

Learning Conservation Leadership at the Deanery

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." – Baba Dioum, Senegalese environmentalist

The Deanery Project is hosting two new Canadian Conservation Corps interns from Alberta this fall, Maddie Lee and Teagan Melnyk, continuing its commitment to involving Canadian youth in conservation work. The Canadian Conservation Corps and other fully funded programs like Ocean Bridge connect Canadians under thirty to conservation projects.



CCC Interns Teagan Melnyk (left) and Maddie Lee

CCC participants between 18 and 30 start the program by taking part in a two-week-long wilderness expedition. This adventure forms deep connections within the group, building soft skills like group management and hard skills like map and compass navigation. They build meaningful connections to the land and gain a deeper understanding of their impact on the natural world.

After this two-week expedition, interns take their new leadership skills into organizations where

they get hands-on-conservation experience. The Deanery Project resides on the traditional land of the Mi'kmaq people. As interns, Lee and Melnyk will be immersed in the organization's unique "living laboratory" combining art, permaculture, natural building, music, and celebrations like the annual Sealight Skylight festival. The Deanery Project's interdisciplinary approach to sustainability cultivates community and allows individuals from widely varied walks of life to become involved in collaborative conservation projects that have a lasting impact on the community.

Following their work at the Deanery Project, Lee and Melnyk will develop and implement a project in their home communities. In these projects, they will apply the skills, experience, and connection they have gathered and work to inspire other young people to get involved in this important work.

The community is invited to join the Deanery for an open house featuring a song circle on October 1 from 1-3 p.m. Stay up to date about ongoing projects by

subscribing to the Deanery's newsletter. <https://thedeaneryproject.com/>

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Well-Being HUB

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- **Seniors Week is October 1st to 8th!** Watch for pop-up celebrations at Elmhurst in Sheet Harbour, Forest Glen in Musquodoboit Harbour, and the Villa in Middle Musquodoboit.
- **Community Paint Event with Artsy Fartsy, Oct. 3, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, SR Balcom Centre, Port Dufferin.** Registration required.
- **Introduction to Tao Yin Fa, Nov. 1, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Musquodoboit Harbour Pubic Library** Join Michele Graveline to learn more about this ancient Taoist practice. Self-massage and acupressure techniques help release tension and increase blood flow. Watch for additional sessions in Middle Musquodoboit and Sheet Harbour, please contact to register.



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