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Creation Tax Credit, a tax credit for employers equivalent to 10 per cent of the salaries and wages paid to the apprentice; the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit, a credit on an amount of \$3,000 for volunteer firefighters who perform at least 200 hours of service a year; and the First-Time Home Buyers Tax Credit, which saves Canadians up to \$750 on qualifying home purchases.

On top of all this, we can't forget our Conservative Government lowered the GST from 7 to 6 to 5 per cent. This action alone saves the average family over \$900 a year. We've lowered personal income taxes for all Canadians, and our landmark Tax-Free Savings Account is delivering yet another savings vehicle for families who want to save for a vacation, a new car or just a rainy day.

Going forward, our Government will remain committed to supporting Canadian families. Reducing taxes for families allows Canadians to meet the financial challenges of raising a family, while also helping deliver savings that can be taken all the way to the bank.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll-free at 1-888-752-0552; visit me website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter@Armstrong\_MP.

**Scott Armstrong, MP Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley**

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best interest. That includes focusing on the local economy, investing in education and health, the provincial debt and insuring that our return on investments will allow our young people who wish to stay in Nova Scotia and can find good jobs here at home.

**Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North Ph: 902-893-2180**

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right decision.

It's that time of year where as the snow goes away all the sins of the winter are exposed. Over the past few weeks there have been many reports of illegal dump sites.

I would encourage anyone who is aware of an illegal dump to call me @ 647-2025 or Waste Management at the County at 895-4777. Illegal dumping is not acceptable I look forward to exposing anyone who is caught.

Next month I will write a more positive column, I promise. Tom

**Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10, Colchester County**

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marshes were used by early settlers as a rich source of hay. Even after the 1755 deportation of the Acadians, Planters, Loyalist and new settlers continued to use these lands for the very same reasons.

Salt marshes are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. The key plant of the salt marsh is cord grass, Spartina. Marshes are often nurseries for juveniles of commercially important fish species. They are important feeding and breeding habitats for waterfowl. Shorebirds are often seen in salt marshes feeding on the mudflats. By the thousands at low tide they feed on invertebrate organisms in the mud. On an average day over 160 billion tons of seawater flows in and out of the Bay of Fundy. This is an unconceivable amount of water, but as I stated earlier even the smallest amounts of diluted "not so good" stuff dumped into our water is not the solution. It is pollution.

I would like to be able to tell my granddaughters in twenty years time, it is ok to dig clams or eat flounder or shad from the Bay. Let's make sure whatever we are discharging into our water courses is clean and safe so we are not explaining to the next generation we screwed up and they are not able to enjoy the benefits of such a unique ecosystem. For years we were told the Sydney tar ponds were not an environmental disaster. Thank goodness, when the truth was finally told, we had the ability and the millions of dollars needed to clean it up. I'm afraid we will not be afforded this opportunity when it comes to our Bay. Once we destroy it there will be no cleaning it up.

I would like to mention how great it is to see local contractors hard at work on the new expansion of the Debert Home Hardware facility. It is corporate citizens such as Home Hardware who stimulate the local economy. The spin-off from growth within our local companies is what makes our community strong.

Every one of us - play an important role in our community growth and sustainability. Keep our waters clean, recycle and reuse and buy local. Colchester County is a great place to live. Let's keep it that way.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

**76% Lack Succession Plan**

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of death, the agreement should cover the inevitable transfer of shares to the heirs and the use of proceeds from any corporate-owned life insurance.

There are many more aspects to this topic but the important point to take away

is: Get advice and get started. Succession planning is an evolutionary process that should begin early. Don't let an unexpected event, such as illness or injury, force you to make key decisions without the benefit of time to consult and reflect.

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**Safety Precautions to avoid Slipping and Falling**

*By Christine Urquhart*

As the weather gets warmer you'll want to also do those tasks outside, which you normally undertake each spring. Whether inside or outside, you need to take all safety precautions possible. Make sure your work area is clear of any debris, which may cause you to trip or fall, while your arms are loaded with cleaning or repair supplies, whether inside or out.

Observing safety precautions helps reduce the possibility you will slip or fall. Remember these simple steps:

- (A) When cleaning out closets or re-organizing things, always keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear.
- (B) Don't carry too much stuff

at once, especially on stairs.

- (C) Carry loads you can see over, and keep one hand free to hold banisters and railings.
- (D) Remember to put things away so people cannot trip on them.
- (E) Safely tuck away telephone and electrical cords out of walkways.
- (F) In homes with children, make sure toys and other items are always safely put away when not in use. If you need to climb to clean something, use a stepladder or ladder.
- (G) Be careful when walking on wet surfaces. Warn others in your family. You may need to block access to wet floors. If you do need to climb to clean or repair something, use a

stepladder or ladder. When using a ladder, stand at or below the highest safe standing level. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top. For an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top. Before using, inspect the ladder or stepstool. Ensure that the rungs are dry, feet are secure and slip resistant and that the ladder or stepstool structure has no defects of any sort.

Either secure the ladder to prevent tipping or have someone hold the ladder while you are working on it. Do not over extend your arms outwards toward the sides, move the ladder or stepstool, so that the center of your body always remains within the structure of the ladder.

**Great Village to host NSWOOA AGM**

The Masonic Lodge in Great Village will be the host community for the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association (NSWOOA) on Saturday, April 13th. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

NSWOOA president Marc Chisholm says "The event is an opportunity to Learn more about the changing goals and needs of forest landowners, the potential for small-scale biomass projects to serve as a new market for low-grade wood, and looming changes to the provincial silviculture programme".

Also planned is a look at forestry regulations and landowner outreach programmes in other provinces; and the presentation of the Friend of the Acadian Forest award.

The public is welcome to attend. The cost is \$15 for NSWOOA members and \$20 for guests. Lunch is included. Reservations are not required, but would be appreciated. Contact Andy Kekacs, programme director, at 902-817-4763 or [andy.nswooa@gmail.com](mailto:andy.nswooa@gmail.com) for more information.

Founded in 1969, NSWOOA is the oldest independent organization of small forest

landowners in the province. A non-profit society, its mission is to support woodlot owners in sustainable forestry through education, demonstration, marketing, and cooperation.

NSWOOA believes forest practices should mimic natural processes in the native Acadian Forest. Management that favors the growth of high-quality trees of the longest-lived, most valuable species offers the best opportunity to realize timber value while restoring forest conditions to a more natural (and desirable) state. The association believes that compromising ecological integrity for short-term considerations will inevitably have a negative impact on forest use by future generations.

The meeting will be at the Masonic Lodge, 30 Station Road, Great Village. The cost (which includes lunch) is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Reservations are not required, but they would be appreciated. Contact Andy Kekacs at 902-817-4763 or [andy.nswooa@gmail.com](mailto:andy.nswooa@gmail.com).

We have an interesting and informative programme planned, and hope to see you in Great Village!

**Marc Chisholm, President for the Directors of NSWOOA**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association**  
Saturday, 13 April 2013 — Great Village, NS

8:15-8:45	Registration, coffee
8:45-9:15	Call to Order, Welcome and President's Report — Marc Chisholm
9:15-10:00	Small-scale Biomass: Potential New Market for Pulpwood-Grade Wood? - Dale Prest
10:00-10:15	Presentation of Friend of the Acadian Forest Award
10:15-10:45	Break — Refreshments provided
10:45-11:30	Changing Landowner Goals and Needs: Results of the 2012 Woodlot Site Visit Programme - Stephen Cole
11:30-12:00	New Ways to Fund Silviculture and Landowner Outreach — Matt Miller
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:45	A Look at Forest Regulations and Landowner Services in Other Places: Lessons for NSWOOA? — Minga O'Brien and Christie Verstraten
1:45-2:30	Strategic Planning Review and Member Feedback — Hendricus van Wilgenburg
2:30-3:30	Business Meeting: Minutes of 2011 AGM; Financial Report; Nomination and Election of Directors; Resolutions from the Floor
3:30	Adjournment

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**CUSTODIAN**

Cobequid Pass Toll Plaza is now accepting applications for position of Custodian.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**REPORTS TO:** Cleaning Supervisor or General Manager

**Position Summary**

A custodian is responsible for the cleanliness of the facility, both inside and outside.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- The essential functions include, but are not limited to the following:
- Reporting necessary equipment repair and maintenance
  - Cleaning public and office washrooms
  - Mopping floors/Dusting/ Removing trash/Staff Kitchen Cleaning

**Hours of work:**

- Weekends: 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Night Shift Vacations 6:00 pm to 6:00am
- On Call
- Other vacations

**Rate:** \$12/hr

**Deadline for applications – Monday, April 15, 2013.**

Please send resume to:

Custodian  
Cobequid Pass Toll Plaza  
209 Cobequid Pass, Great Village NS B0M 1M0  
PH: 902-668-2211 FAX: 902-668-2290

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