

A Great SeaLight SkyLight

There was a big turnout for SeaLight SkyLight 2023 at the Deanery Project in Lower Ship Harbour. The weather held during the day, so there was plenty of time for kids to make



their crowns and magic wands. And by the time the magical owl emerged to lead the evening's parade down to the water, the sky was clear enough to see plenty of meteors flashing by.

A huge thank you goes out to our supporters for this year's event: The Province of Nova Scotia (Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage), Walker's Feed, Jeddore Variety, Taylor TimberMart, Kent Smith, and all our volunteers, performers, presenters and attendees! We couldn't have done it without you!

While we wrap up a busy summer of camps, programs, and a very special relaunch of SeaLight SkyLight Festival and the signs of fall begin to appear, the Deanery Project team continue planning the return of exciting programs including stained glass and

bike workshops.

We're hiring for Programming & Communications! If you love the arts, have a passion for the environment and enjoy working

in a beautiful, serene, remote setting – please email your resume to thedeaneryproject@gmail.com.

The Deanery is seeking volunteers! We are restarting both our volunteer building and programming committees this fall. Do you have skills or interest in construction, maintenance, natural building, or program planning, coordinating, or hosting? We want to hear from you!

Keep an eye on our new Facebook page, Instagram, or website for more info as the summer comes to a close!

Have questions? Please email thedeaneryproject@gmail.com or call 902-845-1888 for more information!

- Olivia Langille, Deanery Project



IT IS BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

The first day of school for many students and teachers is quickly approaching. I am pleased to welcome back all the students and teachers who are returning and give a warm welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. I hope you had the chance to



rest, relax and recharge over the summer and are ready for an exciting and productive school year.

I sincerely appreciate all the teachers, support staff, school boards, administrators and parents who work tirelessly throughout the school year to prepare students for success and ensure they have the proper supports. As a former educator, your efforts are noticed and are very appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful 2023-2024 school year!



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To learn more, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/06/landmark-canada-disability-benefit-legislation-receives-royal-assent.html?
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THE CANADA CHILD CARE BENEFIT IS GOING UP!

Beginning in July, families received a maximum of \$7,437 for children under 6, and \$6,275 for children aged 6-17. This represents a



6.3% increase from last years benefit providing more relief for young Canadian families.

For more information on eligibility, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview/canada-child-benefit-before-you-apply.html?fbclid=lwAR0hV4EnogCRk9Hv4Bxr-Si0DqpY2VkuuET1KsrdcE3QGT2ccsnxWsvggv4(CCB) - Canada.ca

NOVA SCOTIA FLOODS

In July, Nova Scotia suffered devastating floods. The Honourable Sean Fraser, on behalf of the federal government, announced special measures for Nova Scotians who have been effected by the recent floods.



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada will issue free replacement documents that have been damaged, destroyed, or lost such as: permanent resident cards, proof of citizenship, Canadian citizenship certificates, Canadian passports and other travel documents.

For more information, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/07/free-replacement-documents-for-canadians-and-special-measures-for-people-affected-by-flooding-in-nova-scotia.html? fbclid=lwAR2acBEGBnsJhtH1JKvPk038dHJAdsaBVWNcd93 FLPFtN2XlqSEGucaY0Js



The Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum's Gospel Music Concert on August 12 benefitted from a rare sunny afternoon. In the photo of the first set, from left to right, are Katie Gaetz, Brian Staple, Jeff Staple, Bob MacFarlane, Robert Arnold, and Alf Hopkins. Drummer Katie Fraser was behind this front line. The second set featured Justin and Deana Baker.



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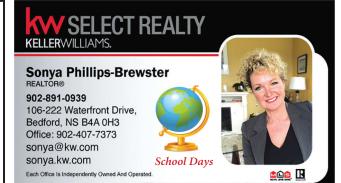


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- have received benefits under the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
- have been employed with gross insurable earnings of \$2000 or higher annually, in at least 5 of the last 10 years

The Program:

- Supports new business or an existing one in which you had no prior ownership.
- Provides up to 40 weeks of funding to cover living expenses (78 weeks if you have a disability).
- Requires you to devote at least 35 hours each week to develop and carry out your business plan. You must also show proof of personal financial investment in the business.

CBDC Blue Water is proud to be the coordinator for the Self Employment Benefits Program.

For further information, contact Sheila Spicer, Self Employment Benefits Coordinator, at 902-827-5564 or toll-free at 1-800-565-2773. Unit 103, 61 Stella Drive Porters Lake, NS B3E 0G4



