



Children and adults lined up to get a bag of Cotton Candy at Fireman's Day on July 1st. Maurice Rees, publisher of the Shoreline Journal brought his cotton candy machine to Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Volunteer firefighters in Parrsboro host Fireman's Day on July 1st. Here a large piece of equipment leads the annual parade. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Old Fashioned Saturday Night in Parrsboro

Another successful 'Old Fashioned Saturday Night' was held in Parrsboro on July 4th. The event was well attended and the many offerings of food and treats were crowded. Many beautifully restored vehicles, and to top it off foot stopping music was provided by Hooligan's Ruff.

(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photos)



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households in rural and remote regions of the country to high-speed Internet services at minimum speeds of 5 Mbps.

The Government has exceeded its Economic Action Plan 2014 target by over 75,000 households in the first round of project approvals, bringing high-speed Internet access to more than 356,000 homes across Canada, and nearly 40 percent under budget.

Last summer, the Government invited Canadians to provide feedback online to help better determine areas in need of high-speed Internet access. Once information was received, Industry Canada invited Internet service providers to submit proposals for funding under Connecting Canadians to build the wireless or wired infrastructure that will provide services to rural and remote communities in need.

Every province and territory across the country will benefit from the Connecting Canadians program. Announcements of individual projects will be made throughout the summer.

Our government understands that access to high-speed inter-

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As the MLA for Colchester North, I want to congratulate members of the Legion who have put together a successful application for financial assistance and thank them for their ongoing support in our communities. I am proud of the leadership shown by

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notice there will be a funding announcement on Friday at the Bridge in Great Village. Provincial Government officials and I am certain Karen will be there to announce funding. My understanding is the cost will be shared 50/50 between the Municipality and the Provincial government to complete stream bed remediation, channel training and some berm work.

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regional committee not yet fully formed. The County BEDAC has met several times and is at the stage of starting to implement a few new initiatives. One of these new programs which I find very exciting is the mentoring program. This program will see new or even existing entrepreneurs matched with knowledgeable, successful business people, within our communities, who may be able to help them prosper and grow.

So many times businesses fail because they simply don't know what step to take next and how to take it. This program should greatly increase the success rate of our business startups. Members of BEDAC have also held two business breakfasts with local business owners from the Debert, Masstown, Glenholme and Onslow area. These were both held at the Debert Hospitality Centre with a very strong turnout and, in my opinion, were successful with some great feedback.

I'm also one of those people who really need to put a face to a name and this is a great way of getting to know all of our business owners and representatives. Feedback from the business community is crucial in moving forward. There will be many more of these business breakfasts and luncheons held throughout the County in the months to come.

It is my hope, moving forward, that these new committees will play the role of a facilitator for our business community. This brings us back to the question "What role does a municipal government play in fostering economic development?" Believe me there is definitely a difference of opinion on this question within our community's and our council. Some believe a council should have full control over economic development with council having the final word on all decisions. Others, including myself, believe the business community should not only lead economic development but also be the voice of it.

In my opinion, a municipal government's role in economic development is to create an atmosphere with less red tape and where staff is working every day with the mind set of "How can I help foster growth and prosperity" and then get out of the way and allow the business owners to do what they do best "Grow & Prosper".

With the formation of these two new committees along with the knowledge and expertise of business leaders we are heading in the right direction. You only have to go for a drive to see we

net is an essential component for business and day to day life for Nova Scotians. July's announcement will ensure that 14, 000 households and businesses will receive expanded and improved high-speed Internet keeping businesses and jobs right here in our region.

For example, Gregg Curwin, President and CEO, of TrueLeaf here in Truro said at the announcement, "that the Connecting Canadians program is great news not only for rural communities throughout Nova Scotia, but also for our company. It will allow TrueLeaf as an agriculture technology company to be more innovative and efficient as we deploy our farming systems globally and ultimately remain a viable business in rural Nova Scotia."

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; add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong MP.

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

Legion members, supporters and volunteers in their efforts to keep the Legion open. It is a challenge to keep their facility in good repair and I am pleased that our Liberal Government is able to support their efforts through this Capital funding.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development

This is something which has been a priority for me since the flooding last September. I thank Council for their support of this project and I thank Karen very much for her hard work and support as well. It's great when we can work together and be successful.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer. Tom
Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

are still growing and with growth come new jobs. At the Onslow exit, along highway 102, developer Blair Wallace has created a high-profile location where businesses can be seen by thousands of motorists every day. At the Masstown Market it seems every time you go by there is something new you hadn't noticed before. The Millbrook First Nation is building a new 94-room, \$12 million, Hampton Inn which will employ many people from Colchester County.

Those are some examples we can physically see and here are some stat's that may surprise you. From January 1st, 2014 to present day, through the programs offered by the Northern Opportunities for Business Limited (NOBL) and the Michelin Development Fund the following "growth" has happened in our region: Businesses Approved - 47; Startups - 28; Expansions - 9; Working Capital - 9; Funds lent - \$2,281,047; Funds Levered - \$4,172,758 and Jobs impacted - 78 created, 35.5 maintained.

NOBL is also very busy on the training front with 18 Labour and Advance Education 40-hour cluster training programs which have reached around 200 businesses.

In my next article, I will continue this conversation on economic development and the importance of the Debert Airport in the bigger picture.

As always if you would like to discuss this or any other subject in reference to your municipal council please do not hesitate to contact me. Email - councillordistrict9@colchester.ca or 902-895-2242.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Debert Residents Can Relax

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The twice-treated water will be transported from Kennetcook to the Lafarge cement plant in Brookfield where it will be used as a coolant in the kiln and evaporated at 700 C.

Initial project work was expected to begin in late July and will include relocating the company's water treatment equipment from Debert to Kennetcook. Up to eight truckloads of treated water will be transported daily for

evaporation at the cement plant.

Triangle Petroleum currently has 20 million litres of wastewater in two holding ponds in Kennetcook. Since last year, Atlantic Industrial Services used the process to successfully dispose of more than eight million litres of wastewater stored at their facility in Debert. The wastewater is from high-pressure hydraulic fracturing that took place in 2007 and 2008.

The Deadline for the September issue of
The Shoreline Journal is August 18



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