017  
HACCP 1 - Prerequisite Programs - Sept. 12 - 13, 2017

Also, please stay tuned for information on how to register for one (or all) of our seven online introductory food safety sessions!

## AG Weather Atlantic

AgWeather Atlantic offers producers more localized weather and climate information, along with new and exciting tools to aid producers and crop advisors in improving on-farm business risk management. To find out more information about AgWeather Atlantic please visit the website: <http://atl.agrometeo.org/index.php/weather/local>

To view the webinars click on the AgWeather Atlantic Webinar icon: located on the left-hand side of the home page.

The AgWeather Atlantic mobile app is available to iOS and Android phone users (with a link on the main page of the website <http://atl.agrometeo.org/index.php/weather/local>). The app can display local weather conditions, hourly and daily forecasts, radar animations, agroclimate indices and a few pest models.



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# Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture

## Professional Development Courses

### Commercial Queen Bee Production

This three-day course provides the experienced beekeepers with various techniques to produce honey bee queens for their own use or to sell to others in the industry.

**June 27 and 28, and August 2, 2017 at Honeywind Farm in Cumberland County**

### Effective Facilitation

Effective Facilitation will present a basic introduction to theories, strategies, skills and tools that can contribute to successful facilitation.

**June 12-13, 2017 on the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus**

### Modern Beekeeper

The only course of its kind in the Atlantic Region, The Modern Beekeeper is a course that offers new and experienced beekeepers hands-on production skills and beekeeping knowledge timed specifically to the annual beekeeping cycle. The Modern Beekeeper will give you the skills and knowledge to expand your operation and prepare you for becoming a successful commercial beekeeper.

**Module 3 - 3Ps of Bees (Sat/Sun June 24 & 25, 2017)**

**Module 4 - Bee Maintenance and Business Growth (Sat/Sun Sept 9 & 10, 2017)**

### Pesticides Applicator's Certification and Updates

This four-day course is excellent preparation if you are writing the Pesticide Applicator's Examination. You will learn the basic principles and practices of safe use, handling and storage of pesticides. Information is presented about the ground application of pesticides but does not include aerial spraying.

**Fall dates TBA- Dalhousie Agricultural Campus**

### Master Gardener Training Program (Online)

Three intakes per year in October, November, and February.

### Master Gardener Summer School

July 10-14, 2017 on the Agricultural Campus in Truro.



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### University Credit Courses (Online)

*Faculty of Agriculture*

**Transition to Organic Agriculture**, September- December

**Compost and Compost Use**, September- December

**Principles of Organic Horticulture**- September – December

### DAL AC

**Website:** <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses.html>

**E-mail:** [extended.learning@dal.ca](mailto:extended.learning@dal.ca)

**Phone:** 902.893.6666



## Select Nova Scotia

Calling all producers and processors:

Looking to increase your connection with consumers looking for local products? List your business on the Select Nova Scotia website! We are always looking for interesting products and businesses to feature on our Select Nova Scotia website, blog, Facebook page and Twitter. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

This summer, watch for Select Nova Scotia sponsored community events featuring local products and businesses!

Check out the Select Nova Scotia culinary stage and display at Meet Your Farmer at the Mall, August 18 and 19 at MicMac Mall in Dartmouth. A local chef will be preparing delicious samples featuring products from the many commodity and industry groups participating.

Call or email to get more information.

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Nova Scotia  
Farm Loan Board

## Interest Rates

As of April 1, 2017 (applicable to loans approved on or after this date while these rates remain in effect)

Length (years)	Full Term	*10-Yr. Term	*5-Yr. Term	*3-Yr. Term
1-5	3.10%		3.10%	2.90%
6-10	3.60%	3.60%	3.40%	3.05%
11-15	4.20%	3.95%	3.50%	3.15%
16-20	4.70%	4.30%	3.55%	3.15%
21-25	5.05%	4.30%	3.55%	3.20%
26-30	5.35%	4.35%	3.60%	3.20%

\* 3, 5 and 10 year term rates available to clients meeting risk, cashflow, and collateral requirements.

The Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board supports agricultural development such as: property purchase / improvements, construction, machinery / quota / stock purchase, financial restructure, and farm transition. The Board is committed to helping you with your individual financial needs.

A Loan Officer will also have information concerning programs and other services offered by Nova Scotia Agriculture.

Call or visit a Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board office:

**Truro 902-893-6506**

Dalhousie University Agricultural College Campus,  
137 College Road

**Kentville 902-679-6009**

novascotia.ca/farmloan



## Environmental Farm Plan – Stewardship Award

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program are looking for nominations for our ninth Annual Environmental Stewardship Award.

The award showcases the outstanding stewardship efforts of farms and elevates public awareness of sustainable farming practices across the province. The award winner will receive a framed painting of their farm by a local artist as well as a cash prize of \$2000. The deadline for receiving applications is midnight on July 7, 2017.

### Do you know of a farm that has adopted new practices or technologies or has undertaken projects to protect soil, water or wildlife?

Award application forms are available at [www.nsfa-fane.ca/efp](http://www.nsfa-fane.ca/efp) or by calling 902-893-2293. If you or the farms need any help with the nomination/application process or have any questions about the award, EFP staff are available for assistance.

This award is a great opportunity to highlight the environmental practices that take place on Nova Scotia farms.

## Small Farm Expo 2017



This summer, the annual Small Farm Expo conference, will be held in two locations; Lawrencetown and Antigonish.

The lineup for Small Farm Expo, now in its eighth year, will include workshops, demonstrations, a trade show, and local food for lunch.

The Lawrencetown event will take place July 31 at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition grounds. Some of the workshop topics in Lawrencetown will be live animal grading for beef, sheep and hogs; on-farm pasture management; on-farm vineyard information session; market gardening and irrigation.

On July 24, the Antigonish event will be hosted by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture's Antigonish and Cape Breton regional teams and will take place at the Bethany Gardens. Workshops there will include, pasture renovation, marketing beef, hemp garden produce, beef and sheep production, and value adding for profit. July 24

During the day, we will explore how today's small-scale farmers are building on the strong foundation of traditional farming knowledge and practices with modern production technology, farm business management and marketing.

Registration and workshop information is found on ThinkFARM's website [www.novascotia.ca/thinkfarm](http://www.novascotia.ca/thinkfarm).

Experience a bit of what happens at the Small Farm Expo at <https://youtu.be/SPXNfYWzglc>



## EXHIBITIONS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

### Exhibition Dates – 2017

South Shore Exhibition, <i>Bridgewater</i>	July 25 - 30
Western Nova Scotia Exhibition, <i>Yarmouth</i>	August 2 - 6
Shelburne County Exhibition, <i>Shelburne</i>	August 8 - 12
Annapolis Valley Exhibition, <i>Lawrencetown</i>	August 14 - 19
Halifax County Exhibition, <i>Middle Musquodoboit</i>	August 16 - 19
Cape Breton County Exhibition, <i>North Sydney</i>	August 14 - 19
Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, <i>Bible Hill</i>	August 23 - 27
Digby County Exhibition, <i>Bear River</i>	August 23 - 26
Cumberland County Exhibition, <i>Oxford</i>	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition, <i>Antigonish</i>	Aug. 30 - Sept. 3
Pictou/North Colchester Exhibition, <i>Pictou</i>	Sept. 6 - 10
Hants County Exhibition, <i>Windsor</i>	Sept. 15 - 17 Sept. 22 - 24
Queens County Fair, <i>Caledonia</i>	Sept. 19 - 23
Nova Scotia 4-H Show, <i>Lawrencetown, Anna Co.</i>	Sept 29 - Oct 1
Atlantic Agricultural Fall Fair, <i>Halifax</i>	Cancelled for 2017
<b>Community Fairs</b>	
New Ross Community Fair	August 18 - 19
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	August 17 - 20
Dalhousie Community Fair	August 26
West Kings Community Fair	September 2
Victoria County Fair	September 9
Christmas Island Fair	September 9
Mira Ferry Community Fair	September 23
Port Morien Fair	To Be Announced

## 4-H Provincial News

### Camp Rankin Set to Open for 45th Season

Camp Rankin, the provincial 4-H camp, will welcome 200 4-H members and their friends to five one-week summer camps beginning July 2. The Camp Rankin 4-H Association in partnership with the Nova Scotia 4-H Council provides skills training, leadership, and healthy living activities during the camp program.

“The Camp Rankin 4H Association is very excited for the 2017 camping season to begin,” said Doug Landry, chairman of Camp Rankin 4-H Association. “Volunteers and workers have been at the camp since May 1 preparing the camp. The association rents the camp to not-for-profit organizations from all over Atlantic Canada at reasonable daily rates. We hope everyone has a great camping experience this summer.”

Camp Rankin offers 4-H members from 9 - 15 years of age opportunities to learn canoeing, crafts, drama, nature and outdoors, exploring 4-H, recreation and healthy living, and to socialize with youth with similar interests. Many 4-H members have had a great camping experiences and come back each year as campers or as camp staff.

In addition to providing a positive experience for campers, Camp Rankin provides employment for seven camp counsellors aged 16 and up, a camp director and an assistant director. Trained camp counsellors lead 4-H members through all traditional camp activities and educational sessions, ensuring 4-H members carry out the motto “Learn to do by Doing”.

For more information and to register for Camp Rankin on-line check out <http://novascotia4h.ca/camp-rankin/>

## Explore Canada Through 4-H Exchanges

4-H offers many things in its program. It gives 4-H members the opportunity to gain confidence through public speaking, be a good sportsman and learn technical and life skills that can be used for a lifetime.

By taking part in a 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange, 4-H members and their chaperones have the opportunity to make new friends from all over Canada with the same interests.

The 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange program is open to groups of 10 - 12 4-H member delegates between the ages of 12 and 17, supported by two chaperones. Selected groups from Eastern Canada will be “twinned” with groups in Western Canada.

Each 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange enhances the member’s and chaperone’s knowledge and understanding of Canada; makes lasting friendships with 4-H members and leaders from another province and provides them with an appreciation of the diversity and shared aspects within Canada. Several groups from Nova Scotia are participating in this summer program. 4-H members and their chaperones from Cumberland County will travel to Neepawa, Manitoba; Kings County will travel to High River, Alberta; Inverness County will travel to Alberta and Antigonish County will travel to Saskatchewan.

Three time periods for travel have been established and selected groups will choose, in consultation with their “twin” group, when each will host and travel.

- June 29 – July 8
- July 24 – August 2
- August 10 – August 19

4-H alumni have often said that the most memorable experience of their 4-H exchange was staying with their “twin” family and enjoying a unique experience spanning cultures, languages, and history.

For more information on this check out <https://www.4-h-canada.ca/club-club-exchange-2017>

## EastGen Showcase Trains 4-H Members in Large Livestock Skills

The EastGen 4-H Showcase will be held July 14 - 16 at the Agridome on the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Bible Hill. This has been a popular event for Atlantic Area 4-H youth for the past 27 years.

Approximately 100 youth from the ages of 13 to 21 attend this event and those selected will be expected to bring the information back to their 4-H club. The event, is a hands-on 2 ½ day event for 4-H beef and dairy members where they are mentored by skilled instructors as they work on their own 4-H calf projects.

On behalf of the Atlantic 4-H Committee, Agriculture Leadership Coordinators with the Department of Agriculture help make the showcase possible. In partnership with EastGen staff, Leadership Coordinators teach the participants the latest techniques in show preparation for beef and dairy cattle, health of the show calf, livestock judging, showmanship, clipping, display design, and herd management.

“The EastGen Atlantic Showcase is more than just learning how to properly fit and show a calf. We use this opportunity to educate youth about other skills/aspects required either on-farm or within the industry. The \$ showcase takes youth from the Atlantic area and places them on teams with members from other provinces. It is rewarding to watch friendships and skills develop over the course of the event that will make memories that will last a lifetime!” said Dale MacPhee, Atlantic Region Sales Manager for EastGen and show organizer.

Classroom sessions are also built into the agenda. Topics vary from year to year and have included presentations on the cow’s reproductive cycle, animal welfare, classification, calf health, tours of Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture, etc. After two full days of training, 4-H members show their own calves at the beef and dairy show on Sunday, July 16.

Awards will be presented to the winners of both beef and dairy for champions in showmanship and conformation. The overall dairy winner will also receive s the opportunity to attend the European Young Breeders School (must be 18 years of age). Those who excelled in session work over the two days of instruction will be recognized.

The cattle show is open to the public.



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4-H Nova Scotia

### **Community Pastures**

Community Pastures will be starting up for this pasture season. Most pastures can always use additional cattle numbers to help keep the pastures viable operations. Also, as the summer continues you may find you need extra feed or pasture, consider placing cattle on a community pasture.

### **Upcoming Food Handler Courses 2016**

Provincial food safety specialists are employed by Nova Scotia Environment and are certified by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. They are also certified as Food Safety Professionals by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). They provide food handling courses to the public. Here is a list of upcoming sessions in the region.

**Port Hawkesbury Courses** - June 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, 606 Reeve St

**Sydney Courses** - June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Grand Lake Rd. Fire Hall, 793 Grand Lake Road.

Note that a special three-hour version of the course is available to volunteer groups exceeding 25 people at no charge. Contact your local field office for scheduling at 902-563-2100.

Registration forms can be downloaded and printed from this link or you can register on-line at:

<http://novascotia.ca/nse/food-protection/food-hygiene-course.asp>

### **Cape Breton Community Fairs**

The season for Community Fairs and Exhibitions is fast approaching. The following are the fairs scheduled for Cape Breton Island. Now is a good time to reserve the date on your calendar or to plan your entry for the fair.

#### **SEPTEMBER 5**

**Christmas Island** - September 5  
Kevin MacKenzie- 902-622-2667

#### **SEPTEMBER 23**

**Mira Ferry**  
Jane Lewis - 902-562-1605

#### **SEPTEMBER (To Be Announced)**

**Port Morien**  
Margie MacQueen - 902-737-2478

### **Think Safety**

Spring is a busy time on many farms. With the many tasks that have to be done, the opportunity for accidents increases. In addition to the many spring jobs that have to be done, be sure to make time to ensure your farm is safe for you and your family.

Now is a good time to:

- Check fencing around ponds and manure storages.
- Ensure PTO guards are in place.
- Take extra precautions to guard against manure gas in liquid manure storages.
- Check your farm first aid Kit(s) to ensure they are fully stocked and ready for use.
- Make sure your fire extinguishers are full and in place on machinery and in buildings.
- Make sure your slow moving vehicle signs are on equipment and can be seen.

For more information, check the Farm Safety Standards of Practice booklet available from the agriculture office.

### **Cape Breton Region 4-H**

#### **Giant Broccoli Competition**

This year 4-H members across the province will take on the challenge of growing their own giant broccoli for the giant vegetable competition at 4-H Show.

**The broccoli will be judged by weight with all leaves removed and no more than 1 inch of main stem left which will be measured from the last floret.**

Junior and senior members from each county are permitted to enter this competition at county level.

4-H members do not need to be in the garden project to get involved. Top junior and senior members will be able to represent their counties at this year's 4-H Show in Lawrencetown.

Let's get those seeds in the soil and see what we can grow!

***Let the Clover be Seen in 2017***

The 4-H communities are springing into their programming and project work all over the Cape Breton region. Many programs are looking at helping our membership to grow in the areas of agri-awareness, leadership, meeting management, communications and entrepreneurial skills. Here are a few updates for the region.

## Clover Camp Day

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A session will also be provided by Cape Breton staff for parents and new leaders. While the members are learning, and having fun, parents and leaders are invited to take in sessions with Rhonda on 4-H roles and responsibilities, the 4-H year, project work and record sheets, opportunities in 4-H program for parents, members and leaders, and a question and answer session.

Applications will be going out in late May. Watch for them and get them in fast. Last year, over 75 participants attended.

## Upcoming 4-H Calendar Dates

- Richmond County Days - May 29-30, Camp Rankin
- Camp Rankin Clover Day - June 24
- St. F.X. Food Security Leadership Conference - June 27- 29, Antigonish
- Touch a Truck Safety Day - June 30, Baddeck
- North Side 4-H Achievement Day - July 4, Cape Breton Exhibition
- Grand Mira Achievement Day - July 5, Grand Mira Hall
- Rising Sun 4-H Achievement Day - July 5, Albert Bridge Fire Hall
- Small Farm Expo - July 24, Bethany Antigonish
- Inverness Record Sheet Deadline - August 1, Mabou Office
- Richmond County Livestock - August 9, Smith's
- Inverness County Show - August 17-19
- Cape Breton Exhibition 4-H Days - August 13 - 14
- Victoria 4-H County Days - September 6 - 9, Baddeck Valley Hall
- 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show - September 29 - October 1, Lawrencetown, Annapolis County

Additional dates and program will be announced as events are formalized. For more information about the 4-H program, to start a club in your area, or to have us arrange training/workshops, please contact Marina Gillis in Sydney at 902-563-2000 or [Marina.Gillis@novascotia.ca](mailto:Marina.Gillis@novascotia.ca) and Rhonda MacDougall in Mabou at 902-945-2901 or [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca)

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# **Regional News** Eastern: Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties

## **Small Farm Expo 2017 - Antigonish**

This summer, the annual Small Farm Expo conference, will be held in two locations; Lawerencetown and Antigonish. The Antigonish event, hosted by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture's Antigonish and Cape Breton regional teams, will take place on July 24 at the Bethany Gardens.

The lineup for Small Farm Expo, now in its eighth year, will include workshops, demonstrations, a trade show, and local food for lunch.

During the day, we will explore how today's small-scale farmers are building on the strong foundation of traditional farming knowledge and practices with modern production technology, farm business management and marketing.

Registration and workshop information is found on ThinkFARM's website [www.novascotia.ca/thinkfarm](http://www.novascotia.ca/thinkfarm), so mark your calendars now – you won't want to miss this event!"

## **Antigonish Farmers Market**

The Antigonish Farmers Market is underway for another year, open every Saturday until December 16, rain or shine, from 8:30 until 1:00 p.m.

Come out to support your local market supplying lots of early veggies to start the season, baked goods, local meat - beef, pork and lamb, honey, maple syrup and a variety of crafts.

## **Eastern Region 4-H News**

### **Antigonish/Guysborough/Pictou County 2017 4-H Summer Assistant - Iain MacLellan**

My name is Iain MacLellan, and I am excited to be joining your team as the Eastern Region Summer Assistant for 2017! I have been a 4-H Member for nine years now in the West River Club in Antigonish County.

I have completed projects such as Dairy, Foods, First Aid, and Junior Leader. I have worked as the Antigonish County 4-H Council Summer Worker for the past two summers, and I am very excited to step into this role as Summer Assistant.

I have just completed my first year of Business Administration at St. Francis Xavier University, where I was a member of the St. FX 4-H Society. The St. FX 4-H Society is currently working alongside 4-H to organize the 2017 Leadership Development Conference: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, which will be taking place in late June for 4-H Members from all the Atlantic provinces.

I will be working mainly out of the Antigonish office where you will be able to reach me by phone at 902-863-7501, as well by cell at 902-863-7964. The email I will be using for the duration of the summer will be [iain.maclellan@novascotia.ca](mailto:iain.maclellan@novascotia.ca). I'm very excited to get to work with all of you and hope this will be a great and enjoyable 4-H year!

## **Eastern Region Achievement Day Schedule**

June 5 - Hopewell  
June 25 - Antigonish Light Horse  
July 4 - Scotsburn  
July 5 - Heatherton  
July 17 - Saltsprings  
July 18 - Middle River  
July 20 - St. Josephs  
July 24 - Sunrise Trail  
July 27 - St. Andrews  
July 28 - Goshen  
July 31 - River John  
August 3 - West River  
August 8 - Landing  
August 9 - Sutherlands River (am)  
August 9 - SBI (pm)  
August 10 - Antigonish county run-offs



## **Upcoming 4-H Events – Antigonish/Guysborough Counties**

- Beef Judging - May 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Pat van den Heuvel's
- Antigonish Council 4-H Meeting - June 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Sherbrooke Village Hands on History Camp - June 16 - 18, Sherbrooke, N.S.
- St.F.X. 4-H Leadership Conference - June 27-29
- Camp Rankin 4-H Camping Program - July 2 - August 4, St. George's Channel, N.S.
- Highland Games Parade - July 8, Antigonish
- Antigonish 4-H Council Meeting - July 11, 7:00 p.m.
- EastGen 4-H Showcase - July 14-16, Truro
- Run-Off Competitions - August 10
- 4-H Day at Eastern N.S. Exhibition - August 30, Antigonish, N.S.

## **Upcoming 4-H Events – Pictou County**

- Pictou County 4-H Council Meeting - June 14, 7:00, Fisheries School
- Junior Tour - July, location TBA
- Pictou County 4-H Council Meeting - July 19, 7:00 p.m.
- Pictou County 4-H Council Meeting - August 16, 7:00 p.m.
- Barn Clean Up - August, 9:00 a.m. Exhibition Grounds, Antigonish
- 4-H Day PCNCE - September 6, Pictou

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## **New to Gardening.... Some Things to Remember**

- Pick the sunniest location on your property.
- Select the crops to grow – what does your family like to eat most?
- Draw out the planting layout.
- Prepare the soil.
- Buy seeds and plants.
- Tall plants should be planted on the north side so they don't shade the other plants.
- Plant medium-sized crops in the center of the garden.
- Spreading plants like cucumbers & pumpkins work well on the edge of your garden.
- To save garden space, plant tomatoes in your flowerbeds.
- Water, weed, harvest and enjoy your garden!

# **Regional News** Central: East Hants, Cumberland, Colchester and Halifax Counties

## **Central Region Agriculture, Food and Advisory Services, Extension and Outreach**

The Central Region offices house the Agriculture Resource Coordinator, Agricultural Transition Officer, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator, Business Development Officers and administrative support. We are your one-stop shop for Department of Agriculture services and information. If you have an agricultural question or opportunity you'd like to discuss, feel free to contact us.

We have a great group of people working here as a team. The Central Region includes the counties of Colchester, Cumberland and Halifax East Hants. Our office is located in Perennia Park and we may be reached by the contacts below:

Department of Agriculture  
Agriculture and Food Advisory services  
Extension and Outreach  
74 Research Drive  
Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

The Central Regional Office staff are located within the Edward Lorraine Building, Suite 114.

- Michael Kittilsen, Agriculture Resource Coordinator, 902-893-3645  
[michael.kittilsen@novascotia.ca](mailto:michael.kittilsen@novascotia.ca)
- Jacqueline Hoyt, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator, 902-893-6586  
[jacqueline.hoyt@novascotia.ca](mailto:jacqueline.hoyt@novascotia.ca)
- Rebecca Sooksom, Agricultural Transition Officer, 902-896-1288  
[rebecca.sooksom@novascotia.ca](mailto:rebecca.sooksom@novascotia.ca)
- Danny Small, Business Development Officer, 902-956-4463  
[danny.small@novascotia.ca](mailto:danny.small@novascotia.ca)
- Christina Jones, Business Development Officer, 902-956-2800  
[christina.jones@novascotia.ca](mailto:christina.jones@novascotia.ca)
- Marie Williams, Administrative Assistant, 902-893-6575  
[marie.williams@novascotia.ca](mailto:marie.williams@novascotia.ca)

## **Fencing Resource**

The Department of Agriculture, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, Perennia, and Colchester Municipality collaborated to produce a booklet on Livestock Fencing Guidelines. This illustrated 10-page booklet is available for download on the Department of Agriculture website at: <http://novascotia.ca/thinkfarm/documents/fencing-guidelines-2013.pdf> or you can obtain a hard copy by contacting your nearest regional Office.

The Livestock Fencing Guidelines provide a great overview of fencing for all types of livestock. The guidelines then go into more detail about four main types of fencing used in Nova Scotia which is; electric, barbed and page wire fences. Many farmers will find these guidelines beneficial on their farm.

## **Advance Payment Program (APP)**

This year, the Agri-Commodity Management Association (ACMA) has been asked by the federal government to administer the Advance Payment Program for 2017-18. The purpose of the program is to improve marketing opportunities for agricultural products by extending an advance to the producers as a means of improving cash-flow.

Any individual or farm business can receive an advance of up to \$100,000 interest free. Producers repay the advance by December 31, 2017 for the spring portion of the program. If crops are in storage, an individual or farm business may participate in the fall portion of the program with repayment of advances by September 30, 2017. Crops usually covered are: barley, corn, oats, rye, hay, soybeans, and spring and winter wheat.

Producers must have crop insurance to be eligible for the spring portion of the program. To learn more about the program, contact Kara Saville at [ksaville@agricommodity.ca](mailto:ksaville@agricommodity.ca) or 902-895-0581.

## Mail Address Changes

Has your address changed? Has Canada Post requested that you include your civic number in your mailing address? If so, we need to know this information so that we may continue to keep our mailing list up to date. If you have an address change, please call Marie at 902-893-6575 or contact her by email at marie.williams@novascotia.ca with your changes. Also, if you would rather receive an electronic copy of the newsletter rather than the paper copy, please email Marie with your request.

## Central Region 4-H News

Spring is finally here and so begins 4-H judging, clinics and achievement days! 4-H in the Central Region is gearing up for an eventful and fun spring/summer.

### Judging Tips:

Judging for most 4-H members isn't a fun task initially and a lot of members find it difficult. Here are just a few tips that may help members to prepare:

- Memorize the 4-H Judging Format (see below) this is worth 10 points!!!
- Know body parts of whichever animal project you're taking/proper terms for life skill project (e.g., Names of parts of engine for small engine project.).
- Compare and do NOT describe items/animals.
- Look at the 4 items/animals from a distance, up close and from all angles (sample food items!).
- Fill out your judging card completely.
- Memorize your reasons, don't read off your card/notes.
- Speak up, be confident, and defend your reasons!!!

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## Upcoming 4-H Meetings and Events:

Rabbit Clinic - June 17, Brookfield Fire Hall

Colchester County 4-H Council Meetings - June 26 at the Truro Farmers Market at 7:00 p.m.

Cumberland County 4-H Council Meetings - June 6 and July 4 at the Shinimicas Fire Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Halifax-East Hants County 4-H Council Meetings - June 20 at Hants East Rural High at 7:00 p.m.

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## **Regional News** Valley: West Hants, Kings, Lunenburg and Queens Counties

### **Kings County Federation of Agriculture Bursary**

Again, this year Kings County Federation of Agriculture will be offering a \$500.00 bursary for Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus.

#### **CONDITIONS:**

- 1) Applicants must reside in Kings County, Nova Scotia
- 2) Applicant must be attending the Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus - 2 year program
- 3) **Applications should be mailed by June 9** to Gail Walsh, 32 Main Street, Kentville, N.S. B4N 1J5, or emailed to: [gwalsh@perennia.ca](mailto:gwalsh@perennia.ca)

#### **CRITERIA:**

- 1) Financial Need
- 2) Academic Achievement
- 3) Contribution and participation in the agricultural industry
- 4) May be asked for a personal interview

### **Fencing Resource**

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### **Local Community Fairs and Exhibitions**

Check out the local community fairs and exhibitions being held in our region this summer:

- South Shore Exhibition - July 25-30
- Lawrencetown Exhibition - August 14-19
- New Ross Community Fair - August 18-19
- Dalhousie Community Fair - August 26
- Western Kings Fair, Tremont - September 2
- Hants County Exhibition, Windsor - September 15-17 & September 22-24
- Queens County Exhibition, Caledonia - September 19-23
- NS 4-H Show, Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds, Lawrencetown, September 29-October 1.

### **Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce - 2017 Agriculture Innovation Accelerator Award**

The agriculture and agri-food sector has always been innovative in running their businesses, adapting practices and looking for partners to compete in the local, national and global economy. To recognize and support this innovative spirit, the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce (AVCC) created the AVCC's Agriculture Innovation Accelerator Award.

This annual award program recognizes outstanding agriculture and agri-food related innovators including producers, processors, suppliers and organizations.

The award is intended to help the successful applicant move their project forward to the next phase of development.

The award winner will receive a prize that is estimated to be \$30,000 or more in total value, which will be a combination of cash and in-kind services, counseling and other contributions from the sponsors. (These services will include but will not be limited to: business planning, legal, mentoring, advisory, etc.)

This award is open to any individual, group or business in the area serviced by the AVCC. For more information, 2017 Guidebook and application, please visit the website at <https://annapolisvalleychamber.ca/committees/committee-4>.

**Completed applications are due at the AVCC office by August 31, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

If you would like to discuss your business innovation, please contact Jeff Wentzell, Business Development Officer, at the Kentville Agricultural Centre for inquiries on the opportunity. 902-824-0924 or [jeff.wentzell@novascotia.ca](mailto:jeff.wentzell@novascotia.ca)

## South Shore 4-H News

Hello 4-H Enthusiasts!

Spring is finally here and so begins 4-H judging, clinics and achievement days! 4-H in the South Shore Region is gearing up for an eventful and fun spring/summer.

### Dates to Remember

- Lunenburg County Judging Day - May 31
- Shelburne County Judging Day - June 12
- Sprout Day in Lunenburg - June 3
- Light Horse Clinic in Lunenburg - June 3-4
- 4-H Leadership Development Conference - June 27-29, St. F.X. University, Antigonish

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### Judging Day Tips

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Contact Ross MacNeil, Agricultural Leadership Coordinator, for information on the South Shore 4-H program at 902-634-7575 or by email. [Ross.Macneil@novascotia.ca](mailto:Ross.Macneil@novascotia.ca)

## Valley 4-H News

### Valley Region Summer Assistant

Welcome back to Gillian Davidson as the 2017 Valley Region Provincial Summer Assistant. Gillian brings with her lots of experience from her many years in 4-H in Hants County. You will see her out at Club Achievement Days and many other 4-H events throughout the summer.

### Valley Regional Rally

The Valley Regional Rally hosted by the Cornwallis 4-H Club of Kings County was held on April 22 at the Evangeline Middle School in New Minas. The program for the day was full and thus the Valley Region sent a full slate of participants to 4-H Weekend. This year's Valley Regional Host is Logan Menzies and Hostess is Victoria Brydon both of Western Kings 4-H Club in Kings County. You will see the Regional Host and Hostess at events throughout the 4-H year representing their Region and 4-H.

## County 4-H Judging Days

Kings County Judging Day - May 30, Apple Dome, Berwick.

- Life Skills Judging - 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- Livestock Judging - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hants County Judging Day - June 1, Hants County Exhibition Grounds.

- Life skills Judging - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Livestock (Excluding Light Horse) - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Light Horse - Mary Henry Arena Judging - 6:30-7:00 p.m. and reasons taken until 8:00 p.m.

## Achievement Days

Burlington Workers 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 6, Upper Burlington Hall, Upper Burlington

Cobequid 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 7, Tide View Farm, East Noel.

Rawdon 2 Way 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 10, Upper Rawdon Community Hall.

Border Riders 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 17, Hants County Exhibition Grounds, Windsor.

Newport 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 21, Hants County Exhibition Grounds.

Hants County 4-H Light Horse Achievement Day - July 22, Hants County Exhibition Grounds.

Avon 4-H Club Achievement Day - July 24, Hants County Exhibition Grounds.

Kings County 4-H Joint Achievement Day - August 3-4, Kings Mutual Century Centre, Berwick.

## Other Upcoming Events

Kings Joint Achievement Day Committee and Council Meetings - June 5, Scotian Gold, Coldbrook

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day - June 10 - Berwick Firehall, 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

Hants County Exhibition Committee and Council Meetings - June 12, West Hants Community School, Brooklyn.

Valley Region "Make-up" Judging Day - June 15, Agricultural Centre, Kentville.

4-H Leadership Conference on Agriculture Sustainability and Food Security - June 27-29, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish.

Kings Joint Achievement Day Committee & Council Meetings - July 3, Scotian Gold, Coldbrook

Hants County Exhibition Committee and Council Meetings - July 10, Hants Exhibition Grounds, O'Brien Building

EastGen 4-H Showcase - July 14-15, Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill

Small Farm Expo - July 31, Annapolis County Exhibition Grounds, Lawrencetown.

Contact the Department of Agriculture for information on the Valley 4-H Program - Colin Hirtle, Agricultural Leadership Coordinator, at 902-679-6027 or by email [Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca](mailto:Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca)



## **Regional News** Western: Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties

### **Staff Update**

We would like to welcome Nicole Burkhard back from her maternity leave to her role as the Agricultural Transition Officer. Nicole's updated contact information is: Office: 902-638-2397, Cell: 902-247-4350, email: [Nicole.Burkhard@novascotia.ca](mailto:Nicole.Burkhard@novascotia.ca)

Welcome back to Allyson Evans who will be once again be joining us as the 4-H Summer Assistant for the Western Region.

### **Small Farm Expo**

An exciting event is taking place in Lawrencetown this summer. Farmers from Southwest Nova Scotia and beyond will be gathering for the Small Farm Expo. Now in its eighth year, this event attracts aspiring and beginning farmers to learn from experienced farmers, to network with each other, and to celebrate locally-produced food.

The Small Farm Expo is part of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture's ThinkFARM Program for new farmers and is held in cooperation with Perennia Extension Services. This year, the Small Farm Expo is being hosted by the Department's Western and Valley Regional teams. The Expo will be held at the Annapolis County Exhibition Grounds on July 31, 2017.

Registration details are on the THINKFARM website. Visit <https://novascotia.ca/thinkfarm/> for details.

### **Need a Sharps Container?**

Livestock producers generate medical waste on a regular basis. These wastes include sharps such as syringes, needles, broken glass tubes, lancets and scalpel blades. If not disposed of properly they can injure livestock and family members; increase risk of spreading infection; pollute the environment; and put waste handlers at risk. Sharps must not be discarded in regular household garbage.

Sharps containers have been specifically designed for disposing of sharps. When the container is full, the contents should still be considered potentially infectious to humans and animals, but the risk is low. For disposal in any municipality, you must first check with your local disposal site to see what they have in place to accept sharps.

These containers can be picked up at the Department of Agriculture office in Cornwallis Park. Call 902-638-2395 for hours and information.



### **Western Region 4-H News:**

#### **Western Region 4-H Rally**

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers as we wrap up another year of 4-H Public Speaking rallies.

Special acknowledgement to the following winners at Regional Rally:

Senior Public Speaking: Mirah Stultz, Annapolis County

Intermediate Public Speaking: Ryan Churchill, Yarmouth County

Junior Public Speaking:

Introducer: Amanda North, Annapolis County

Speaker: Alexis Rice, Digby County

Thanker: Jacob Roscoe, Annapolis County

Junior Demonstration: Katelyn Tattersall, Annapolis County

Junior Double Demonstration: Hannah Kempton and Heidi Kempton, Digby County

Senior Demonstration: Danica McCormack, Yarmouth County

Senior Double Demonstration: Theron Winship and Blaze Winship, Yarmouth County

## **4-H Dates to Remember:**

**Yarmouth County 4-H Council Meetings:** June 28, July 26,  
6:00 p.m., Yarmouth Mariner's Centre-

**Annapolis County 4-H Council Meetings:** June 14, July 12,  
7:30 p.m., Clarence Community Hall-

**Digby County 4-H Council Meetings:** June 15, July 20,  
7:00 p.m., Digby Library

**Island Seabreeze Achievement Day - June 5**

**Digby County Judging Day - June 8,**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Digby Fish and Game

**Sissaboo Landers Achievement Day - June 17**

**Annapolis County Light Horse Boot Camp - July 2-4,**  
AVE Ground, Lawrencetown

**Maple Nuts & Bear River Joint Achievement Day - July 18**

**Lucky Stars Achievement Day - July 21**

**Yarmouth County Achievement Day - July 22**

**Mountain Ridge Achievement Day - July 28**

**Clarence Achievement Day - July 30**

If you'd like more information on any of the above dates, or about 4-H in the Western Region, please contact Kari Brown, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator, at [Kari.Brown@novascotia.ca](mailto:Kari.Brown@novascotia.ca) or 902-638-2387.

## **2017 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show**

Even though the 2017 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show is still four months away, the Annapolis County planning committee has been working hard to ensure that this year's show, which is also the Provincial Show's 40th anniversary, is going to be one to remember!

Reminder: On-site campground bookings are now being accepted. Please contact Krystal Brown ([jkbrown@eastlink.ca](mailto:jkbrown@eastlink.ca)) for booking.

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