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Obviously it's not only a few councillors who are concerned about the littering issue in our communities. Some concerned citizen felt compelled enough to put this sign up. It's almost directly across from McElmon's Pond on the McElmon Rd going to Debert. This is one of the worst areas in district nine for littering.

You have to admit it really gets the message across. (Submitted)



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Everyone should view this video. Today's technology has the capability of providing a lot more awareness of the Bay of Fundy shore between Parrsboro and Truro than we ever thought possible a number of years ago. It sure provides lots of publicity to Economy, home of the former Clam Festival. Published on July 1, 2014, "Economy Nova Scotia" written and recorded by Angus Quinn had 4912 views early in January 2016. To give you a great feeling about the area, click onto this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vulU5WXe0aY&app=desktop>

Mr. Rob Simonds has been appointed as Colchester's new CAO effective April 4. Council approved his appointment at a special meeting of Council held on January 5th. Originally from Saint John, New Brunswick, Simonds earned a masters degree in leadership and training from Royal Roads University, a chief fire officers' professional designation from the CAFC and received a Harvard Fellowship to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts to complete the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program in 2010. He brings over 30 years of municipal leadership experience from the City of Saint John and, most recently, with the City of Hamilton in Ontario where he has led over 550 staff and managed an \$82m budget as Fire Chief for the past five years. Rob is past president of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, past president of the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs, and past president of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association.

Can Colchester become the cleanest municipality in the province? That's the type of discussion happening around the council table. With the urging of several councillors, it appears 2016 is the year council will make "Cleaning up Colchester Highways" a major initiative. What action should council take to reduce or eliminate most of the litter along our highways? What will you do to help? If you have ideas and suggestions contact the municipal office or your local councillor.

Councillor Doug MacInnes is tackling the issue of littering head on. On the 17th of January he held a community meeting in Debert to get the comments and interest of residents to discuss a variety of subjects pertaining to District 9. Also discussed was littering and how it is destroying the beauty of the area. He's encouraging residents, the community centre and fire brigade get involved and get the ball rolling. He's also pursuing the matter at council by placing the matter on the agenda.

Wilson Fuel Co. Limited completed an internal reorganization by transferring its wholesale and retail gas station business to Cape D'Or Holdings Limited, which is an affiliated company also wholly owned by the Wilson Family. Effective January 1, 2016, the change is intended to better align assets of the companies and will make no material change in ongoing relationships with customers or suppliers.

Margaret Miller, MLA for Hants East was appointed as Minister of Environment on Tuesday, January 12th. Elected to the legislature in 2013, she has held the position of Deputy Speaker. She has worked in agriculture, forestry and small business and served as national president of MADD Canada.

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"What is it?" Such a Pretty Little Fellow

"It's a member of the Wrasse family", Andrew Hebda

By Maurice Rees

On January 6, Ron Barkhouse sent several photos he'd taken when his daughter's Golden Retriever discovered the head of a very unusual looking fish while the

family was walking along the beach in Economy.

Later that day, the photos were sent to Andrew Hebda head of Zoology Collections at Nova Scotia's Museum of Natural History, Halifax and

Mr. Barkhouse who had taken the skeleton to HRM with him delivered the skeleton to Mr. Hebda.

On January 7, Mr. Hebda advised from looking at the photos it looked like a member of the Wrasse species of fish.



Who can identify this creature which was found washed up on the beach in Economy. Photos were taken and supplied by Ron Barkhouse, who while out walking on the beach with his daughter and family came across the remains on a beach walk on New Year's Day. So far no one in NS Dept of Fisheries has been able to provide an answer. Does any one know what this is? If so, send an email to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com (Barkhouse Photos)

Rinks in Trouble - Financial Deficits Reported to Council

By Maurice Rees

Two of three arena's in Colchester County are facing a tough road ahead. How tough the road might be at the North Shore Recreation Centre in Tatamagouche is not known because it's budget for 2016 was not available. The situation came to municipal council's attention during a January 5th presentation by the Colchester Arenas Association.

Brookfield's Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex and West Colchester United Arena, Debert are facing \$61,000 and \$54,600 deficits according to figures presented during the meeting by

Robert Putnam, retired Finance Director, Town of Truro, who sits on the board in Brookfield.

Rising costs have contributed to leaner years, but the major culprit is significant reductions in hours of ice time rental, resulting in significant drops in revenues. During the presentation Councillor Tom Taggart interjected the new ice surface at the Rath Eastlink Civic Community Centre certainly has had an impact on requirements for ice time. Discussion time was also given to mention changes made by Minor Hockey Nova Scotia, which permits players to move to

other rinks to join various levels of "rep" teams has also impacted enrolments at smaller rinks.

Deputy Mayor Bill Masters mentioned changing demographics are also playing a role. Using as an example he said, 50 years ago who would have thought there would be discussions about closing churches, now they are many that have closed, or will soon be closed. Similarly, as populations decline in rural areas, there are less children, which all has an impact.

Since 2012, the North Shore Recreation Centre in Tatamagouche faces a reduction in rink rentals. Despite reducing wages in the past 3 years by \$10,000, the arena has lost 449 hours of rentals/income. Its deficit is now \$61,000.



Brookfield's Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex is one of the county's arenas experiencing tough financial times as rink rentals decrease. Despite reducing wages in the past 3 years by \$10,000, the arena has lost 449 hours of rentals/income. Its deficit is now \$61,000.

On January 19, Mr. Hebda replied: "Based on what remains, the fish head you submitted for identification is a member of the Wrasse family (Scientific name, Labridae). We have two species which occur here, the Cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*), which is common across the Atlantic Provinces and the Tautog (*Tautoga onitis*), which ranges from NS down to South Carolina.

We think that this is a member of the latter species, the Tautog, which has been found as close as Diligent River and Scots Bay, NS. It is a tricky identification because of the state of the head, and the lack of a body.

There was a bit of reluctance to put a species name to it because of that. We do know there are several relic populations where warmer waters have persisted, at Eel Brook Lake, Yarmouth County,

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AgSeed to receive \$40,000

By Maurice Rees

AgSeed Technologies (Canada) Inc. operated by Sandra Newbold and Trevor Newbold, located at the Perinna research facility in Bible Hill, is one of fifteen Nova Scotia start-ups who have won \$850,000 total, in cash and services, to further develop their knowledge-based companies. AgSeed placed second in the Zone 1 competition comprising Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish Counties and will receive \$40,000.00 in cash and services.

The award was made as part of the I-3 Technology Start-up Competition winners announced by Innovacorp on January 21st.

It's website describes AgSeed Technologies as: AgSeed Technologies (Canada) Inc. develops agriculturally-based biochemical and biomaterial products. The company offers high biobased content biocomposite materials for the furniture and green building markets. The technology to make these renewable, sustainable products will be distributed through a licensing model.

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