

# It is up to the Department of Health to fund solutions



Highland Manor in Neil's Harbour requires extensive upgrades which the community believes are the responsibility of the Department of Health.

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Minister of Health, Kevin McNamara would be visiting the Highland Manor on August 13th.

The immediate requirement of 1,800 additional square feet of space for the Manor does not address the long term needs of the facility in an area with one of the oldest per capita populations in Canada.

The community represented at the public meeting was adamant that it was not their responsibility to raise the hundreds of thousands of dollars required to address the short term problems with Highland Manor. The County Councilors felt that the Municipality has done what it could by purchasing the land for an expansion.

## Sunken Treasure

# Bain & MacLeod oppose repealing Act

Special

The Progressive Conservative Caucus will be opposing any action from the NDP government to repeal the Treasure Trove Act.

"When the Heritage Strategy Task Force submitted their report, and recommendations to the Progressive Conservative government in 2006, we had strong reservations about the provision regarding repealing the Treasure Trove Act," said Progressive Conservative Natural Resources critic, Alfie MacLeod. "We still firmly believe the private sector should be leading, and financing, dives and searches instead of putting the cost onto Nova Scotia taxpayers."

The Progressive Conservative Caucus has continued to hear concerns about the report's recommendations from those involved in treasure seeking, and a recent announcement from the NDP government has brought the issue to the forefront.

"The Treasure Trove Act enables private sector recovery of treasure that would likely not be found otherwise,

and rewards the risk of those entrepreneurs that endeavour to locate the lost material," said Progressive Conservative Tourism, Culture and Heritage critic, Keith Bain. "Treasure seekers invest in local facilities, create jobs for Nova Scotians, and generate economic activity within the province. Investment, jobs, and economic activity – those are three positive effects that Nova Scotia needs."

The Treasure Trove Act was enacted in 1954 to govern treasure hunting on Oak Island. It allows the province to issue licenses to individuals or companies for search and recovery of treasure.

"Treasure is strictly defined in the Act, and is limited to precious stones and metals," said Bain. "The actual parameters of what a seeker can keep are very restricted."

"If any artifacts are found while searching for treasure, they are turned over to the Nova Scotia Museum or Parks Canada to be preserved and enjoyed by everyone," said MacLeod.

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