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Bridge this year?

By Maurice Rees

It's been a long haul, but it's completion is getting near. NSTIR and NS Public Works expect the new Bass River Bridge will be completed this year.

The tender is out and closes on April 6th. To be constructed of wood similar to the Roger Bacon Bridge in Nappan, inside sources indicate the bridge has already been ordered.

Original thinking was a concrete bridge as the

favoured option, but it's drawback was a requirement of raising the roadway and bridge deck as much as 6-9 feet higher than current levels. If this route were to have chosen the main culprit was the thickness of the concrete beams, which must be a certain height above anticipated water levels of the river.

After a lot of community consultation and public opposition especially from the volunteer members associated with Veterans Memorial Park,

as community opposition continued to escalate, local MLA, Tom Taggart, who writes a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal floated the idea of a wooden bridge in one of his columns nearly two years ago.

Taggart's idea gained a lot of traction for multiple reasons. It was suspected a wooden bridge would lower the road elevation, because it would not have 5-6 feet thick concrete beams, and something wooden would be in line with the contribution lumber-

ing and how Dominion Chair Factory shaped the evolution of the area.

If you read MLA Taggart's column starting on Page five, there is one major thing for the public be involved-in and that is "naming" the bridge. He is going to report in next month's issue the process of how a new bridge is named. Get your thinking caps on.

The current bridge is well past its "use before" date. Local residents have been worried

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2024

The Shoreline Journal returns to Facebook April 1st, 2024 - no foolin'! See the latest tidbits & teasers from our roving reporters & photographers, weigh in on local issues, and offer constructive comments that reflect your shoreline lifestyle. Like our Page at the current address so we can get a shorter url lol!

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Unfortunately, "I must announce the 90th birthday party, which was transitioning to 80th Birthday party has been postponed", Maurice Rees, publisher announced this week. He added, we are not abandoning the concept, locally catered events are much more difficult to arrange sic and hope to reorganize differently. Nova Scotians are still suffering from the effects of CoVid and the pool of volunteers to do the catering is much smaller. We will find a way to recognize local residents who are 80 and older.

The Nova Scotia RCMP is alerting the public to the ongoing threat of investment fraud, which is costing Nova Scotians millions. Investment fraud schemes continue to target unsuspecting individuals. In 2023, Nova Scotians lost over \$4.9 million to investment fraud, making it the number one scam by dollar value.

You can protect yourself by following these tips: Exercise caution, Do your research and seek advice. If you, or someone you know, is the victim of investment fraud, report it to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. For more information visit: <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

The 2024 Village Follies Dinner Theatre will once again be held at the Debert Legion. Tickets are now on sale for May 3rd, 9th, and 10th performances of "The Werewolves of Londonderry". To order tickets please email thevillagefollies@gmail.com with your name, date and number of tickets. For more information phone 902-662-3710.

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Charges Following Cross-Border Firearms Investigation

In January, the Nova Scotia RCMP's Federal Policing section received information from law enforcement officials in the United States that a Nova Scotian was attempting to purchase a prohibited firearm online. A 51-year-old man and 15-year-old youth, both from Millbrook First Nation are facing numerous charges after an international firearms investigation.

"Federal Policing received a tip from Homeland Security Investigations that an individual in the Millbrook area was trying to buy a Glock 19, which is a semi-automatic pistol, from the United States via a social media platform," says Superintendent Jason Popik, Federal Policing Criminal Operations Officer with the Nova Scotia RCMP. "As a result of this information and our subsequent investigation, we executed a search warrant at a residence and made two arrests."

Following a February 16 search of a home in Millbrook First Nation, the following items were

seized: 17 unsecured firearms and ammunition; Two prohibited 9mm over-capacity magazines; Computers, a 3D printer, filament, and tools for manufacturing firearms and ore than 225,000 contraband cigarettes

With assistance from Millbrook RCMP and Service Nova Scotia Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco Division, a 51-year-old man and a 15-year-old youth, both from Millbrook First Nation, were safely taken into custody and later released on conditions.

The 51-year-old will be charged with: Contravention of Use, Storage, Handling and Transport Regulations; Unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited Device; Possession of a Prohibited Device Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized; Selling Tobacco Products and Raw Leaf Tobacco; Possessing Tobacco on Which Tax has Not Been Paid (Nova Scotia Revenue Act); Possessing To-

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2024 E-Voting Tender Call

The Municipality of the County of Colchester (the "Municipality") invites qualified and experienced vendors to submit proposals for the provision of an Alternative Voting Electronic Voting Services (E-voting) solution for its 2024 Municipal Election.

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