

Rainstorm destroys bridges and roads, isolates communities

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It depended where you lived on Cape Breton.

You either had a heck of a rain event or the rain washed away roads and isolated communities.

Victoria County was hit the hardest when the island saw over 250 mm of rainfall accompanied by high winds in many locations.

Victoria County and its roads, especially the Cabot Trail, accumulated a great deal of damage which isolated communities and made it a longer journey to health centres, work, and provisions.

In Inverness County it



Roads quickly were covered with water.

wasn't quite as bad, but rivers overflowed their banks, houses and community buildings took on water, bridges were damaged and closed, and the debris along the Margaree River was the worst accumulation in years.

Margaree Valley was blocked off due to the precariousness of the bridge forcing people to take almost an extra hour to get to work.

And more rain was in the forecast for Wednesday. Boats were used to transport people.

In 2010, boats were the only way to get to Meat Cove but Derek MacLellan

told *The Oran* this week that they missed the rage that they felt in the flood of 2010.

They could get out because the rivers didn't destroy the roads like a decade ago.

Meat Cove was grateful for the reprieve, but had sympathy for its neighbours in Victoria County.

To repair the bridges and roads in Victoria, Inverness, and Antigonish counties could exceed \$7 million.

Premier Tim Houston toured the areas that sustained most of the damage and thanked everyone who worked so hard during the emergency.

Over 25 bridges and roads were damaged and acting Public Works Minister Allan MacMaster said it will take time to repair all the damage but the people will be kept up to date.

The province will ask the federal government for financial assistance.

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– Autism Spectrum Disorder Early Intervention/Communications specialist (one FTE): Recruitment for this position is ongoing.

– Career practitioner (0.5 FTE) in partnership with Nova Scotia Works: This position serves Dalbrae Academy, Inverness Education Centre/Academy, and Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy.

– Adapted Behavior analyst (1 FTE): Recruitment for this position is ongoing.

– SchoolsPlus facilitator (1 FTE): This position enabled us to create a new hub site serving students and families in Inverness South (Whycocomagh Education Centre, Bayview Education Centre, and SAERC) and allowed us to enhance support that schools were previously receiving.

– SchoolsPlus Community Outreach workers (two FTEs): One of these positions was added to the Inverness South SchoolsPlus hub site.

– Child and Youth Care practitioners (three FTEs): Recruitment for these positions is ongoing.

– Assistive Technology supports (two FTEs): These are regional positions serving all schools. Recruitment for one of these positions is

ongoing.

– Assistive Technology and Augmented Communication lead (1 FTE): This is a regional position serving all schools in the SRCE.

– Mi'kmaq Student Support worker (1 FTE): This position has been added to Dalbrae Academy.

Gillis added that staff in these positions are working in partnership with other teachers and administrators to enhance services for students throughout the SRCE to support student well-being, achievement, and overall success.

"We are focussed on ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Becky Druhan.

"Inclusive education supports the mandate of the Students First report. This is about building a strong network around students, teachers, and families so that everyone has the opportunity to thrive," added the minister.

The education system is adapting its inclusive education work plans based on the findings of the research team who are conducting a three-year review of Nova Scotia's Inclusive Education Policy.

The team has completed its Year 1 interim report.

The researchers, led by Jess Whitley and Andy Hargreaves at the University of Ottawa, have found widespread support for the policy. They have suggested better collaboration inside schools and clearer communications across the school system related to inclusive education.

Nova Scotia's Inclusive Education Policy was created in response to a recommendation from the Commission on Inclusive Education and has been in place since September 2020.

"We are immensely appreciative of the deep engagement of families, school staff, educational leaders, community associations, and unions in this evaluation. Their voices are key to successful implementation of the policy. A passion for inclusive education that can ensure the success of all students in Nova Scotia has emerged in every conversation we've had. We look forward to further collaboration with Nova Scotians as we continue to gather evidence to inform the successful realization of inclusive education in the Province of Nova

Scotia." – joint statement from Jess Whitley and Andy Hargreaves, lead evaluators of the inclusive education review team.

"Addressing the needs of students with disabilities continues to remain a top priority for Inclusion Nova Scotia. We are pleased that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been following the recommendations of the Students First report to add new staff positions to support students with disabilities. There are additional improvements needed which we expect to be revealed as a result of the current review, and we look forward to our continued collaboration with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to ensure all students, regardless of ability, are given the opportunity to reach their full potential," said Patricia Neves, executive director, Inclusion NS.

In total, the province has funded 890 inclusive education positions since 2018.

RCMP charge two people

The Inverness/Richmond County RCMP Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) has charged two people in a drug trafficking investigation.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on November 18th, police executed a search warrant at a home on Main St. in Mulgrave. Three people were detained without incident and once it was determined that they were not involved in the investigation, they were permitted to leave the home. During the search, police located cocaine, cash, and drug paraphernalia.

Catherine Ann Snow, 41, of Port Hastings was arrested without incident later in the day on November 18th. Snow has been charged with Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking. She was released on conditions and will appear in Port Hawkesbury Provincial Court on January 31st, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Brenton Lee MacKinnon, 44, of Mulgrave, was arrested without incident on November 23rd. MacKinnon has been charged with Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking. He was released on conditions and will appear in Port Hawkesbury Provincial Court on January 31st, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

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JOB DUTIES:

- Perform duties in compliance with all municipal, provincial, and federal regulations and organizational policies
- Sort material on the recycling line
- Distinguish between various recyclable materials
- Ability to follow all Health & Safety practices & procedures
- Reliable and attend each shift on time
- Ability to work overtime and/or weekends
- Ability to work in various conditions with exposure to weather elements
- Ability to stand for extended periods of time

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid certification in WHMIS, and/or First Aid would be considered an asset.

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