

Media Scan

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[Iain Rankin to be sworn in as premier of Nova Scotia today during Halifax ceremony](#)

Iain Rankin is to be sworn in today as premier of Nova Scotia. The 37-year-old was chosen as Liberal party leader at a virtual convention in Halifax Feb. 6. Rankin will replace Stephen McNeil who announced his retirement after 17 years in politics last August. The former cabinet minister served under McNeil in the environment and the lands and forestry portfolios. Rankin captured his party's top job by billing himself as an agent of generational change and has vowed to be a collaborative leader.

[Inverary Resort rebuild on schedule in Baddeck](#)

The familiar style of Herringbone Chevron trusses has been incorporated into the construction of a new main lodge at Inverary Resort that is moving closer to completion sometime this spring. Brick rescued from the ashes of the old building destroyed by fire will also be incorporated into the new building as part of efforts to pay tribute to the history of the old lodge. "It is nice to have an opportunity to add to the property and make a good thing out of a bad situation," said Scott MacAulay, owner of Cape Breton Resorts. "We are really getting great, great comments on the look of the building, the layout of the building, the positioning on the property. You drive by and you can look right down at the lake now. It is going to flow really, really well. We are tickled pink with that."

[Bay Ferries has been paid \\$1.17M each year to operate Nova Scotia-Maine ferry](#)

Bay Ferries has been paid about \$1.17 million a year to operate the high-speed ferry between Nova Scotia and Maine, even in years when the ship has not sailed. The company released the information Monday afternoon, about a week after it and the provincial government lost a court battle with the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives to keep the fee secret. "The management fee represents the company's margin for undertaking the work," according to a news release from Bay Ferries. "The management fee equates to about five per cent of all costs of the ferry operation in a normal operating year."

[Nova Scotia reports one new case of COVID-19 Monday; 19 active cases remain](#)

Health officials in Nova Scotia are reporting one new case of COVID-19 on Monday. One previously reported case is now considered recovered, as the number of active cases in the province remains at 19. Monday's new case was identified in the province's Central zone and is a close contact of a previously reported case. The first of several community COVID-19 vaccination clinics opened on Monday in Halifax for people 80 years of age and older.

[Sydney's 'road to nowhere' finally opens after 7 years](#)

What was once called the road to nowhere is now providing opportunities for development on the former site of the Sydney steel plant in Cape Breton, N.S. The road goes through the site of the former coke ovens operation. It's been blocked off since it was built seven years ago amid a dispute between Nova Scotia and a U.S. rail company which once had tracks on the property. The company had refused to allow traffic across the tracks, citing safety issues.

[Atlantic Canada employers optimistic over interim rules for temporary foreign workers](#)

It's reason for optimism, but it's not the ultimate solution. Nat Richard, executive director of the Moncton, N.B.-based Lobster Processors Association, told SaltWire Ottawa's decision last week to tweak the travel rules for temporary foreign workers eliminates one cost for employers. On Friday Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said temporary foreign workers won't have to quarantine for three days in a hotel in Toronto or Montreal on their arrival to Canada. Instead, they will be able to fly on to their final destination and quarantine there for two weeks before starting work. "It's a positive move in the sense that Ottawa is trying to find some flexibility," said Richard.

[Neptune Theatre to welcome audiences back with fundraising series](#)

After 11 months, audiences will soon be back in Neptune Theatre. The theatre announcing Tuesday "Neptune Reunited", a fundraising effort aimed at raising enough money to run a 2021/22 season. The small series will feature concerts and play readings designed to welcome people back to the theatre featuring Nova Scotian talent.

['It's absolutely infuriating!': Canadian struggles to book mandatory quarantine hotel](#)

Megan Richards had hoped to make the trek from Brussels, Belgium, back to Victoria to see her 97 year-old mother last February. She put the trip off multiple times over the course of 2020. Finally, Richards said, her mother needed help, and waiting was no longer an option. "If I could have delayed any further, I would have," she said. On Monday she landed at YVR on a flight from Frankfurt which she said was "maybe 10 per cent full" and became one of the first to experience Canada's new three-day mandatory hotel quarantine program for non-essential travellers. She says getting the COVID-19 test upon landing in the International Arrivals hall was virtually seamless and she'd had another COVID-19 test in Belgium less than 72 hours before her flight, as Canada also requires.

[No decision on easing COVID-19 restrictions until March 1 at earliest, top doctor says](#)

With new case numbers rising slightly in recent days, Alberta won't make any decision about easing or tightening restrictions until March 1 at the earliest, the province's top public health doctor says. "Businesses have asked us for a week's notice to be able to prepare, and so that's something that we will strive to do," Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health, said Monday at a news conference. The decision to loosen restrictions will be made on March 1 or later, she said, as public health officials watch to see how the numbers are trending over the next several days.