



Mayor Pam Mood, left, president of the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities and Mayor of Yarmouth speaks with Tom Taggart, Colchester District 10 councillor at recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) board meeting in Ottawa. On Taggart's left is Halifax Councillor, Russell Walker. (Contributed)

Covid-19 Disrupts Municipal Services

By Maurice Rees

A Friday March 27, 2020 tour of Colchester's municipal website at www.colchester.ca revealed the following Covid-19 public notices, which has basically shut down the Municipality, as it has the remainder of the provincial economy including shutting down international flights and crossing into Nova Scotia from other provinces:

Blue bag recycling collection cancelled for next two weeks

There will be no collection of blue bag recyclables for the period of March 25th until Wednesday 8 April 2020. Notification about resumption of service or additional suspension will be made by Public Notice within this two-week period. Recyclables sorting at our Municipal facility has been suspended to comply with safe distancing requirements under the Nova Scotia State of Emergency declaration.

Compost, clear and black bag collection continues as scheduled. For the latest information about Colchester's Solid Waste services

please visit our website at www.colchester.ca or call 902-895-4777 (Colchester Waste Helpline).

All municipal parks are closed during the provincial state of emergency

To comply with the Provincial State of Emergency declared at 11:30 AM Sunday the 22nd of March 2020, all Colchester parks and their parking lots are closed until further notice. Municipal trails can only be utilized while complying with legally enforceable social distance measures. Parking lots used for accessing trails are closed and are not to be used.

Anyone entering Provincial or Municipal Parks or their parking lots during the State of Emergency is subject to a summary conviction and fines between \$500 and \$10,000 per incident.

Municipal building closures & service changes

All Municipality of Colchester buildings are closed to the public until further notice to protect against the spread of COVID-19. The closures include all Colchester Solid

Waste Facilities. Only licensed haulers and collection trucks will be accepted at the site until further notice. Curbside collection will continue as regularly scheduled. Call the Solid Waste Helpline for additional information: 902-895-4777.

All recreational programming is cancelled until further notice.

Municipal essential services will continue during building closures. These include solid waste collection, sewer and water maintenance, snow removal, critical road repairs, building inspection, and bill processing.

The application deadline for the Low-Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program has been extended to May 29, 2020.

For the latest information about Municipal services please visit our website at www.colchester.ca or call 902-897-3160. The Municipality is closely following advice from the Province of Nova Scotia as it is continually updated on their COVID-19 website: www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus. Please visit

this website for reliable health and safety information.

Safely store sharps at home during the covid-19 situation

Pharmacies are instructing patients to use heavy duty plastic containers to store used needles ('sharps') at home until further notice. Containers like those used for laundry soap should be labelled Sharps and kept safely out of reach of children.

NO sharps or containers with sharps inside should ever be put in the garbage or recycling for collection. Help us keep our workers safe!

Pharmacies will not be accepting used sharps because suppliers will not be shipping sharps pails during the COVID-19 situation. Labelled sharps containers will be accepted by pharmacies at a future date that will be posted when known.

For more information on safe sharps disposal:
<https://pans.ns.ca/public/programs/safe-sharps>
or contact the Colchester Waste Helpline at 902-895-4777.

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

Keeping Couples Together

Couples deserve to be able to stay together when they are in long-term care. Government is introducing the Life Partners in Long Term Care Act to protect a couple's right to be placed together. The new act will allow couples to be placed together at the highest care level required. For example, if one spouse requires nursing home care and one requires residential care, the couple would be placed in a nursing home. Government will also work with Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure this right applies to spouses of veterans. This will apply to couples as defined in the act for admission to one of the 132 long-term care homes licensed and funded by the province. Additional Resources, Continuing Care: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs>

Special Move Permits Available for Forestry Sector

Forestry contractors looking to move wood or forestry equipment over short distances can apply for a special move permit while spring weight restrictions are in place. This is a short-term measure to help keep people in the forestry sector working. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will allow some use of provincial roads on a case-by-case basis, based on road and weather conditions. Persisting and overnight colder weather, below zero degrees Celsius, would support safe transport. The Forestry Transition Team has raised spring weight restrictions as a significant issue and has endorsed this plan. For inquiries on the permitting process, contact the Operations Contact Centre at 1-844-696-7737.

Results Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River

Dave Ritcey was victorious in the March 10th by-election to fill the seat vacated by Lenore Zann who switched to federal politics and won Cumberland-Colchester for the Liberals. A small turnout of approximately 20% of potential voters turned out casting their ballots as follows: Ivan DROUIN, Green, 398; Allan KENNEDY, Liberal, 1,385; Kathleen KEVANY, NDP, 925; David RITCEY, Progressive Conservative, 2,922 and Matthew RUSH-TON, Atlantica Party, 55

Amendments to Insurance Act

Nova Scotians can be vulnerable to financial schemes targeting life insurance policies. Amendments to the Nova Scotia Insurance Act will better protect Nova Scotians by providing insurance companies with legal grounds to refuse to transfer ownership of life insurance policies to third parties. Government is also closing the loophole on the use of side accounts. Currently, third parties are potentially able to buy life insurance policies from seniors or people who are critically ill at a fraction of face value. In addition, they can transfer large sums of money into side accounts to take advantage of fixed interest rates. Changes will come into effect upon proclamation.

Amendments to the Railways Act

Changes to the Railways Act will clarify the public safety and maintenance obligations for discontinued, abandoned or unlicensed railroads in the province. The amendments will require the province's three short-line railway companies to have their infrastructure inspected by a qualified inspector every five years to ensure that any rail assets do not become public safety issues. The changes will also bring the Sydney Coal Railway, formerly regulated under the federal Railway Safety Act, under the

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The Deadline for the May issue of
Shoreline
Journal is April 21

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