

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

The first snowfall in our area was on October 14. It was quite a contrast with the colourful foliage still on the trees. The ground was so wet the large flakes melted as they landed on the green grass. The snowfall was intense for an hour or so reminding us of what lies ahead. Summer was short and the fall season seems to be following suit.

The roast beef dinner was quite successful in spite of the very heavy rainfall. One hundred and twenty five meals were sold so we wish to thank everyone for their support. A special thanks to the volunteers in the kitchen, serving the tables, providing desserts, selling the meal tickets and delivering takeout meals. The fundraiser would not be possible without your participation.

Upcoming events are the popular hunter's breakfasts on Saturday mornings during hunting season. The first begins on October 31 from 8-11 Am., continuing each Saturday morning until December 5. Christmas dinner will be held on December 6 from 4-6 pm. Remembrance Day Service on November 11 at 2 pm at the cenotaph in Memorial Square. If the weather is inclement the service will be moved to the Community Center. Please come out and remember them who have fallen, have served and are serving this great country of ours - Canada. The door-to-door poppy campaign starts October 30 in our area.

Several young men in the community recognized a need to improve the infield of our ball field. Five ball teams took part in a tournament to fundraise some money. Unfortunately the Saturday of the tournament was rainy but the ball games went on as scheduled. The sum of \$580 was raised and another fundraiser is planned for the spring. Thank you to Patrick O'Brien for keeping the community centre grounds and ball field looking so nice. That is community spirit.

During the annual meeting of the Colchester North Progressive Conservative Association, Reid MacVicar stepped down after 10 years as President of the Association. He was presented with a plaque by Karen Casey MLA on behalf of the PC caucus recognizing his contributions for a job well done. His wife Charlotte was presented with several tickets to Grafton Street Dinner Theatre in Halifax.

Margaret Barnes along with her son, Ross, and wife Sheila of PEI spent Thanksgiving in Maine. They shopped in Bangor and Bar Harbour then returned to Nova Scotia via the Cat to Yarmouth. Marg was delighted to have a visit from her great grandson Kai Ross Barnes in August. Kai is the son of her grandson Kristopher and OK Yup Barnes of South Korea. Glen and Dennise Miller also spent a few days shopping in Maine. Maxine and Dan Richard drove to Ottawa to visit their two sons Greg and Aaron and their families recently.

Congratulations to Jason Gamble and Nicole Baird on the birth of their baby girl, Brooke Elizabeth. Fred and

Rose are quite excited to have a new great granddaughter. Belated birthday wishes are sent out to former resident Nellie Ripley who celebrated her 98th birthday with family and friends at Cedarstone in Truro. Her daughter, Ida, of Montreal was able to be there for the special occasion. A speedy recovery is sent to Flo Young, Truro, after undergoing knee surgery. A special hello of Margaret Patriquin formerly of Sutherland's Lake, now residing at Wynn Park and to Bertha Smith of Londonderry Station.

Lisa O'Brien and Laurie George purchased the Nowlan's house in Highland Village. Both Lisa and Laurie were very active in the Fire Department here. They will be missed from this community. Cal Matheson completed his course as a corrections officer in Saskatchewan and spent a few days home before leaving for Drumheller where he starts his new career.

Our condolences to the family of the late Mary (Adams) Corbett. Also our sympathy to the family of the late Lewis Hughes. Lewis was a former resident of our community attending school here. For some reason, Hattie Simpson's passing was missed this past summer. Hattie was a Scott from the Lornevale area. Our sympathy to her family members.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 7 pm. New members welcome. Card parties are held each Monday night beginning at 7 pm. Coffee, tea, donuts and cheese served. For hall rental, please contact Amanda Langille at 668-2300.

Questionnaire Jim Hnatiuk

What is the most important issue facing voters in this constituency?

Economy.
High taxes.
Healthcare and the lack of doctors in rural Nova Scotia.
Long-gun registry

Do you think this riding has received or is scheduled to receive its fair share of infrastructure stimulus funding? If not, please explain why you feel that way.

No. Stephen Harper has proved that he does not care about Atlantic Canada, and photo-op cheques don't change that.

What will you do to increase the amount of infrastructure stimulus funding throughout the riding?

I want voters to know that there are ways to meet the needs of CCMV without increasing government debt through deficit spending, and taxing Canadians. There are infrastructure projects like the new hospital in Truro and the planned Truro-Colchester Civic Centre that the other parties, frankly don't have a plan to finance beyond the rhetoric of the 'Gas tax' or deficit financing.

That's not good enough anymore. Taxing Canadians and deficit budgets aren't working. They're robbing us of our competitiveness as a nation, and eroding our standard of living.

CHP Canada would simply use the Bank of Canada to fund our infrastructure needs, making no-interest loans to provinces like Nova Scotia, so these much needed projects could become reality—without taxing Canadians today and long into the future. It's time to use the Bank of Canada as it was designed, to serve the best interests of the country.

Which projects do you think should be put forward and approved?

Every community has a list of projects submitted to the federal government for funding. Truro has the Normal College historic building that needs revitalizing, the library, which needs 8 to 12 million dollars. Tatamagouche, Debert, and Brookfield have stadiums that need attention, and all communities have road, and sidewalk programs that need attention. Then there are the big projects which affect the entire region, the Millbrook overpass and the Bible Hill interchange. These projects have been on the federal government's backburner. It's time for the government to pay attention to the needs of Atlantic Canada.

If Truro is to maintain its reputation as the "Hub of Nova Scotia" what needs to be done to ensure it benefits from the Atlantic Gateway Initiative?

The Atlantic Gateway Initiative is a program that has widespread support from provincial, and municipal governments, and from the Millbrook First Nations, but it is stalled by the lack of federal government funding. The West Coast has the Pacific Gateway, why are we waiting for an Atlantic Gateway? The Millbrook overpass and the Bible Hill interchange would help with the traffic flow to the Truro Industrial Park.

All lower levels of government have signed off on this as a priority project for the region.

Why isn't the federal government listening to the concerns of CCMV? The spin-offs from the development required for this project would bring infrastructure to the Truro area, including development to the Debert Industrial Park.

The increased economic activity would be a direct stimulus to the economy of Truro. To get the plan brought to completion the government has to stop relying on deficit spending, and increasing taxes, which stall growth, and use the CHP infrastructure policy to immediately finance infrastructure needs across the region and the country.

Do you support development of a new deepwater container terminal in Melford? If not why? If so, what will you do to help?

Yes, absolutely. Halifax is overcapacity and cannot handle the cargo carried by the new super container ships. This would bring much needed employment to Nova Scotia, but most importantly the spin off's for communities in CCMV in terms of jobs would be an enormous boost to local economies. Again, it seems like many of the important infrastructure programs that could and should be implemented are blocked by governments who cannot find a way to fund them. I would advocate a return to the successful policy of using the Bank of Canada to fund the infrastructure needs across the country, as was previously the policy until 1974.

Would you encourage MP's from Atlantic Canada to join together to become strong advocates encouraging immediate government action to assist small businesses in their battle to ensure no significant increase is approved in the percentage fee for interact and credit card purchases? If so, how?

As a successful businessman, I would want to support restrictions on significant increases regardless of whether or not other MPs join to become strong advocates.

What changes are needed to help the agriculture and forest industry become sustainable and profitable?

The primary objectives of the CHP Agriculture policy are to ensure food security for Canadians and to keep our rural communities healthy and vibrant.

We can take several steps to protect the agricultural industry: Ensure that imported foods adhere to the same standards required of Canadian farmers. Canadian farmers are world leaders and we must make sure that they compete on a level playing field. Apple growers are one example of a sector threatened by imports.

Ensure that the Product of Canada label means at least 95% of the items' content is produced in Canada. Provide environmental payments to farmers for protecting water, air, forests and soil. These payments are made annually to farmers who have done specific practices that help improve or protect our common environment.

Examples include: No till farming, green manure cover crops, fencing the cattle out of streams and planting trees. Forestry: exporting raw logs is exporting jobs. I would work to strengthening the domestic industry to create jobs. Eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers to stimulate the domestic economy; creating more demand, such as the Trade, Investment, Labour Mobility Agreement has done between BC and Alberta.

What talents do you have which could be used to assist farmers to develop a "Fuel Pellets from Grass" industry in Nova Scotia with this riding being the leader? How would you help?

As MP I would strongly support the Fuel Pellets from Grass industry and the huge opportunity it represents for Nova Scotia to be world leaders in this area. I would urge the cooperation between the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government to act in cooperation to provide infrastructure support for developing this industry. The Atlantic BioVenture Centre in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College presents a unique opportunity for our students to be the world leaders in this industry. This bio technology represents the way of the future, and would bring jobs and industry to Agritech Park in Bible Hill and the entire region. To fund the project the federal government should immediately implement the CHP's infrastructure policy.

What will you do to improve the delivery of health care to encourage more doctors and health professionals to re-locate to remote rural areas of this riding?

This is an area that is very important to the CHP and voters. I have recently held high-level discussions on this topic and the CHP has a concrete plan that will work to attract, train, and retain doctors in rural areas.

To attract doctors the CHP would offer the incentive of paid tuition for doctors who are willing to specialize in family or rural medicine. Currently doctors graduate with up to \$200,000 in debt.

Doctors would then have to contract with a Health Authority to give a specified number of years of service.

Residency requirements for graduating doctors must involve rotations throughout rural areas to allow doctors to form relationships within the community and put down roots.

Immediately fund additional residency spaces for graduating doctors. Most Canadians will be shocked to learn that although Canada has a severe shortage of doctors, every year graduating doctors are forced to leave Canada to complete their residencies because there aren't enough placements for them.

Lastly, the government must have more involvement in setting the standards for licensure of doctors in Canada.

Which will rate higher with you? Following party policy at all times or consulting with the electorate and voting in accordance with their wishes? Explain how you will handle these situations.

I am the leader of the CHP. CHP policies are good for Canada. They would strengthen families, create jobs, and eliminate government debt. When someone votes for me they will know what I stand for. When issues arise in Ottawa that would adversely affect CCMV, such as the insignificant plan to aid Lobster fisherman, I will speak up strongly for my constituents.

Why should voters support you in this election?

CHP Canada has policies that would strengthen Cumberland-Colchester Musquodoboit Valley, and I believe this by-election will be about more than what the "major" parties have to offer. Voters here have proved that they are willing to look for and choose the candidate who has the best blueprint for governing. Our campaign will be about offering 'Better Solutions' to the serious issues that face us. There are better ways to 'do' politics in Canada, and I believe voters are ready for those better solutions. I believe voters are going to look hard at the policies to determine what is best for them and the country. And I believe voters will discover that the CHP's policies are the best. I will be the strong voice needed in Ottawa for CCMV. Voters should visit my website www.electjim.ca for more information on my platform. On November 9th, a vote for Jim Hnatiuk, would be vote for moving CCMV forward.



Jim Hnatiuk, Christian Heritage

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