



Delegates from the July 12 WJAC press conference holding a hockey stick crafted by Mi'kmaq people over 150 years ago. From Left to Right: Hon. Leo A. Glavine, Minister, Communities, Culture and Heritage, Christine Blair, Mayor, Colchester County, Bob Gloade, Chief, Millbrook, Dave Ritcey, Committee Chair and Bill Mills, Mayor, Town of Truro. (Submitted)

## Province Adds \$50,000 to World Junior A Challenge

By Maurice Rees

In a press conference on July 12th, the Province of Nova Scotia announced it was providing a \$50,000 contribution to the local organizing committee for the World Junior A Challenge event. The December 10-16 event is expected to have a 2 - 3 million dollar economic impact in the Colchester County region. Hosted by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre the event is a partnership with Hockey Canada and the Canadian Junior Hockey League. Already the funding committee has secured funding support from the Government of Canada through ACOA, the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, and the County of Colchester and Town of Truro. Millbrook First Nation was announced as the event's Presenting sponsor.

"We are ready to support Truro, Colchester, Millbrook, and the surrounding communities to make sure this international hockey event provides a lifetime experience for the participating athletes and coaches, local businesses as well as the sport and cultural communities in the region," said Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Leo Glavine.

Also confirmed as major event sponsors, Wilsons has signed on as a Gold sponsor, and the Best Western Glen-garry hotel will act as the host hotel where both Team

Canada teams will stay for the duration of their visit. The Truro Junior A Bearcats and Pye's Chevrolet are Silver sponsors, and MacDonald, Chisholm, Trask Insurance will be presenting the event's opening reception. Canadian Tire and the Medicine Shoppe have signed on as 2 of the limited Game sponsors.

"Millbrook is proud to be the presenting sponsor for the 2017 World Junior A Challenge, we look forward to exciting hockey and the opportunity to showcase our economic activities, our history and community members to all of the participants, fans and viewers of this great event locally, regionally, nationally and internationally," said Chief Bob Gloade. "Hockey is rooted in the Mi'kmaq culture. The Mi'kmaq were playing games with sticks and pucks on ice for centuries."

Sponsorship packages at varying levels are still available. Contact Don MacMillan, 902-899-0099 or email wjac@rathestlinkcc.ca to learn more.

Within a couple of weeks of Truro being announced as the upcoming host in January 2017, over 150 volunteers had signed up, filling the demand for volunteer roles. The limited tournament packages, which includes access to all 13 games and the only ticket package with a reserved seat, went on sale in April and over 200 have been sold to date.

## 2016-17 Financial Statements Accepted

By Maurice Rees

Nine recommendations approved at council's committee meeting on June 15th were brought to council's monthly meeting on June 29th and were approved as presented. The items included: Property Tax Exemption Request - Forest Glen Bible Camp; Maintenance Service for Fire Repeater Sites; United Way of Colchester Vital Signs Project - Request for Funding; Colchester Internet Improvement Feasibility Study and Plan; Saltmarsh Restoration, Onslow

North River Marsh Body NS 067; Rural Vitality Projects; Rotary Request; Truro/Colchester Regional Enterprise Network (REN) Agreements and RECC Request - Capital Reserve approves allocating the operational surplus of \$132,778, to the Capital

Reserve Fund, pending approval of same from the Town of Truro.

The committee recommendations were reported in greater detail in several stories in the July issue of the Shoreline Journal which featured

the Internet Improvement Feasibility Study and Plan as the page 1 headline story.

The Executive and Audit committee report from a May 25th meeting was also approved by council on the 29th. Two items were included in the report: Kim Livingston of Grant Thornton was in attendance and would be appearing before council on June 29th to officially present the 2016-2017 audited financial statements. Audited statements were presented by Ms Livingston and accepted by

council.

The second item directed staff to proceed with a letter to Canada Revenue Agency seeking clarification on changes to the tax system will have the two thirds/one third component of Council honourariums ceasing in 2019. Currently one third of councillor's honourariums are tax free to offset councillor expenses. Further discussion was held on seeking input and support from FCM and UNSM, as these changes will affect all municipal elected officials.

## Colchester Council Notes from June 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting

By Maurice Rees

**Colchester will cost share 50/50 with the Village of Bible Hill** for a topical survey along Valley Line Avenue from Picou Road to College Road in preparation for a future sidewalk. The estimated construction cost for the sidewalk is \$800,000 and the cost would be split evenly between the County and the Village. In order to prepare for potential construction in the summer of 2018, staff will need to carry out a topographical survey of the sidewalk route in 2017. Colchester's share of the survey is \$6,000, with source of funds being the Active Transportation Area Rate.

**Colchester staff** sent a letter to Department of Environment on Friday, June 30th regarding proposed expansion of the OSCO pit and quarry in Little Dyke. The area residents association asked council to address the matter. Council approved staff to prepare the letter to ask for assurances any resource development be carried out in a responsible way; that regulations be enforced; species at risk and endangered species, fish habitat and waterways be protected in addition to quality of life issues for residents be considered prior to approvals being given. Speaking on the matter prior to council's approval Councillor Taggart took exception with one section of the Dillon Consulting report of April 2017, which stated, "no permanent

watercourses or fish habitat is present within the proposed project footprint". He stated there is a brook within the development area and it contains fish, because he has caught many fish there and the brook does not dry out in summer. Not brought before council, but external reports from area residents indicate salmon smolts have been found in the waterway.

**Paving of Hub Centre Drive** was back on the table with Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works presenting council with four options on how to handle cost sharing projects. Council indicated because a previous survey from property owners did not provide support to cost share in the project based on paving costs of \$230,000 (\$14,375

per property) there was no need to proceed. However, council felt since a revised contract quote from Will-Kare Paving indicated the cost for 2017 work would be in the vicinity of \$120,000 it would be prudent to advise property owners of the \$110,000 drop in price should they wish to reconsider their decision.

**Council voted to advise** Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) it would not be proceeding with repaving of a number of J-class subdivision roads, because cost sharing approval had not been finalized with subdivision property owners. In April 2017, TIR advised council the following roadways could be paved in 2017/18: Susan Court, Foxhill Drive, Sillery Drive, Vernon Street, McCabe

Street and Burriss Drive. Council requires 66% of property owners be in agreement prior to proceeding.

**Mayor Christine Blair**, Councillor Tom Taggart and a staff member were appointed to participate in the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Steering Committee. The request for representation followed a presentation on the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark by Dr. John Calder, on the opportunity of a Global Geopark for Colchester County. The UNESCO Geopark Network is a growing globally recognized brand that is especially popular in Europe, China & its neighbours (includes 120 Global Geoparks in 35 countries). The Cliffs of Fundy group is aspiring to have the area from Economy to Advocate designated as a

## Church Services for August

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of August are, all at 10am, rotating between our three Churches:

July 30 - Glenholme,  
August 6 - Masstown,  
August 13 - Debert,  
August 20 - Glenholme and  
August 27 - Masstown.

We welcome you to each and any of our services. Our Presbytery appointed Minister Rev. Carolyn Rushton can be reached through our Church office 902-662-2617.



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