

# Media Scan

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[Bedford ferry being added to Halifax Transit fleet, study expected for 2022](#)

Plans are in the works to add a new commuter ferry between Bedford and Halifax to the city's transit fleet, officials announced Thursday morning. The new ferry route will run between a new terminal at Mill Cove and the existing terminal on the Halifax waterfront. All three levels of government are funding a \$3.3 million study to look at concept design for a new terminal building, site access and site design. The federal government has earmarked more than \$1.3 million for the project, while the province is committing \$1.1 million. Halifax Regional Municipality will contribute \$917,000.

[Commercial flights returning to Maritime airports](#)

In about two weeks' time, the first commercial flight since January will touch down on the tarmac at the Saint John Airport. The airport says that an Air Canada flight from Montreal is set to arrive on June 29, at 9:42pm, and then depart the next day for the Quebec city. "To see the airlines come back, capacity come back, seeing aircrafts landing again, that's exciting," said Jacques Fournier, director of commercial development at the Saint John Airport.

[\\$30-million budget eyed for expansion of Mariners Centre and aquatics centre](#)

Recent meetings of the Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee (MCESC) – with representation from the three municipal units in Yarmouth County – have seen several key decisions made to help move forward expansion efforts at 45 Jody Shelley Drive. Recently the group representing all three municipal partners came to agreements on the submission of a revised federal funding application, a cost-sharing model for capital and operations, and requests to all three councils for steering committee funding to allow the project to keep moving forward.

[AGNS adds Diversity to permanent collection](#)

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia has added 29 new art works from local and international artists to its permanent collection as part of its mission to showcase under-represented voices in the gallery. The art pieces from 25 artists, including Nova Scotian artists. The total cost for these acquisitions was \$282,650, with the funds coming from private donations, the Canada council for the Arts and endowments. "This is only one small step to ensure all Nova Scotians see themselves in their gallery" said galley spokesperson Brenda Hill

['Dining on the Ocean Floor' Sold to New Operator](#)

The Summerville restauranteurs behind a one-of-a-kind experience that's attracted tourists from all over the world have sold the business to a new owner who hops to have even more people feasting before the tide come in, in 2022. Melissa Velden, who owns the Flying Apron Cookery and accompanying five-room inn with her husband, Chris Velden, has sold the Dining on the Ocean Floor Business to chef and caterer Domenic Padula.

[Firm gets extension on Sydney port marketing contract](#)

A private firm in Nova Scotia has been given three more years to search for developers for a proposed container terminal project in Sydney harbour. Cape Breton Regional Municipality's mayor and council granted a three-year contract extension Tuesday to Sydney Harbour Investment Partners, whose five-year contract was set to expire in December. Two councillors rejected the proposal. Coun. Earlene MacMullin said CBRM has already spent between \$8 million and \$10 million on the proposed container terminal property, and approving the extension means fewer checks and balances for the firm, also known as SHIP.

[HRM needs standards for sidewalk, road maintenance](#)

Halifax Regional Municipality has yet to set a standard its roads and sidewalks should be maintained at, despite the auditor general saying it was needed two years ago. In a followup to her report in June 2019, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, HRM's auditor general, found only four of the 10 recommendations she made to Transportation and Public Works were completed. Of the six outstanding recommendations, Colman-Sadd said the municipality needs to determine what is an acceptable condition for its roads and sidewalks as time passes.

[N.B. COVID-19 roundup: Province reopens to all Canadians at midnight, 3 new cases](#)

New Brunswick will reopen to all Canadians at midnight Wednesday, after the province hit its Phase 2 COVID-19 path to green vaccination target, just one day after hitting its first. A total of 20.2 per cent of people aged 65 and older have now received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75.4 per cent of eligible New Brunswickers aged 12 and older have received at least one dose, Premier Blaine Higgs announced. The original target for Phase 2 of the recovery plan was 20 per cent and 75 per cent, respectively, by July 1. "New Brunswick is indeed on the move," Higgs told a live news conference, the second in two days to announce progress in moving the province to the green, restriction-free stage, when the state of emergency order will also end.

[P.E.I. tourism industry launches contest to encourage vaccinations](#)

When P.E.I.'s borders are opened up is tied to how many Islanders get vaccinated against COVID-19, so the Tourism Industry Association of P.E.I. is sponsoring a contest to speed the process up. To enter, Islanders post a picture to Twitter, Instagram or Facebook with #MyShotPEI when they get their vaccination. Vaccination sites will have areas set aside for this. If you already have been vaccinated you can still enter with a photo and the hashtag. There will be weekly prizes offered by tourism operators.

[Tourism Operators Fear End of Wage Subsidy](#)

A reduction or end to the federal wage subsidy before next year would devastate Atlantic Canada's Tourism Industry, a web panel heard Wednesday.

[City Will Help Neptune Theatre Tread Water](#)

Halifax City Hall has heard Neptune Theatre's cry for COVID-19 help. Neptune received the initial OK Wednesday for up to \$100,000 in funding it needs for its pandemic recovery plans.