

Media Scan

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[Canada-U.S. border closure will likely be extended until November](#)

Canada and the United States are expected to extend existing border restrictions until November, senior government sources tell CTV News. The current agreement on the U.S.-Canada border closure to non-essential travel was set to expire on Sept. 21. Sources tell CTV News the restrictions will remain in place until it is felt that the COVID-19 pandemic is under control. The travel ban was first imposed in March and has been renewed every month since. Tourists and cross-border visits remain prohibited, although trade and commerce are exempted.

[Downtown businesses say public sector workers are sorely missed](#)

Even as life slowly returns to normal for most of us, it's not the case everywhere - and for everyone. A significant number of public servants are still working from home, and businesses in downtown Halifax say they're sorely-missed. That's prompted the Halifax Chamber of Commerce to call on the government to lead by example.

[Atlantic bubble raises constitutional concern, but most residents happy with its benefits](#)

It's in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 6(2): "Everyone has the right to live in and take up residence in any province." The Atlantic bubble throws a bit of a wrench into that freedom. Beginning July 3, the Atlantic provinces "bubbled" together, following months of regional restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The change in policy meant open borders between Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and putting strict conditions crossing the eastern border of Quebec. Namely, a mandatory 14-day self isolation period for anyone entering, or re-entering, the Atlantic region.

[Bluenose II sails in the shape of a heart to thank Nova Scotians](#)

The Bluenose II crew took a page out of Dimitri Neonakis's book on their last day of the 2020 season. The schooner sailed in the shape of a heart in the Lunenburg Harbour before packing it in for the season Monday. Capt. Phil Watson said he and his crew were inspired by the Dartmouth pilot, who has been painting pictures in the sky and posting them to Twitter since the tragic mass shooting in April. "Just what he does is so cool, from the recent Terry Fox one to the heart early in the year," Watson said in an interview Tuesday. "It's a great way to use modern technology and show people how you feel."

[Devour! 9.5 features fusion of in-person and online food and film events in October](#)

In the style of fusion cooking, blending flavours from different corners of the culinary universe, Wolfville-based Devour! The Food Film Fest is adding some new online ingredients to its 10th year of programming, dubbed Devour 9.5 due to 2020's travel restrictions and smaller in-person gatherings. Joining previously-announced headliner Phil Rosenthal (Netflix's Somebody Feed Phil), and a Valley Drive-In Theatre screening of the Disney/Pixar favourite Ratatouille, the five-day festival has announced a slate of 44 films — 19 features and 25 shorts — from Oct. 21 to 25.

[Record-setting call for Halifax](#)

The CMA CGM Brazil called Thursday on PSA Halifax and, in doing so, set the record for the largest container ship to call in Canada and the largest to call on the east coast of North America. The ship, which entered service in May, is capable of carrying 15,072 20-foot equivalent units and measures 366 metres in length, with a beam of 51 metres. Tipped on end, the ship would be the third-tallest structure in Canada, after the CN Tower in Toronto and the Inco super stack in Sudbury, Ont.

[Governments announce \\$10M in funding for new Beechville community centre](#)

Residents in Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea will soon have a new community centre. The federal government will be investing more than \$3.9 million into the project, the province will be contributing \$3.2 million, and the Halifax Regional Municipality has allocated \$2.6 million. Representatives from each level of government made the funding announcement Tuesday in front of the old Lakeside Community Centre.

[Virus cost global tourism US\\$460 billion in January-June: UN](#)

The coronavirus crisis cost the global tourism sector \$460 billion in lost revenue during the first six months of 2020 as the number of people travelling plunged, the UN said Tuesday. Revenue lost between January and June amounted to "around five times the loss in international tourism receipts recorded in 2009 amid the global economic and financial crisis," the Madrid-based World Tourism Organization said in a statement.