

## Harper announces Federal committment to Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre project



Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks across the front of the room to shake hands with Millbrook's Chief Lawrence Paul, who was on-hand for the \$10-Million funding announcement. (Rees Photo).



Colchester County Mayor Bob Taylor, who also serves as co-chair of the Civic Centre planning committee explains the civic centre's layout to Scott Armstrong, MP; Hon Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Darrell Dexter and Truro's Mayor Bill Mills. (Rees Photo)

## Patter from Playschool

By Joann Michelin

We have made it through all the celebrations in December and are back to Playschool. We have several new friends at our center. Welcome to Thomas, Kenzie, Morgane and Braeden. As usual we are busy. In the next few weeks we will have a "jammie day", hopefully a "snow fort" day and try to figure out why animals need so much sleep in the winter. The month of February will be discovering our feelings and new things about our friends.

There are big changes in the air for us. Our church has closed, so we will be having

several fundraisers to help the community upgrade our building so we can stay there. We have been a child center for over 40 years and feel we have been a big part of this community.

On that note, we are pan-ning a reunion for anyone who has attended Lower Onslow Playschool in the last 40 years. We are looking at the end of March so pass the word and keep reading here for further details.

Remember... While we teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about. (Angela Schwindt)

# Thirsty Church group moving forward

By Maurice Rees

Not wanting to sit on their laurels of being one of the top 25 finalists in the AVIA Community Fund competition, Londonderry residents who spearheaded the "Thirsty Church" initiative have already started the consultation process with community and interested parties from adjacent communities.

Results of the AVIVA Community Fund are expected to be announced sometime the week of January 25th. AVIA is anticipated to distribute \$500,000.00 to groups across Canada, who finished in the top 25 during the competition which ran during October, November and December.

Approximately 20 people attended a January 17th meeting at the Londonderry Station Community Church to toss around ideas of what uses could be made of the basement area, and how it could best serve the community.

Amanda Langille, who spearheaded the Thirsty Church initiative conducted the meeting and will continue

consultations with members of the community. In addition to numerous local residents in attendance, Karen Casey, MLA, Bob Taylor, Mayor County of Colchester and Tom Taggart, District 10 councillor were in attendance.

Those in attendance agreed preserving the church sanctuary for ongoing use as a church was important, and that additional usage, compatible with the community needs, would occupy the remainder of the building.

To ensure future uses of the basement area meet the expectations and needs of the local community, Langille has promised to continue consultations with the community. After more definite plans are finalized, the committee will seek assistance from professionals to outline costs and plans for renovations to the lower section of the church.

Next issue, the Shoreline will be able to report on the level of funding received from the AVIA Community Fund and what is being planned for the facility.



Tom Taggart, councillor and Karen Casey, MLA were among the 20 people who met on January 17th to discuss possible options for additional use of the Londonderry Station Community Church. (Rees Photo).



Residents of Londonderry are reaching out to the community to discuss how the facility can better serve the community. The church was one of 25 finalists in the AVIVA Community Fund contest and will be advised later this month if they will receive renovation money. (Rees Photo).

## Fast tracking Debert Development

The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce believes development in the Debert Air Industrial park would happen much faster with better road conditions leading in and out of it. The organization has written a letter to Nova Scotia's Transportation Minister asking that road repairs in the park be given serious consideration in the short-term.

"The asphalt leading in and out of the park has been patched and re-patched numerous times" says TDCoC President Jim Lorraine. "On top of that, the hundreds of trucks going in and out of there everyday have no sensible place to turn around."

The TDCoC is convinced that growth in the Debert Air Industrial Park means growth for the entire county. It is the key component in this region's economic stability. The park has been growing over the years and contains businesses that, combined, employ thousands of people.

"Just think of the growth we could have at the park with some work on the exits in and out, as well as its roads," says Lorraine. "A centrally located business park with easy access in and out, some places for trucks to easily turn around and tones of space for development would be a powerful magnet for warehouses, manufacturing facilities and all sorts of other businesses."

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This would be an investment by the provincial government and one that would grow over time as new businesses set up and the province collects various forms of taxes from them and the people they employ. Lorraine adds with the Melford Terminal expecting to start accepting ships in the Strait of Canso within the

next couple of years, Debert should be as ready as it can be for growth. Better transportation infrastructure would ensure maximum success.

The letter to the Transportation Minister was copied to the Premier, the transportation critics of each opposition party and all three MLAs in Colchester County.

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### GREAT VILLAGE Community Association



## FREE FREE FREE Join us for a great family fun day.

Brought to you by The Great Village Community Association. Funded by 'Along the Shore Health Board'.

**Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Great Village School Gym**

10:00 Opening Ceremonies, Great Village Elementary and friends singing O'Canada

10:15 Mr J with the Magic of Reading

11:30 Truro Bearcats signing autographs and peer reading (bring your favourite book)

12:30 Lesa Light Mason Reading Nana Moon

1:00 Science experiments with Mad Science Maritimes. Take home mad science bags for sale \$6

2:15 Rosalee Peppard singing and talking to audience about folk songs and stories

On display the Debert Elementary School students will have a display of all the work that goes into the newspaper.

Work from students decorating our walls our theme is Folk songs/stories

Bonnie Mae Chapman with copies of her books for sale.

One of interest may be One Last Chance the setting is Debert 1943, this is a fictional story of dramatic suspense with accurate locations described that you may recognize.

Historical Society will have on sale the History of Great Village

Elizabeth Bishop Society with the Elizabeth Bishop Story

Balloons, Face painting

Support the Great Village Community Association by making a donation for our lunch of Hamburgers and Hot dogs

Following this event join us for an evening of song with Rosalee Peppard in Concert at the Great Village Legion 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 each Contact Heather @ 668-2501



## Taking Charge

A Holistic Approach to Mental Wellness

### Information Session:

**"Taking Charge" Program & Along the Shore Community Health Board Activities**

**WHEN:** Mon., Feb. 1, 2010 @ The Bass River Senior's Center, Bass River @ 7 pm  
Mon., Mar. 1, 2010 @ Debert Court (New Senior's Complex) Meeting Room @ 7 pm  
Mon., Apr. 12, 2010 @ Great Village Community Center @ 7 pm  
**Everyone is Welcome!!**

Request information from [alongshorechb@hotmail.com](mailto:alongshorechb@hotmail.com) or at 893 7311 (CEHHA Community Health Boards)

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