



# ATLANTIC ROAD REPORT

## BITS AND PIECES OF HIGHWAY-RELATED NEWS COLLECTED FROM AROUND THE ATLANTIC REGION.

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

*Significant Improvements Made to Bridges, Roads and Highways in 2017*

Innovative ways to develop and improve vital road infrastructure in Newfoundland and Labrador has led to more than 600 lane kilometres of highway being paved and more than 300 culverts being replaced throughout the province in 2017.

Among this year's highlights to improve highway infrastructure are:

- *The province's first ever nighttime construction pilot project that saw sections of the Trans-Canada Highway from Kenmount Road to Salmonier Line paved at night to reduce traffic delays;*
- *An asphalt testing pilot project that will help determine the best type of asphalt to use for our province's climate and highway conditions;*
- *The province's first five-year provincial roads plan that prioritized road*

*projects based on safety, traffic volumes and input from motorists and the department's engineers;*

- *180 lane kilometres of the Trans-Labrador Highway paved from Red Bay to north of Lodge Bay;*
- *Approximately 110 lane kilometres of the Trans-Canada Highway paved between Whitbourne and Goobies;*
- *New pavement for sections of Peacekeepers Way, Robert E. Howlett Memorial Drive, and Pitts Memorial Drive; and*
- *The opening of the new Sir Robert Bond Bridge.*

The five-year provincial roads plan committed to issuing tenders for road work earlier in the year to allow contractors to take full advantage of the province's short construction season.

As a result, tenders for road work began being issued in January and all tenders were issued by the end of March, leading to contractors beginning road work when weather permitted.

As part of the department's Summer Maintenance Program, department crews also:

- *Graded more than 30,000 kilometres of gravel roads throughout the province;*
- *Applied 520,000 litres of paint for line painting; and*
- *Used approximately 18,100 cubic metres of gravel to repair shoulders.*

Progress was made on the Team Gushue Highway extension from Kenmount Road to Topsail Road, including the installation of storm sewers, electrical work and foundations for light poles, a pedestrian underpass near Topsail Road, and sub-grading and berms near Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road. Work on the Team Gushue Highway extension has progressed to allow paving to be completed in the new year.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

*Newly twinined section of Route 11 now open*

# A.T.A. 2017 AWARD WINNER

**T**HE AUTOMOTIVE TRADES ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MATTHEW BURGESS IS THIS YEAR'S A.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER. THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR \$2000.00 AND IS AWARDED TO ANY SON OR DAUGHTER OF AN A.T.A. MEMBER.

Matthew is the son of retailer Gerald Burgess of NDM Burgess Service Centre Ltd in Fall River. Matthew is currently enrolled in his second year of business administration, in the accounting concentration at NSCC. After graduation he will continue on to SMU to complete a bachelor of commerce. He is currently manager and bookkeeper for NDM Burgess Service Centre Ltd., and will continue working for the family business throughout the school years with the aim of assuming ownership. He views small business as an important part of Nova Scotia's economy and culture, and looks forward to growing their business in the future.

Congratulations Matthew and all the best in your future endeavors. We look forward to working with you. 🚗

