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## Koltech to Spend \$5.365-Million

By Maurice Rees

Koltech will expand with the addition of a 30,000 square foot building to increase the capacity of their insulated glass fabrication line of products. Building and equipment will involve a \$5.365-Million expenditure. The company designs and manufactures high quality and energy efficient windows and entrance systems.

The addition will be an addition to the main building (K-1), which houses the window manufacturing section. The

door manufacturing is housed in K-2, the smaller of the two manufacturing facilities.

Koltech started in 1982 and has grown to include 400 employees in Debert, with another a manufacturing facility in Edmonton which employs 125 people in spring and summer months. During the slower winter season Edmonton employment drops to approximately 80 employees, while Debert employment level is reduced to approximately 300.

Nova Scotia Business Inc.

(NSBI) has approved a business development incentive in the form of an innovation rebate for Kohltech International Limited. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$843,388 upon completion of its project, based on eligible Nova Scotia capital spending of \$3,373,552.

The Debert-based company is proceeding with a \$5,365,164 total capital investment to increase the capacity of their insulated glass fabrication line. This will be done through the

implementation of a secondary glass cutting machine along with the infrastructure to support its addition.

Koltech's manufacturing capacity of a peak of 400 employees in Debert and 125 at a manufacturing facility in Edmonton, to serve Western Canada, is supported by a dealer network which includes dealers in all Canadian provinces, and at least one dealer in each of the three territories.

Exporting of Koltech's line of products has not gone unnoticed. The company ships truckloads of finished product to dealers in the USA. A decade ago exports to the USA tumbled during the mortgage and housing crisis, but has rebounded to even greater heights in recent years. With increased manufacturing capacity and application of new technologies, once the expansion is completed, company officials are anticipating even stronger sales growth in the export and domestic markets.

This new machine will use new technology to detect imperfections and improve safety and efficiency. They will also be introducing CNC equipment in their coatings and entrance door facilities to increase capacity and competitiveness.

See photos on page 9

## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2018

**Stress Relief:** Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk through 9 feet of shag carpet to change the TV channel.

**Correction:** Joyce Eagles advised the Shoreline Journal the headline story by Terri McCulloch in the July issue contained an error. The story should have said Colchester was a sponsor. Colchester has been very supportive each year and organizers apologize for the error. The organizing committee do get some support from individuals in Cumberland but not the county.

**Five organizations in Colchester** were among 53 projects receiving funding through the Recreational Facility Development Grant Program. A total of \$1.8-Million in funding was announced on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The program helps community groups, municipalities and other not-for-profit organizations develop and improve facilities to increase public participation in sport and physical recreation. Local organization receiving funding included: Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education, \$23,000; Municipality of Colchester, \$50,000; Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education, \$26,000; Scotia Pool Society, \$13,000 and Truro Golf Club, \$16,300. A list of organizations receiving grants this year can be found at <https://cch.novascotia.ca/recreation-facility-development>



Thousands of people turned out to see the cars in The Great Race and attractions set up at Civic Square on Prince Street in Truro on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored in Truro by Hollis Ford, the event proved to be a complete success. Above, the "Wandering Troubadours of Finland shows how automobile technology has changed. See more photos on page 2. (Brown Photo)

## Highlighted Happenings in August 2018

**FREE CONCERTS IN VICTORIA PARK**  
Each Sunday from 2pm to 4pm at the Bandshell at Victoria Park in Truro, presented by Truro Parks Recreation and Culture. Enjoy the music of various entertainers. Bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, concerts are held (same time) at the Douglas Street Recreation Centre on Douglas Street. For a complete schedule visit: [www.truro.ca/programsandevents.html](http://www.truro.ca/programsandevents.html)

**MILLBROOK CULTURAL & HERITAGE CENTRE**  
Filled with artifacts, displays and a gift shop, visitors will enjoy a look at Mi'kmaq heritage and culture in Nova Scotia. Highway 102, Exit 13A, 65 Treaty Trail, Truro Power Centre.

**VICTORIA PARK**  
A short walk from Truro's Downtown, this 3,000 acre Park offers walking and bike trails, waterfalls, playgrounds, outdoor pool, picnic areas, and more. Rent a bike from Bike Monkey (902-843-7111) on the Esplanade or Hub Cycle (902-897-2482) on Inglis Place in Downtown Truro and explore to your hearts' content. For Park information visit: [www.truro.ca](http://www.truro.ca)

**THE MARIGOLD CULTURAL CENTRE**  
Daily Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4pm., visitors may explore the art gallery and the Sports Heritage Hall of Fame. It's located on Prince Street in Downtown Truro and it's FREE. Also check out the line - up of attractions coming during the month of July and August. Some of the Headliners, Myles Goodwin, July 26 and Tom Chapen on August 11. For a complete schedule visit: [www.marigoldcentre.ca](http://www.marigoldcentre.ca)

**FARM EQUIPMENT MUSEUM**  
Established in 1991 and located on the Exhibition grounds at 73 Ryland Avenue, the museum is one of the finest displays of farm - related artifacts in Eastern Canada, Not only farm related but also lifestyles from the past. You will find samples of Nova Scotia glass, Sibley chairs and other items produced in Nova Scotia years ago. Admission is FREE, donations accepted. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to noon and from 1pm to 3pm. Group tours welcomed. Visit: [www.nspe.ca/farm-equipment-museum](http://www.nspe.ca/farm-equipment-museum).

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## Casey Delivers \$175,000 to RECC

Bill Casey, Member of Parliament for Cumberland - Colchester, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), announced on July 17<sup>th</sup> a \$175,000 non-repayable contribution to the RECC. The funding will be used by the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society to help the organization host the 2018 World Down Syndrome Swimming Championship and Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling's Masters competition. The contribution was used specifically for marketing, planning and logistics to prepare the event venue.

The funding is through ACOA's Innovative Communi-

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A small flounder appears to be smiling for the camera. MLA Karen Casey took her two grandchildren for a tour of an active fishing weir off Carrs Brook. Her report begins on page 5 with additional photos on page 6. (Submitted)

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