

PHOTO FEATURE



The 34th Truro Sport Heritage Awards were presented in a gala event held at the Best Western Glengarry. Host Bruce Rainnie, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and former host of the CBC News emceed the event, Sunday, March 4, 2018. (Photos by Sheryl Deuville)



Wanda Reynolds, representing award sponsor, Miller Waste Systems presented Harvey MacEachern with the coach of the year award. Harvey was surrounded with members of the CEC boys volleyball team.

Coach of the Year Harvey MacEachern - Boys Volleyball

Harvey MacEachern has been head coach of the CEC boys volleyball team since 1991. Harvey coached three teams this year to provincial titles.

CEC had an overall 54-1 season record and won all 10 tournaments in which they competed. It was the third straight provincial win for CEC.

The second team Harvey coached was the Truro Tide 16U. The Tide 16U team went 30-1 in match play against all NS/NB teams. They won the Volleyball NS Provincial Club Championship, followed up by winning the Tier 2 gold (ninth in Atlantic Canada) at the Eastern Canadian Championships.

Harvey also acted as assistant coach for the Truro Tide 18U team. The team went 18-2 in season match play. They also won the provincial championship, going 6-0 in match play.

Harvey prides himself on not just creating good volleyball players and teams, but also good people. He has had many players move on to be strong players at the university and national levels.

Permissible Alcohol Purchases Revamped

By Maurice Rees

As a result of amendments to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Municipality must adopt an expense policy that applies to every reportable person in the Municipality and development of a hospitality policy. The most notable change prohibits reimbursement for any alcohol purchases whether by individual staff or at larger events hosted by the municipality.

Under the Municipal Governance Act, an annual summary report must be filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs by September 30 for the preceding fiscal year. By the January 31 immediately following a regular election shall review the Expense Policy and, following a motion by Council, either re-adopt the Policy or amend the Policy and adopt as amended.

This does not mean alcohol can not be served at municipal events. Alcohol served at hospitality events will not be paid for or reimbursed by the Municipality, but may be offered to individual attendees for purchase.

It might be called an exception, but the hospitality policy is defined as follows: Hospitality - expenses incurred while hosting individuals from outside of the corporation of the Municipality of Colchester including receptions, ceremonies, conferences, performances, or other group events. Allowable expenses may include meals, beverages or other approved items.

Hospitality may be offered under the following circumstances: Hosting dignitaries; Engaging in official public matters with representatives from other governments; business, industry/labour leaders; or other community leaders; Sponsoring conferences; Hosting prestigious ceremonies/recognition events; or, Other authorized official functions, as approved. Authorization - All hospitality events require prior authorization by the CAO or his/her designate. If the CAO or designate incurs a hospitality expense, it must be approved by the Mayor.

With last fall's changes to the Municipal Governance Act council must separate the Executive and Audit Committee into two committees. Recent legislated changes requires municipalities have an Audit Committee with at least one member of the public, living in the municipality, to sit as a representative on the Audit Committee.

Grand Slam of Curling to Return

By Maurice Rees

The last week of October the focus will be on Truro and the RECC centre when the area hosts the Grand Slam of Curling Masters, running Oct. 23 to Oct. 28, 2018. The event will feature 15 of the top men's teams and 15 of the top women's teams in the world.

The Masters is an elite-level competition with \$250,000 and valuable tour points on the line. In 2015, the event enjoyed huge success in Truro, as over 130 volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure fans and athletes had a great experience. Following the tournament, local Curling Clubs saw a noticeable jump in the level of interest in the sport.

Owned and operated by Sportsnet, a Rogers Media company, the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling is an annual series of seven curling tournaments that attract the world's best curlers. The Masters will be the second stop on the 2018-2019 Grand Slam schedule.



GRAND SLAM OF CURLING

Slam schedule.

"The Truro Colchester Community is proud once again to play host to the best male and female curlers in the world," said Craig Burgess, Community Chair of the Organizing Committee. In 2015, the event generated \$1.94 million in economic activity from above average ticket sales compared to other tournament locations. Organizers anticipate even greater success at this year's Truro-Colchester venue.

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Church Services for April

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge for the month of April are, at present, still all in Debert although they plan to decide on where the Easter services will be held - Debert or Glenholme - Sunday March 25th. So - April 1st - Easter Sunday - Sunrise service will be at 7:30 am with the regular service at 10 am. Check your local newspaper to see where these services will be held.

The remainder of the services will all be at 10 am. There will be a light breakfast after the Sunrise Service. Please know that you will be made welcome by our congregation if you decide to join us on any of our Sunday services! Our Presbytery appointed minister is Rev. Carolyn Rushton and she can be reached by calling our Church office 902-662-2617.



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