



Laura and April Sharpe were the lucky winner of the Door Prize (donated by Ed and Carlotta Langille) at the Great Village Fire Brigade Merchandise Bingo on March 14th. (Harrington Photo)

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**Recognition of women as leaders** - The majority of Canadians (69%) agree (22%) or somewhat agree (47%) that women today are recognized as leaders in Canadian society, while 20% somewhat disagree and nine percent disagree that women are recognized as leaders. Over three fourths of men (78%) were more likely to somewhat agree or agree (29% and 50% respectively) compared to 59% of women (14% and 45% respectively).

**A new guideline**, released on March 7<sup>th</sup>, on screening for lung cancer with low-dose CT technology presents a new opportunity for the control of lung cancer – currently Canada's most common cause of cancer death. The Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care now recommends screening using low-dose CT scans in high-risk adults aged 55-74 years who are current or former smokers with a smoking history of at least 30 pack-years, defined as the average number of packs smoked daily multiplied by the number of years of smoking. A recent study found a 15 per cent reduction in lung cancer mortality associated with screening using low-dose CT scans compared to chest x-ray.

**The Debert Airport** will come under the microscope to become one of the economic engines of Northern and Northeastern Nova Scotia when Colchester puts more emphasis on exploring its future potential to determine what major investments will be required in runway improvements, fencing, long term development plans to attract major clients.

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provide as many of these activities will become part of their ongoing commitment to the youth of our province.

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any one of these core responsibilities would have been very difficult and very expensive. Additional examples would be the Towns Bylaw officer enforces our Taxi bylaw, our animal control officers also serves the Town, we have a joint regional economic development committee, and the committee charged with leading the development of the Palliser property includes elected councillors from Town, County and Millbrook.

I wanted to make this point mostly just to show, that contrary to popular belief there is a tremendous amount of regional cooperation. However there is absolutely no question that there is much more that can be done.

I would like to thank all those that took the time to stop in at the Peg in Masstown last week to meet Mayor Taylor, councillor McInnis and myself. It was a pleasure, informative and something I hope we can do again in the future. I am also looking forward to the arrival of our new CEO Mr Rob Simmonds. He is scheduled to arrive for our council meeting on March 31 and it is my hope that sometime in the very near future we will have him out in the

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place. A consulting firm such as LP Consulting is who the farmer would hire to compile a land management plan. It would appear biosolids have come a long way over the past ten years. Ms. LeBlanc explained the heavy metals that were present in biosolids ten years ago and one of the main concerns are now virtually nonexistent compared to other limes and fertilizers we may spread on our own lawns. We were also informed that N-Rich biosolids exceed regulated standards of: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA); Canadian Council of the Environmental Ministers (CCME); Provincial Regulatory Standards and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Now of course there is always a BUT and the "but" here is the fact this tour and presentation was conducted by the processing company Walker Environmental who owns N-Rich and the consulting company LP Consulting who are both profiting from the sale of these biosolids.

My next step will be to make a motion in council requesting we have a health expert familiar with the biosolids industry come to council to present. This will give us an unbiased third party opinion on the long term effects, if any, of applying biosolids to lands in Nova Scotia. Hopefully this information will help answer many of the questions local residents have about this issue. Unfortunately at the end of the day this is all the municipality can do.

We as a municipal government have no control or say over the application of biosolids in our County. It is controlled and regulated by the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Environment and the Department of Agriculture.

On another note, the Community Meeting which Councillor Taggart and I held at the Peg on March 12th went very well. The

As the MLA I continue to be proud of the volunteerism of our community leaders as they support these initiatives funded by the Government of Nova Scotia.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

communities to meet and greet our residents. As I believe has been mentioned in a previous article we have been waiting on his arrival to begin our budget process in earnest. It is my expectation/ hope, that there will be no tax rate increase again this year. If we are successful that will mean that in this term of council 2012 to 2016 we will have only increased our tax rate by 1 cent over 4 years. I am very proud of this.

I hope you all have taken the time to read the latest County newsletter; there is a wealth of information in it, such as the Low Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program. If you applied last year you will automatically receive this year's application. If you have not applied and think you may qualify you can call me at 902-647-2025 or the County tax office 902-897-3162 for additional information.

On the subject of taxes and our newsletter, please watch for the June issue as it will give a complete breakdown on where your tax dollars are spent.

Enjoy the spring.

Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

residents in attendance were very well informed and engaged in conversations with Tom and I about our communities. We will definitely be holding more of these sessions moving forward in the future.

Every year I look forward to attending the annual Debert Fire Brigades banquet, unfortunately this year I was unable to attend. It is an honour for me to support these men and woman who dedicate countless hours of volunteer time making sure we are safe within our communities.

Thank you so much for everything you do! Sorry I was not there to say it in person.

Doug

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County



This row of tables seemed to be where lady lucky was shining down during the Great Village Fire Brigade Merchandise Bingo, held at the Legion Hall, on March 14th. (Harrington Photo)



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