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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2017

Here's the opportunity for a bit of stress relief. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. If you need a bit of refreshing: When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

Notice to Readers: The spring sitting of the provincial legislature will be called to session on April 25th. Many political watchers are speculating as soon as the provincial budget is presented on April 27th the premier might, within a day or so, call an election for May 30th. If that happens, we will change the publishing date of the June Issue. Our 2017 schedule lists the June issue as being published on May 31st. Should an election be called, as many suggest, we will change the publishing date to May 24th, which is one week earlier. As a service to readers we want you to have opportunity to read responses to a questionnaire we will circulate to all candidates for Colchester North and Cumberland South. If an election is called to be held on June 6th or later, our original publishing date will remain the same at May 31st.

Residents of Colchester are reminded they need to wait until the "large item" pick up of garbage to be held in May before they can put large items curbside on their scheduled pick up days. Even though the threat of major snow storms is over you still need to wait until sometime in May.

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Karlee Burgess's successes on the national and international curling scene in 2016 resulted in her being selected as the outstanding 16-20 female athlete during the recent Truro Sport Heritage Award Ceremony. Presenting her the award is Jason Cohanim representing award sponsor, big Dog 100.9 FM. More winners and their photos can be found on pages 26 and 27.

'Grant to Non-Profits' Requests Total \$511,106

By Maurice Rees

There were 32 presentations from non-profit organizations requesting \$511,106.58 for a 2017 grant from the Municipality of Colchester on February 28th and March 1st. Three

presentations from Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission (\$200,000); Scotia Pool Society (\$100,000) and Colchester County 4-H Club (\$100,000) accounted for \$400,000.00 of the

total requests.

All presentations were well received by councillors, with the presenters being advised decisions would not be made until near end of April when council finalizes its bud-

et and sets the 2017-2018 tax rate.

For the purpose of organizing the requests for the Shoreline Journal's readership details of the grant requests have been divided into four categories and are included adjacent to this article.

The first category includes groups within the Shoreline Coverage area from Onslow's along Highway 2 to the county line at Harrington River, plus Belmont, Debert and Londonderry. The second grouping is for organizations based in Truro, but serves the entire county. The third grouping covers the remainder of the county. The fourth group is the three groups requesting a total of \$400,000. A short description of the three larger requests and grouping of the other three categories is contained in separate stories found throughout this issue of the Shoreline Journal.



The Grand Circle is a group of the most famous national parks of the American Southwest, located in north Arizona and south Utah. The turret arch photo is part of Lawrence R. Nicoll's 22 picture exhibit at the Marigold Cultural Centre, Truro. Although the exhibit will be held throughout the month of April, the actual official opening and reception is April 15th, same evening as the J. P. Cormier concert. See more on page 2 of the South Cumberland News on the reverse end of this newspaper. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Public Comment Input Ends on March 31

By Maurice Rees

The provincial government is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the key elements of a new a cap and trade program to ensure it is effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, is flexible and adaptable, and supports a competitive economy. An opportunity for the public to comment on the program ends on March 31, 2017.

A discussion paper which outlines the princi-

ples and key design features being considered is now available on Nova Scotia's climate change website at www.climatechange.novascotia.ca On December 9, 2016, Nova Scotia endorsed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. At the time, Nova Scotia committed to establishing a cap and trade program to comply with the federal carbon pricing benchmark.

This feedback and research will be used to develop Nova Scotia's program and the regulatory framework that supports its implementation. There will be additional opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback throughout 2017.

Nova Scotia currently leads all provinces in cutting greenhouse gas emissions and has already reached the federal 2030 emission reduction target.

FPAC Becomes Corporate Partner with FCM

The Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) has become Corporate Partner of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to help advance shared priorities in the areas of economic growth, innovation and sustainable land-use management.

"Canada's forest sector provides more than 230,000 jobs in over 200 communities across the country—including many rural communities—so FCM welcomes them as a corporate partner," said FCM president Clark Somerville. "Tackling climate change and creating a green economy are FCM priorities, and Canada's forest sector will be an important partner for us in this regard."

Under the new agreement, FPAC will have the opportunity to share information and work directly with FCM's 2,000 member municipalities on policies and initiatives that address climate change and support local job creation. This includes having a role at FCM's national Conferences that allows for real-time exchange of ideas and issues that advance shared priorities.

Investigation Launched Into RCMP Inaction

The Information Commissioner has launched an investigation into the RCMP's handling of an Access to Information Request made by Bill Casey.

According to the Office of the Information Commissioner, the RCMP has been deemed to have refused Casey access to a 2004 report, as it has been almost 100 days since his request was filed.

The 2004 report concerns the decision to locate a Operational Communications

Centre in Truro. Now the RCMP is studying the possibility of moving the centre to its "palatial" headquarters in Halifax.

Casey says he was told a new report being prepared for Assistant Commissioner Brian Brennan, Commanding Officer of Nova Scotia "H" Division, on the Truro facility should be done in early March, and he hopes to receive a copy of that report, too. So far, Assistant Commissioner Brennan has refused to meet with Casey.

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