



NOVA SCOUTER

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A Message From Your Council Key 2

On September 26, 2019, a notice was sent out to notify Nova Scotia Council that **Mike Millard** would no longer be acting in the role of Council Commissioner. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mike for his hard work and dedication to Nova Scotia Scouting. Mike's passion for Nova Scotia Scouting always shone through and we are grateful for the time he spent as Council Commissioner. THANK YOU.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Justin Chenier** for everything he has done during his term as Council Youth Commissioner for Nova Scotia. We are delighted that Justin has agreed to stay on as a Group Support Scouter, offering his continued support to Nova Scotia Council, and wish Justin luck in his bright future endeavors. Thank you, Justin for your dedication and service and we look forward to continuing to work together.

Yours in Scouting,

Kate Larkin, Council Relationship Manager
Nova Scotia Council
Scouts Canada

Amy Kehoe, Council Youth Commissioner
Nova Scotia Council
Scouts Canada

WELCOMING BACK THE NOVA SCOUTER!

What you can find in the Nova Scouter:

- Messages and Updates from Council
- Event details and updates
- Networking opportunities
- Program idea sharing and helpful tips
- Announcements

We have heard your feedback, and in light of the overwhelming call out for better communication, we have brought back the **Nova Scouter**! This monthly newsletter is a way of opening up communications to all Active Scouters in Nova Scotia Council. **This is YOUR Newsletter!** If you would like to share Events, Invitations, Networking opportunities, or have a few great ideas you would like to share with your fellow Scouters, please email NScouncilnews@scouts.ca to have them included in the upcoming Newsletter!

Welcome to our new Council Youth Commissioner!

My name is **Amy Kehoe**. I have been involved with Scouting since first year Beavers in my hometown of Perth, Ontario. Since then I have been a Cub, Scout, Venturer, Scouter, Jamboree Volunteer and a Camp Staff, receiving my Chief Scout Award, Queen's Venturer Award, and Medal of the Maple along the way. I was an Area Youth Commissioner there for three years, and then the Council Youth Commissioner for Voyageur Council for about a year. I chose to attend Saint Mary's University for a Diploma of Engineering this fall, and as Scouting has been such an integral part of my life thus far, wanted to get involved here. I am a strong supporter of youth leadership and youth involvement, as these aspects of Scouting have been so helpful to me in my life, both inside and outside of Scouting. I am excited to learn about Nova Scotian Scouting and am looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

Yours in Scouting,
Amy Kehoe
Incoming Nova Scotia Council Youth Commissioner

Group Support Scouters: Who are they and what do they do?

Accountable to the Council Key 3, Group Support Scouters provide support to ensure safe, high-quality programs through Group health. As a member of the Council Service team, the Group Support Scouter is a local resource, mentor and coach that works directly with assigned Group Commissioner(s) to enable them to deliver the Canadian Path program and Scouts Canada's Five Priorities at the Group and Section level. The Group Support Scouter:

- Works directly with Group Commissioners (GC) and their Group Committee and acts as their **single point of contact for support** – making it easier for Groups to get help where and when they need it to be successful.
- Builds a close working relationship as a trusted advisor and develops relationships within the Scouting network to ensure access to subject matter expertise and resources from both shared services and best practices.
- Provides high-quality Group support and works towards positively impacting our Mission through membership growth

Nova Scotia Council currently has 3 Group Support Scouters (GSS) who are working with assigned groups. These Scouters offer a wealth of Scouting experience and knowledge to the Groups that they are supporting. Our Group Support Scouters are:

Justin Chenier

Jacques Sauve

Paul Batson

Thank you, Scouters for all of the hard work that you are putting in to making this new model a success!

Calling All Scouters!!

A Nova Scotia Council Town Hall is Coming Our Way!

**Nova Scotia Council is hosting a Town Hall event with special guests,
Mark Little, Director of Scouting Experience and Chris Blais,
Regional Director, Eastern Canada.**

**There have been many changes this Scouting year, and this will
be an opportunity to hear about the current state of these changes and
the Organization, and talk about where we go from here. The town
hall will also be a chance to offer feedback and have questions
answered.**

When: Tuesday December 3, 6:30-8:30 PM

Where: Delta Hotel, Dartmouth (240 Brownlow Ave.)
-Commodore Room

Who: Mark Little –Director of Scouting Experience
Chris Blais –Regional Director, Eastern Canada
Nova Scotia Council Key 2

**All Active Scouters are welcome! We look forward to seeing you
there!**

If you have any questions about this event, please reach out to Kate Larkin (CRM) kate.larkin@scouts.ca

Group Support Model

What support do we now have in place?

- A dedicated **Relationship Manager**, who has reached out to you to introduce themselves*. Your Relationship Manager may be a Council Relationship Manager, a Scouting Relationship Manager or a **Group Support Scouter**—a new volunteer role created to ensure every Group receives the mentorship it needs.
- Access to a new **Group Support Centre**, an online hub designed to provide Group Commissioners with the answers and resources they need to be successful in their role. ([links and more info on page 6](#))
- The **Group Commissioner Orientation Program**, which was piloted last Scouting Year, will be rolled out automatically to all new Group Commissioners in the coming weeks. Other Group Commissioners who are eligible to participate will be contacted by their Relationship Managers.
- Beginning in the 2019-20 Scouting Year, the Area Support Model was transitioned to the new **Group Support Model**. Generally, Areas have remained the same. Please see the table below for a detailed breakdown of what has changed and what has stayed the same.

What has stayed the same	What has changed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Events: Volunteers who coordinate Area events (such as Beaverees and Cuborees) can continue to do so. • The Camps: Area camp committees will continue to operate with the same volunteer teams. • The Badges: Area crests will continue to be a part of the formal uniform. • Sharing Circles, Scouter Clubs, etc.: Where they exist, these communities of practice can continue to operate as normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Support Model: The geography-based model of supporting Groups through an Area Key 3 has been transitioned to the Group Support Model. • Area Key 3 Roles: Relationship Managers (such as volunteers in the new Group Support Scouter role and current Scouting Relationship Managers) will replace Area Key 3s as the primary point of support for Groups.

The aim of the Group Support Model is to ensure **every Group receives the support it needs**. When you hear from your Relationship Manager, take advantage of this opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the new Group Support Model, the Group Support Centre and the Group Commissioner Orientation Program. In the meantime, you can find more information regarding these topics in [this FAQ](#).

***If you do not know who your Group Support Scouter/Relationship Manager is, please contact Kate Larkin (kate.larkin@scouts.ca)**



ATLANTIC JAMBOREE 2020 ~ July 11-18, 2020 at Camp Nedooae in Elderbank, Nova Scotia

The Atlantic Jamboree is Lost in Time

The Atlantic Canada Councils are greeting the world with the very first Atlantic Jamboree next summer from July 11 to 18, 2020! We have teams from across Canada and interest from Australia, Germany, the UK, and the US.

The Jamboree theme is Lost in Time, but...

It is Time to demonstrate the Atlantic in the Atlantic Jamboree - This is a unique opportunity for your youth to play host, to have home field advantage. For your senior scouts, it is the last opportunity to practice their scouting skills with an international team.

It is Time to show off Canada's east coast at beautiful Camp Nedooae on Brown Lake, Nova Scotia. This 107-hectare site is home to numerous hiking and biking trails, and a climbing and repelling tower. Brown Lake will host paddling and other water-based activities.

It is Time to create life-long memories - A Great Safe Scouting Adventure. Check out our webpage at <https://www.atlanticjamboree.ca/>.



[Scouts Canada | Atlantic Jamboree 2020](https://www.atlanticjamboree.ca/)

The Atlantic Jamboree will bring together scouts from across Canada and beyond together for a week of adventure and fun! Join us from July 11-18, 2020.

www.atlanticjamboree.ca

GROUP SUPPORT CENTRE: FOR GROUP COMMISSIONERS

(NEW AND IMPROVED!)

Welcome to the Group Support Centre, a resource and networking hub dedicated to Group Commissioners. As a Group Commissioner, you are the face of Scouting in your community. Your Group is integral to how Scouting is offered to local youth, and your efforts as a Volunteer are invaluable to our Mission of developing well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.

The Group Support Centre has been created to set you up for success in your role. Here, you will discover a wide array of tools and resources to help you in your responsibilities as a Group Commissioner. You will also soon find networking and development opportunities so that you can continue to grow as a Group Commissioner—and so that you can advise others in the same role of beneficial practices you’ve refined firsthand.

The Group Support Centre is much more than a website—it is a team of Scouting Relationship Managers dedicated to providing you with tools and resources to help you in your role.

Thank you for your commitment to making Scouting adventures possible for the youth in your community!

To access the Group Support Center, go to: <https://www.scouts.ca/resources/group-support-centre/group-support-centre-portal.html>

The resources section of the website has also been updated and is loaded with helpful information: <https://www.scouts.ca/resources/overview.html>