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RRFB Nova Scotia is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Mobius Environmental Awards. Currently in their 13th year, these awards recognize the achievements of innovative individuals and organizations that help Nova Scotia move closer to achieving its waste disposal goal of 300kg/person/year by 2015. The deadline for nominations is April 22nd, 2011. The Mobius Awards luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Road, Halifax. Details on the nomination procedures and nomination forms are available at www.rrfb.com/mobius or by calling toll-free 1-877-313-RRFB (7732).

The documentary about Elizabeth Bishop, which was aired on CBC Radio 1 on February 27th has been archived and is available for viewing at your leisure. To list to the documentary about Elizabeth Bishop and her connection to Nova Scotia, please use this link: <http://www.cbc.ca/maritimemagazine/2011/02/should-we-have-stayed-at-home-wherever-that-may-be.html>

Physicians in Nova Scotia will be saving the province an estimated \$45 million over the next two years by reducing their income from 4% to 1%. Even though 82 per cent of doctors supported the proposed amendments, many voiced concerns over government's intent to retract funding already committed to in a signed contract. The amended contract will come into effect on April 1, 2011 and expire on March 31, 2015. The original contract would have expired on March 31, 2013.

Women entrepreneurs in Atlantic Canada will have increased opportunity to reach new export markets and do business with Fortune 500 companies, thanks to a certification program for women-owned businesses. WEConnect Canada will manage the delivery of the certification program for women-owned businesses in Atlantic Canada and provide mentoring and coaching for certified businesses. ACOA is providing a contribution of over \$134,000 toward the project, through its Business Development Program (BDP); WEConnect is investing an additional \$152,000.

The Shoreline Journal is accepting names of area residents along Hwy #2 from Parrsboro to Onslow, including Londonderry, Debert and Belmont, who will be celebrating their 90th birthday in 2011. We already have 53 pre-registered, who are being invited to a special event on Saturday, May 7th in Economy. Deadline for registering is March 31st. For more information contact: Maurice Rees, Publisher, 902-647-2968 or E-mail: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

On March 8th at the Sheraton Hotel, Ottawa Cumberland South MLA and Progressive Conservative Party Leader Jamie Baillie was the featured guest speaker at The National Press Club of Canada's "Newsmaker Breakfast". Baillie's address focused on Nova Scotia's economic future including immigration policy, energy policy and regional co-operation.

A Holocaust Remembrance Day service will be held on May 1st, 2011 commencing at 7:15 pm at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River. Everyone is invited to join in the event to remember the millions killed under Nazi tyranny. The story of the Shoah will be told and the Kaddish for the dead recited. Hundreds of candles will be lit for the children killed at Auschwitz. A plaque will be dedicated, commemorating the Holocaust by Bullets in the Ukraine. Fellowship will follow at the Bass River Firehall.

RFQ: Tidal Energy Device Collector Circuits

Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE), which is developing the tidal power demonstration and testing site at West Bay has

issued a request for quotations (RFQ) from firms to provide civil and electrical contractor services. The RFQ stipulates items such as: including

materials supply, to develop the infrastructure required for the interconnection of power, control and SCADA cables between the FORCE substa-

tion control building and the shore end of four composite, submarine cables; one for each tidal device.

This portion of the work will provide the infrastructure to enable the transfer of tidal generated power from the shore interconnection to the electrical substation: a small but critical stretch onshore from the end of the submarine cable end to the transmission grid.

The work includes the installation of concrete cable vaults, insulated power cable, optical fibre cables, as well as the supply and installation of significant systems including drainage, concrete encased duct banks, electrical grounding and bonding, cable trays and supports, junction boxes, and many other electrical systems.

A lot of work has been done onsite. Construction of the substation control building and Interpretive Centre is nearing completion. An opening is scheduled later this year.



Home renovations time! The eagle on the right is bringing a large branch back to the nest one sunny day at the end of February. Eagles are frequently observed along Highway #2 in Masstown. (Harrington Photo)

Fourth Berth Awarded for Tidal Power Testing

Atlantis Resources Corporation, a world-leading tidal technology and project development company will test one of the world's largest tidal turbines in the Bay of Fundy's aggressive marine environment. Atlantis was one of five respondents to a request for proposal issued by the province last fall for a fourth berth-holder to participate in its Fundy Ocean Research Center for

Energy (FORCE) project.

The company will work in partnership with Lockheed Martin and Irving Shipbuilding to customize, build, deploy and monitor their one megawatt AK-1000 Mark II turbine at FORCE's Minas Passage test site. The project will involve more than fifty per cent local content. Lockheed Martin, which has 130 full time employees in Nova Scotia, will

be responsible for engineering design elements, production drawings and procurement of major turbine components along with systems testing.

Irving Shipbuilding, with more than 1200 shipyard workers in the province, will oversee construction of the turbine base and assembly of the device in conjunction with other local suppliers. Deployment of the Atlantis

turbine is planned for summer 2012.

Atlantis joins three existing berth-holders in the FORCE project: Nova Scotia Power, in partnership with Open Hydro of Ireland; Minas Basin Pulp and Power, working with Marine Current Turbines technology; and Alstom of France using their Clean Current technology.

FORCE is scheduled to install four subsea transmission cables to connect the test turbines to the electrical grid in the summer, giving Nova Scotia the largest in-stream tidal power capacity in the world.

We vote May 2nd

We were within hours of finishing production of this issue, when the Writ was dropped on Saturday morning sending Canadians to the polls on May 2nd.

Earlier in the week, when an election was imminent, we contacted all parties, who will be fielding candidates in Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, trying to get candidate photos, bios and a brief statement.

However, we were unsuccessful, to get all the required information. As a result, in fairness to all candidates, we decided not to publish any

pictures or candidate information unless we were able to treat everyone equally.

At press time the selected candidates are: Scott Armstrong, (incumbent) Conservative Party; Jim Burrows, Liberals; Wendy Robinson, NDP and Jim Hnatiuk, Christian Heritage Party. A candidate for the Green Party has not been chosen.

Next issue will include more detailed information about the riding, and an extensive interview with each candidate as well as their response to a detailed questionnaire.



The lucky driver of this GTL Transportation Inc. truck escaped injury when an accident occurred March 11th on the exit ramp at Hwy 102/104. The load of wire spilled into the ditch along the highway. Members of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade and RCMP responded to a truck accident in the late afternoon on March 11th. (Harrington Photo)

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