

Rees' Pieces

DANGER: Complacency May Hurt

There are so many items I thought about voicing my opinion this month my head started to spin. At the top of the list was the political mess south of the border; then immigrants coming into Canada (favourable); constant rise in living cost – heat, groceries, accommodations and the hidden fees for various services. Each time I started to do some research, I got distracted, and my thought remained just that – a thought.

Part of the reason I abandoned some of them my thoughts were on the negative side. I prefer positive thoughts centered around how lucky we are to live in Colchester or Cumberland counties. That does not mean everything is rosy.

If we chose to complain, we can always complain about the weather. Everyone has an opinion about it. Where we are the luckiest, is we do not have extremes. We get all hyped up about a pending winter storm forecasted to drop a foot or so of snow, with extremely high winds. We spend a couple of days fretting about the next storm however, when it comes it last a few hours, often overnight, and then what happens?

The next morning, the sun is out, winds are non-existent. Our faces turn red with embarrassment because we think, "what was yesterday's fuss all about".

We go through all this agony, without having to worry about tornados in the middle of the night, as Tennessee just experienced with up to 200 mph winds; a tornado staying on the ground for an hour and ten minutes destroying everything in sight for 59 miles and over 25 people losing their lives. Consider California some areas in the high mountains getting 10 feet of snow in one storm, or nearer the coast, pelting rain dropping 10-12 inches in less than 16 hours. Flooding and future disasters.

Yes, we are lucky. Very lucky.

However, our luck causes us to be complacent. Complacency if we let it become a part of our lives can be detrimental in the long run.

This next topic is something each property owner best pay attention and become vocal letting your feelings or fears be known.

Subject: Land Use Bylaw. In Colchester we have been lucky not having zoning or restrictions on land use. However, that is about to change and change fast. The province has mandated all municipalities must develop a Land Use Bylaw. Whether we like it or not, there is no way out. It is almost impossible for people in the city to relate to the needs of more remote areas. They also expect people to understand the gravity of the situation within 6 weeks. Three months is more desired timetable.

I am suggesting landowners: "Pay strict attention what is coming down the pipe. Make sure you study information sent to you; be sure to attend public meetings. Be seen, be heard. Once a bylaw is passed it is hard to make changes."

Council has retained Upland Consulting, Halifax to navigate the engagement process with local residents. Upland made a presentation to council on March 7th. My concern is not with the consulting firm, but with the shortness of the timelines. The plan was launched on March 13th. Engagement with the public ends in April. In June Upland will provide an Engagement and Recommendations report.

Engagement plan calls for public survey; Online Interactive Map; four open houses; four pop-up events and topic specific online group discussions.

Land use will vary by area. What is needed in Salmon River is different than Economy, Tatamagouche, or Masstown.

My concern most of sites mentioned for the open houses were more populated areas. Some councillors mentioned that. Let's see how they dig in their heels. I believe, each 11 electoral district should have at least one open house.

PLEASE: As an area group and individually, pressure your councillor to hold a public meeting in your area. Also, get on your "High horse" – take the time to write or email all: municipal office; mayor, all councillors, even though only one represents you.

If you don't act, you will live with the consequences, if the bylaw is detrimental to the county or your area.

Maurice

Seasons to behold (*This is nature's way*)
*Nature has a way with us
 It's beauty we behold
 The splendor of the winter
 The harshness of the cold
 Some prefer the summer warmth
 Others love the snow
 Leaves that change their color
 Watching flowers grow
 This is nature's way
 Frosty early winter mornings
 The sparkle of the ice
 A quiet walk through the forest
 Can be very nice
 Moments with our world around us
 God bless and thank-you, Thomas A. Marshall, (Ex-Navy)*
From the stars before us to the stars that are yet to become!

Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Churchill Defends Nova Scotia Power

This week, I was left scratching my head at the decision by the Leader of the Official Opposition to defend Nova Scotia Power's decision to cancel or defer over 100 capital projects.

Imagine that. Defending Nova Scotia Power!

Here we have Zach Churchill defending Nova Scotia Power, the very company that has shown itself to be

very good at getting bonuses to its executives and not so good at getting reliable, affordable power to Nova Scotians.

The Liberals can stand with Nova Scotia Power. We will continue to stand with Nova Scotians.

Bill 212 prevented rates from increasing by more than ten percent. The UARB said this directly in their decision.

Bill 212 did its job.

The Premier and government made the case, multiple

times, that this was not the time for a rate hike. It's not.

Our Government will continue to look at ways to make life more affordable for Nova Scotians. I know for a fact that the Heating Assistance Rebate Program being increased to \$1,000 for this year has helped a lot of families in my area.

All I can say is I'm very happy standing with Nova Scotians rather than siding with the Liberals and Nova Scotia Power. I'm on the side

Open Letter to residents

We urgently need your help. Please let your voice be heard before it is too late. The deadline is April 14th to respond to the Environmental Assessment - Higgins Mountain Wind Farm. The link is included below:

<https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/higgins-mountain-wind-farm/>

This is your opportunity to provide your comments regarding the Environmental Assessment. Please take the time. This is our time to Protect Wentworth Valley.

Best Regards, Protect Wentworth Valley
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Campaign Aims to Build on Tourism Recovery

A new marketing campaign launched March 6, will encourage people to spend their vacation time and money in Nova Scotia and build on the tourism industry's strong recovery in 2022. The campaign, called Your Ocean Playground, will run through the end of summer in Ontario, Quebec, Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts.

"In Nova Scotia, our history, culture, people and landscape are distinctly shaped by the sea. This campaign invites visitors to experience the joy of Canada's ocean playground," said Pat Dunn, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "Last year, we saw visitors return in a significant way, with accommodation sales even surpassing 2019 numbers. We want to build on that momentum and help our tourism industry thrive."

The campaign includes television, billboard, social media, video and display ads that highlight the wide range of things to do and see in all areas of Nova Scotia. They focus on seacoast delights and Maritime culture, through the story of a couple travelling all 13,000 kilometres of coastline.

The government will invest an additional \$2.7 million this year in campaigns to support earlier and extended marketing of the province. A total of about \$8.6 million will be spent in 2023.

Director's Report – Compost Facility

By Phillip Redden B. Sc. F.E.

The following is the Compost Facility portion of the report to council committee on March 16th by Phillip Redden B. Sc. F.E., Director of Solid Waste on Materials Recovery Facility, Kemptown. (We divided Redden's report into several separate articles).

Production & Staffing: The facility has been short staffed for a period this winter due to an employee being off for parental leave. The employee is expected to return by the end of March.

Projects/Operations: The third and final tarp installation for the megadome buildings was completed on March 3, 2023. All three buildings were repaired by a subcontractor from Megadome that travelled down from Ontario and all three buildings are now structurally back to normal.

The stationary equipment and electrical panels have been dried out in compost processing tent #1 so that staff can assess what further dam-

age may have occurred due to the equipment being exposed to the elements for four months. So far, most equipment seems fine except that the conveyor on the picking table is seized up. Staff will continue to work on getting that freed back up and operational. The overhead doors will need some repairs as they are seizing up due to a combination of the high moisture and not being used for an extended period. New lighting will be getting installed in tent #1 as the old lighting was damaged and had to be removed after the hurricane.

Markets: Now that the megadome cover is installed on tent #3, staff can move forward with trying to dry out some mature compost material in hopes of being able to screen some off to make a marketable product in time for our Spring Compost Giveaway event scheduled for May 6-13. Bulk sales may not be available until later in the year if the material is found to be too wet to screen in early spring.



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of my Premier who stands with you, the ratepayers.

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GLENHOLME:

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