

2017 Grant Requests from the Municipality of Colchester



County Wide Groups Request \$57,174

By Maurice Rees

A total of 11 groups, primarily based in Truro, but representing the entire county requested \$57,174 from council during two presentation nights on February 1 and March 1st.

- **300 Felines** requested \$5,000 in support of its initiative to continuing reducing feral cat population and improving feral cat healthcare in Colchester and surrounding areas.
- **Association of Nova Scotia GeoCaching**, headquartered in Nictaux Falls, Middleton seeking \$4,000 to help defray expenses for the Maritime Mega IV, which will be held in the Truro area attracting 1,500 participants with an estimated economic impact in excess of \$500,000.
- **Colchester Highland Games and Gathering Society** seeking \$5,000 to ensure the event is a safe, entertaining quality event. Funds would be used to purchase or rent equipment and services such as stage, tent, guide ropes, tables / chairs and PA system. The event will take place in September as is part of the Canada 150 celebrations.
- **Colchester-East Hants Branch Canadian Mental Health Association** requested \$3,000, a portion of which would be used for recreational activities and outings for the Friendship Club.
- **MADD Cobequid** seeking \$1,000 to upgrade education materials and train volunteers.
- **North Nova Lumberjack Society** asked for \$8,000 to assist with flights, transportation, accommodations of film crews and other operating expenses for the June 3rd event to be held on Juniper

Street, Truro, NS

- **Nova Scotia SPCA** requested \$5,000 to perform TNR (trap, neuter and return) surgeries on feral and unowned cats in the County using the SPCA's mobile clinic.
- **Truro Farmer's Market Cooperative** asked for \$2,500 to assist with purchase and installation of a sound system for the interior and canopy areas of the market to make public service announcements and to share music.
- **Truro Tennis Club** had two requests for council's consideration. The first was \$16,174.34 for lighting replacement most of which was installed more than 30 years ago. The entire project is estimated to cost in excess of \$55,000. Sport Nova Scotia is being requested for a contribution of \$17,780 to help defray costs, in addition to a Energy Fixture rebate of \$8,000.00. The second application of \$915.73 was to assist with deferring costs for a June 17th motorcycle Poker Run throughout the county, which is expected to include 100 participants.
- **Truro Theatre Society** requested \$2,500 to assist with advertising, video-taping of the production, costumes, props and location rental for the July 2017 event.
- **Women That Hunt Fundraising Association** which will be holding a Youth Expo with 1,500-2,000 participants in Brookfield on April 22 asked for \$5,000. The event is designed to expose youth to new activities related to the outdoors, fitness, art, community programs and overall general health and wellness.

9 Non-Profit Groups Seek \$25,352

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Nine community groups, who are located in rural areas of Colchester outside the Town of Truro and not located in West Colchester requested \$25,352 in grants for non-profits.

- **Alton Recreation Centre**, Alton seeking \$1,500 for oil tank replacement in order to have continued insurance coverage.
- **Bayhead Community Hall**, Tatamagouche requested \$10,000.00 for new roof, siding and a new oil tank. Over the year upwards of 1,200 people use the hall for wedding and funeral receptions and other community fund raising events as it is the only facility in the community capable of hosting such events.
- **Brule Community Centre**, Tatamagouche, \$1,000 to finish siding on the Community Centre;
- **Earlton Community Centre Society** \$1,000 to install a generator plus permitting the community centre to be used and an emergency shelter.
- **First Baptist Girls Choir** requested \$1,262.60 for signage, dresses and sheet music.
- **Harmony Ridge 4H Club** was seeking \$2,000 for new club shirts, update display signage, and the remainder to assist members going to the Pro-Show.
- **Stewiacke Valley Historical Society** \$1,250 to replace siding, which has been damaged due to age or water damage.
- **Third Place Transition House**, Truro asked for \$5,340 to provide supportive services to woman and children fleeing domestic violence.
- **Warwick Mountain Recreation Club**, Tatamagouche, asked council for \$4,000 to repair exterior wall including a rotten sill.

West Colchester Groups Request \$22,842.25

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Six groups from along the shore in West Colchester requests grants totaling \$22,842.25 follows.

- **Colchester Five Islands ATV Club** seeking \$1,200 for the Annual Memorial Fun Run including guided tours and explanation of Cobequid Mountain Trails while erecting memorial signs for designated trails to honour deceased members.
- **Debert Family Day Association**, to be held on August 12th, requested \$6,000, which would be spent on promotion, a sound system, and a projector.
- **Economy Recreation Centre**, is seeking \$4,226.25 to replace six windows in the West Room. Current windows are single pane and over 50 years old.
- Not since Moses Run Inc requested \$5,000.00 for a variety of expenses which attracts 1000-1200 participants from various countries and several USA states and Canadian provinces. The August 11-12, 2017 event is the largest event in Five Islands.
- **Red Clay Studio Society**, Bass River were seeking \$4,416 to construct a mobile solar module to be used to power events in rural locations that are otherwise inaccessible.
- **Victoria Hall**, Bass River, \$2,000 to replace six windows in the main hall.

3 Groups Seek \$400,000 from Council

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- **Colchester County 4-H** made two presentations to council totaling \$106,000. The first at \$100,000 was for the 4-H barn at the exhibition grounds. The second request of \$6,000 was to support the County Judging Day. (See separate story)
- **Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission's**

request of \$200,000 was by far the largest during two evenings of presentations. They requested the money for infrastructure improvements. (See separate story for more details).

• **The Scotia Pool Society** was tied with the Colchester County 4-H Society for the second largest request. Details of their \$100,000 request is contained in a separate story elsewhere in this issue.

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The province is providing support for the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games by providing a \$1 million contribution for one of the main venues at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish. The funding for seating improvements at the university's Oland Centre. The upgrade will provide greater accessibility for athletes and their families. The existing bleachers, which were built in the 1960s, will be replaced by a new high-standard seating area for 1,500 people. Organizers estimate the 2018 National Special Olympic Games the economic impact on the area of the summer games and the 4,000 participants to be more than \$5 million dollars.

Co-op education programs alternate academic study with work placements, giving students an opportunity to apply and develop their skills outside the classroom. Having real-world work experience gives them a competitive edge after they graduate. Employers benefit, too. Students bring fresh, new talents and ideas to the workplace. Nova Scotia offers a financial incentive to private-sector, government-funded, and not-for-profit organizations that offer co-op placements for university and college students. The Co-Op Education Incentive reimburses employers \$7.50 an hour (up to 40 hours a week) toward a student's wages. The next round of applications for the incentive opens April 10. Employers interested in hiring a student for the fall 2017 term can visit novascotia.ca/programs/co-op-education-incentive/ to learn more.

Upper Clements Park will soon get an upgrade, thanks to \$300,000 to improve the theme park. The park has been operating in Annapolis County for nearly 30 years. It features many attractions including rides, water facilities and pathways. The funding will improve the park's main attractions including the carousel, roller coaster and flume ride. It will also go towards improving the infrastructure by adding new metal roofing and removing the enclosures from the former wildlife park. "Improving Upper Clements Park will help it continue to attract thousands of visitors to Annapolis County every year and offer employment opportunities for people in the community," said David Brown, chair of the Upper Clements Park Society.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting

of the

Lower Onslow Community Centre will be held at the Centre, 12391 Hwy 2, Lower Onslow, on April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

All residents of the area served by the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade are invited to attend this meeting.

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community members. The committee will be put in place with representation from residents, business representatives from within the park, First Nations and myself. If you are interested in joining such a committee please send your name, phone number and mailing address to: debertcl@envirosystems.ca The deadline is March 31st, 2017. I know as this paper wasn't

published until March 29th, 2017 this hasn't left much time if any. If you are interested and have any difficulties with this timeline, please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact number is 902-895-2242.

There is lot more going on but I will save it for another day.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County



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