

Stu Mills Receives Prestigious Award



Bass River's Stu Mills (left) is shown here receiving his Commissionaires Meritorious Service Award. Presenting him with the medal is Col. John Boileau, Chairman of the Commissionaires Nova Scotia Board of Governors.

Bass River resident Sgt. Stu Mills, a commissionaire at the Cobequid Toll Booth area has received the Corps' Meritorious Service Medal. The award, which was presented during the annual awards presentation, is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond the faithful performance of duty which involves an element of bravery or personal risk.

Col. Murray Lee, CEO for Commissionaires Nova Scotia described to the audience how Sgt. Mills was at his toll booth location last April when he noticed a five-ton delivery truck approaching the plaza area at excessive speed.

"While placing himself in peril," explained Col. Lee, "Stu instinctively instructed the driver of car to rush through the toll to avoid collision with the oncoming van. The driver and her passenger were able to escape injury."

"By making certain these individuals were safe Stu did not leave himself enough time to exit his toll booth. The van pushed two concrete barriers some 12 feet before striking and dragging a guard rail and chain link fence into the toll booth where Stu was located."

He was buried under debris and was soaked by some 200 litres of diesel fuel that escaped from the damaged van. Stu suffered several fractured bones and was described in the local media as a "modest hero."

Stu and his wife Sheila traveled to Halifax to accept his award. The Meritorious Service Medal is approved by the Corps national executive committee. Another member of CNS was also recognized for his special efforts during a major forest fire in the Halifax area last April.



Debert Jam Sessions are held regularly at the King George Lodge, Plains Rd., Debert. Some of the recent entertainers included (left to right) Paul Swan, Gordie Linkletter, Roy Rushton, Fred Creelman and Bill Reeder. (Harrington Photo)

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Access to Undeveloped industrial land requested

Improvements to Debert Air Industrial park to provide access to undeveloped industrial land was the only West Colchester project identified in a submission to the Nova Scotia Atlantic Gateway Office for review under the Gateway and Border Crossings Fund.

Other projects include: a new interchange for Highway 104 at Bible Hill's AgriTech Park; an interchange south of exit 13A and new roadways opening up easier access to the Millbrook Power Centre and the Truro Industrial Park; rail diversion project, allowing for fewer rail crossing points in the Town of Truro; extension along McLures Mills Road eastward to Charles Street aimed to divert traffic from the northern end of Willow Street; Marshland Drive extension to connect it to Highway 102.

"These projects would improve access to the region's business parks, improve ease of movement of goods and services to and through the region, and improve safety for residents," says Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director of the Colchester Regional Development Agency. "All international and local goods produced must flow through here. We need to be positioned to reap maximum economic gain. Effective transportation flow is key to our success."

"The Chamber views these projects as a win-win for both the business and residential communities," says TDCoC President Jim Lorraine. "All cargo freight from Sydney, Melford and Halifax must travel through Colchester County. These projects would alleviate traffic congestion and position us as an ideal inland terminal as future growth takes place at our province's ports."

The Colchester Gateway Transportation Alliance consists of the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke, the County of Colchester, Millbrook Band Council, The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Truro Partnership and the Colchester Regional Development Agency.



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