

Gain One, Lose One

By Maurice Rees

At one point there were three people seeking the Conservative nomination for Cumberland-Colchester. For the Conservatives in Cumberland-Colchester it's a matter of gaining one, and losing one. Dr. Stephen Ellis, a respected and long-serving family physician in the Truro area has announced his intention to seek the Conservative nomination in Cumberland-Colchester for the upcoming Federal Election. Meanwhile, Colchester Councillor, Tom Taggart, who had previously announced his

intention to seek the nomination, announced in mid-March he was withdrawing his name to focus on opposing Bill 4 - the Bio-Diversity Act and was throwing his support behind Dr Ellis.

David Phillips, Business Development Officer, Truro-Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity is the other person seeking the nomination.

Dr. Ellis has been in practice in Truro for the past 22 years. He currently serves as the Medical Lead for COVID-19 in-patient response for the North-

ern Region of Nova Scotia.

In a video message to patients, Dr. Ellis announced he will be handing over his practice to Dr. Jamie Grandy in July, but will remain actively engaged in physician recruitment and other facets of community service. He explained the unique perspective he has gained on the challenges and opportunities facing people in our community will be vital as he helps to shape policy in Ottawa.

The nomination date has yet to be set by the Conservative Party.

Anniversary Memorial Race - April 18TH

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The organization is planning to make the anniversary race an annual event. Just before presstime, organizers were awaiting confirmation the event would be a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

A spoken person for the Society said, "We are uniquely positioned to collaborate with various local health boards and organizations. Through our newly developed four-phase project we seek to coordinate community resources and determine community needs, actions that will enable us to provide appropriate and relevant programs and services to residents of West Colchester.

Through public and stakeholder engagement we will create and implement a strategic plan to support these communities, and a coordinator will be hired to manage the ongoing programs and supports".

The four part program will include:
Education: Bursary fund for children of victims; Nova Scotia Women's Resiliency Bursary; Helping Professions Bursary and Nova Scotia Remembers Bursary.

Memorial: Permanent Memorial; Memorial Events and Support for other memorials in the communities.

Community Development: Networked community supports for all ages; Trauma Informed Model; Community Advocacy and Programming.

Grief & Trauma Support: Coordinated support for affected families and communities; Clinical and community focused; Research and development and Centre of Expertise.

The first three phases of the program will occur from April through to October. The fourth phase comprising Program Implementation and Management will be ongoing from November 2021.

For more information about the West Colchester Community Development Project contact: Megan Netzke at megan.netzke@live.com or Tiff Ward, board chair at novascotiaremembers@gmail.com

Winter Community Park Funding Program

By Maurice Rees

In an information presented to Council at the March 11th committee meeting Craig Burgess presented an update on the Community Park Funding Program - Winter 2021 Applications.

Three applications were received for the February 26, 2021 deadline.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colchester requested \$23,894.00 (25% of project cost) for natural playground and green space development including an accessible trampoline, sand kitchen, swings and activity tables on the grounds of their facility in North River. The grounds are open for public use at all times (including when Fundy Scoops is closed) and access is free. This is phase one of a proposed four-phase project. Staff has approved a grant of \$23,894.00 pending confirmation of other funding.

Debert Elementary School Parent Teacher Association requested \$30,000.00 (23% of project cost) for playground upgrades including a sand kitchen, spinner, shelter, music garden, and learning area in the forest. Most improvements will be inclusive/accessible. This is phase one of a proposed three-phase project. Staff has approved a grant of \$30,000.00 pending confirmation of project costs and other funding sources.

Redcliff Middle School requested \$40,000.00



(34% of project cost) for playground upgrades including the replacement of swings and a play structure, as well as additions including a medicine wheel play structure and friendship circle with drum. Several of the improvements will be inclusive/accessible. Staff has approved a grant of \$40,000.00 pending confirmation of project costs and confirmation of other funding sources.

The total amount approved from applications received is \$93,894.00, pending 2021-2022 budget approval. In January 2021, Council approved \$40,000.00 for the Portapique Community + Build-up project from the Community Park Funding Program.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The last look I had at the Dart League standings showed Duane Leblanc leading the Men's Division with 126 points, Skip Dawson has 111 points, Ian Menzies 106 and Ken Smith 98, follow in that order.

Deanna Martell with 106 leads the Ladies side of the house with Marilyn Dykens (102), Dawn Hat (100) and Renee Leblanc (93) rounding out the top four.

High Start Men- Kenny Smith 160, (L)- Debbie Buchanan 148; High Finish- (M) Duane Leblanc 104, (L) Dawn Hatt 71; Most Finishes- (M) Duane Leblanc 74, (L) Dawn Hatt 32; Most Starts- (M) Duane Leblanc 95, (L) Deanna Martell 72; High Score- (M) Skip Dawson 160, (L) Dawn Hatt 139.

Most Tinkles- (M) Jim Tot-

ten 112, (L) Audrey Gallagher 148; Least Tinkles- (M) Duane Leblanc 56, (L) Deanna Martell 115. Ken Smith has the only 180 recorded in the League.

There is nothing to report on the Crib League and it is unlikely to have anything until the Covid-19 pandemic has run its course, and the same can be said for the Friday Night Suppers.

The Branch is hoping to have "Chase the Ace" up and running as soon as all the paperwork is in place and it is being worked on as we get ready for press.

Thank you all for the pull tabs, they are much appreciated.

Happy Birthday wishes for February are passed along to Tim Martell, Audrey Gallagher, Gerry Dykens, Gordon Slack, George Cooke, Eric Barnhill,



Glynn Balsom, Owen Slack, Norman Eastcott, Carrie Barclay, Sam Worthing, Charlie Bordon (Jr.).

Happy Anniversary wishes for February are passed along to Joyce and Vernon Rushton.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our Country and our freedom.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



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