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# Trefoil Guild Membership Right, But Few Attend

By Sheila Stewart

Colchester Trefoil Guild members met in the Cobequid Fire Hall on March 18. Our membership on paper is quite high but only a small number get out to our meetings, this month having an attendance of only five members. However, we had a great time, living up to the saying on many of our shirts: we are "Keeping the Spirit Alive".

This being March with all its many weather challenges, the meeting began with each member reading a quote that describe this month. A favourite was a quote from

Charles Dickens: "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade."

It is often said that when a good friend loses a member of the family, many people grieve along with them. That was us at we thought about and reached out in thought to one of our own who recently lost a family member. We were lucky to have this time and it brought us closer together.

February 22 in our Guiding Family is "Thinking Day" when we think of Girl Guides

around the world. Our Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser, Darlene Duggan, wrote and circulated a special poem for us to share on this special day. In part it reads, "That bond, our Guiding sisterhood, is felt the whole world round / I know no matter where I go, a sister can be found...". All of us Girl Guides, regardless of age, felt pretty special when we read that line!

We all look forward to the time after the "Meeting" closes and we can really visit and have fun. At this meeting, we created, under the guidance of Caroline Blair, an ornamental

Spring Bunny. It is amazing what can be created with a bit of wood, some artificial flowers, ribbon and various stickers! No matter the weather or if we are feeling out of sorts, our Spring Bunny brings smiles to our faces!

Now we look forward to our April 15th meeting when "We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!"

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## Canada and Nova Scotia are ready to run in the global energy race.

There was a time when the world's attention was captured by a race to the stars. The best minds in America and the former Soviet Union worked feverishly to be the first nation on Earth to successfully put a person on the moon. It wasn't the kind of race where anyone expected a prize for finishing second.

Currently, there is another worldwide competition underway, that could have an even bigger impact on the future than the small step for man and giant leap for mankind Neil Armstrong took in 1969.

Around the world, countries and companies are in a race to become the premier producer of green hydrogen. In this race, Canada is standing in the starting blocks instead of sitting on the sidelines.

Green hydrogen is produced with 100% renewable energy, and can be stored, transported, and sold to markets around the world. The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia have been working with EverWind Fuels to see the wind farms and green hydrogen production facility come online and give us the head start we need to succeed.

In Nova Scotia, EverWind Fuels is working hard to put Atlantic Canada on the podium for green hydrogen production. A recent Economic Impact Assessment conducted by Deloitte makes it perfectly clear what's waiting at the finish line if Canada can win.

Creating more renewable energy sources is critical in the fight against climate change, and building the wind farms needed to power the green hydrogen production facility will create a more resilient power grid for Nova Scotia.

Fighting climate change and strengthening Nova Scotia's power grid are certainly laudable benefits, but what about economic benefits? What will Nova Scotia's economy gain? According to Deloitte's Economic Impact Assessment, plenty.

Deloitte's study looked at the direct, indirect, and induced economic contributions of the cumulative capital investments and ongoing operations of EverWind's Point Tupper project, where green hydrogen will be produced to be shipped and sold to global markets. The study was based on the project's period of construction, and one representative year of operations.

The contributions to Canada's and Nova Scotia's economy were measured in four areas: **Value Added (Gross Domestic Product), Employment, Labour Income, and Government Revenue.** Additionally, the assessment examines five structural impacts associated with the Point Tupper project's operation, including: **Community and First Nations Benefits, Provincial and National Climate Goals, Energy Supply and Balancing for the Grid, International Trade for Green Hydrogen, and Capacity Development and Innovation.**

The study found that in the first two phases of this project, EverWind Fuels plans to make over \$13 billion in capital investments, with more than two-thirds of resources sourced from Canadian suppliers and almost half sourced from suppliers in Nova Scotia.

By spending their project investments primarily in Canada and Nova Scotia, EverWind Fuels' project will contribute over **\$2 billion in GDP and support more than 11,000 jobs** for the Canadian economy. In Nova Scotia specifically, that means more than **\$1 billion in GDP contributions and support for more than 5000 jobs** in the province.

Those numbers are only for the Phase One of the project, and rise drastically in Phase 2.

In terms of structural impacts, the assessment found that the Point Tupper project would deliver opportunities for business partnerships, growth, employment, and training to First Nations communities. It also estimates that beginning in 2027, the Point Tupper project will reduce carbon emissions by between 1.91 and 2.33 megatons annually.

Deloitte's assessment demonstrates that EverWind's investments in the Point Tupper project will deliver several other economic and ancillary benefits to local communities and national interests across multiple categories. While the individual outcomes are impressive — read the full assessment here for a thorough breakdown — viewing the assessment through a broader lens is where the prize for this global energy race truly comes into focus.

Canada, Nova Scotia, and EverWind Fuels have their sights set on winning the race to become the world's premier producer of green hydrogen. Waiting in the winner's circle are immediate positive impacts to the local, provincial, and national economies, alongside generational improvements to carbon emission reductions, economic reconciliation efforts with First Nations, and a cleaner, sustainable, and secure energy future for Canadians.

We can see the prize; we know the plan. Canada, Nova Scotia, and EverWind Fuels are waiting for the starting gun, and all of us should be cheering them on to victory.

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# Partnership Will Address Childhood Obesity

Nova Scotia is partnering with Novo Nordisk Canada Inc. to create the Nova Scotia Lighthouse project, an initiative that will address childhood obesity and chronic disease in the province. Nova Scotia is the first jurisdiction in the world to deliver this initiative outside of Denmark

The Nova Scotia Lighthouse project will bring together healthcare, academic and economic leaders to identify barriers and challenges that contribute to poor health outcomes. Business, academia and community organizations will be invited to submit proposals to address them.

"Expanding access is only one side of transforming healthcare. We also need to look at the underlying issues that impact the health of Nova Scotians that cause them to seek care in the first place," said Premier Tim

Houston. "This partnership will create an opportunity to work together across sectors to find new and innovative solutions to help Nova Scotians and reduce the pressure on our healthcare system."

In June, the Nova Scotia Lighthouse project will release innovation challenges and invite business and industry in Nova Scotia to propose solutions. Proposals will be evaluated and those selected will receive funding.

The Nova Scotia Lighthouse project is based on a concept from the Danish Business Promotion Agency, Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Novo Nordisk, research institutions and technology companies.

In May 2023, the Province and Denmark signed a memorandum of understanding focused on

improving the healthcare system, which established four areas of collaboration. Non-communicable disease

management and care is one of those areas this partnership and initiative will address.

## NOTICE REGARDING MAHON CEMETERY GREAT VILLAGE

There will be an important AGM for the Mahon Cemetery **May 10th at 7:00 pm** at the Legion Hall, Great Village.

All those interested in the future of the Cemetery please make plans to attend. There needs to be executive members added to the Board.

If you are able to fill any of the following positions: President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, or Members at Large, please contact **Robert Hill at 902 668 2050** prior to the meeting of May 10th.

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