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these acts will be barred from applying for Canadian citizenship. In recognition of their important contributions, we will fast track applications for permanent residents who serve as members of the Canadian Armed Forces. We will extend citizenship to children adopted or born to Canadian parents serving the Crown abroad. We are also taking action to right the historical wrong of so-called "Lost Canadians" once and for all.

Canadian citizenship is more popular than ever. In addition to strengthening requirements for citizenship, important measures that we are introducing to streamline the application process will significantly improve the efficiency of our immigration system. Reducing the decision-making process from three steps to one is projected to reduce the processing time to less than a year by 2015-2016. And, by modestly increasing citizenship fees to better reflect the actual processing cost, we are relieving the burden on

Canadian taxpayers.

Canadians can be confident that the Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act is protecting the value of Canadian citizenship for those who have it, while creating a more efficient system for those applying for it. Our Conservative Government is committed to helping ensure our immigration system serves the interests of all Canadians.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll - free at 1-888-752-0552; visit my website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong MP.

**Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Social Development**  
*MP Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley.*

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many years worked to improve their Community hall, the Ball field, support their Community and now their Park.

On Saturday I attended the 7th annual Doug Peppard Memorial Golf Tournament in Debert. Now this is not located in District 10, however many of the participants were from our district. Each year the Peppard Family donate all the funds raised to a worthy cause or a Family that has fallen on difficult times. This year the funds will be donated to the Family of Frank Phillips in Great Village. Frank passed away recently and left a young wife and 5 chil-

dren. A special thanks to Iris Peppard and her family as well as all who made the tournament possible.

These are things that have taken place over the past month. I am certain there were other events that I have not mentioned. These things happen regularly and are a testament to the people and the communities along the shore, as well as, I am sure most rural communities in Nova Scotia.

It is something we should always be very proud of.  
**Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County**

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comments made in the same article around local municipal co-operation.

Colchester County Council has been a leader in municipal co-operation in the Province of Nova Scotia for many years. Today's council works very hard in maintaining this reputation. In my short time on council, 21 months, I've been able to be part of this ongoing process of give and take. If it wasn't for this process and a council that is extremely open to discussion and to listening and even sometimes having to change their minds a lot of what we do would not get done.

Take the new regional Library which is under construction as we speak, or the new Joint Flood Committee built by the County of Colchester, Town of Truro and the Millbrook First Nation. These are two fairly new initiatives some of the public may have already heard of and are only a few examples from a very long list of local municipal co-operation. What the public does not hear about and the journalist and news agencies don't write about is everything that happens on a daily bases when it comes to regional co-operation.

I myself sit as Chair of the Interim CoRDA board which is made up of representatives of the Town of Stewicke, Town of Truro and the County of Colchester. I'm also the chair of the Debert Source Water Protection Committee this board is made up of representatives from the local community, business community, Province of Nova Scotia, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and the County of Colchester.

Believe me there is not a day goes by where the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Councillors or a staff member at the County of Colchester doesn't do something in the form of regional co-operation. It is an ongoing process which takes a lot of hard work, listening and understanding and yes most of all TRUST. I for one am very pleased and very proud to say the council I sit on and the staff I have the pleasure to work with at the County of Colchester very much understand regional co-operation. There is always more we could be doing together and we continue to explore new avenues every day.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

**Platnauer Family 'Residents'**

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us to be permanent residents."

Sean has been working for Ophelia Group, Halifax and says he is pleased to finally put all this behind them. "Our roots are here in Bass River, and this is where we want to be," says Sean. "We still have some things to sort out, and it may not always be easy, but we want to make it work."

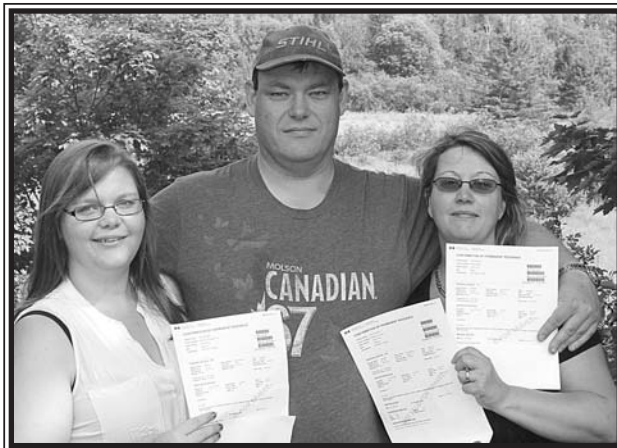
Angelica is going into Grade 12 at Cobequid Educational Center, Truro.

Becky, Sean and Angelica Platnauer wanted to send out a heartfelt thank you to those who helped them through everything the last few years, "Thank you to MP Scott Armstrong, MLA Karen Casey, Councillor Tom

Taggart, the Nova Scotia Nomination Program, friends and family far and near, everyone in Bass River, Economy, Great Village and Truro for their everlasting support. And a special thank you to our friend Carl Goodwin who was a major help with the application process."

**Posted on Facebook by Becky Platnauer at 3:35 on Friday, July 25th:**

"Its official. We are now permanent residents of Canada. Just cleared immigration at the Canadian border and on our way home. Been a long hard five years but we made it. Thanks to everyone for their help and support and most importantly their willingness to put up with us, haha"



Angelica, Sean and Becky Platnauer (left to right), who reside in Bass River, were thrilled with the surprise they found in their mailbox on July 22nd. The family has finally been granted Permanent Residence status from Immigration Canada and they couldn't be happier. (J. R Whalen Photo)

*Marigold Presents!*

2014 Summer Series continues...

**Ennis Sisters**  
Wednesday, August 6th



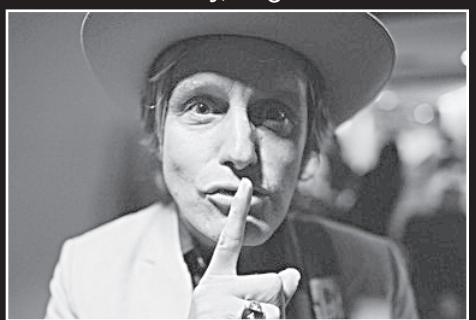
**The Sojourners**  
Wednesday, August 13th



**Melanie Doane**  
Wednesday, August 20th



**Steve Poltz**  
Wednesday, August 27th



*Marigold Special Events!*

Marigold Garden Party  
Home of Duane & Lorna Rath  
Thursday, August 14th

Blueberry Festival Kickoff  
with J.P. Cormier live on the roof  
Friday, August 15th

Petapan: First Light Symposium  
Indigenous Arts  
Saturday, August 16th

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