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ing a career in agriculture. Whether it is on the farm or in a supporting role - youth in agriculture remain valued and essential to the future of our industry. Applications will be available on September 1.

**Three building permits** helped push Colchester's May building permits up to \$18,569,950 almost \$12.5-Million above same period in 2018. On May 30<sup>th</sup> an institutional permit valued at \$2.5-Million was issued to Dalhousie University for a Cox Road project. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, two permits were issued to The TDL Group Corp for a \$10-Million addition on MacElmon Road, and a separate permit for alterations valued at \$530,000.

**A total of 38 Development** permits were issued for Colchester for month of May 2019 compared to 27 in 2018. Seventy-four development permits have been issued in year-to-date.

**This year, 11 organizations** will receive funding under the Accessible Transportation Assistance Program to buy or modify accessible vehicles. Cumberland County Transportation Society will receive \$51,794 to purchase a 9 passenger van. Eighteen organizations will receive funding under the Community Transportation Assistance Program to support annual operating costs. Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd will receive, \$172,492, while Cumberland County Transportation Society will receive \$146,360.

**Plans are well** underway for Nova Scotia Music Week, November 7-10, Truro. Award Nominations were originally scheduled to close July 16<sup>th</sup>, but were extended on week to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost of each submission was \$30. This will be the third consecutive year the event has been held in Truro.

**The Government House Summer** Tour Program began on June 28, and runs until Monday, August 26. Government House in Halifax is the official residence and office of the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, who is the Queen's representative in the province. The current lieutenant governor is Arthur J. LeBlanc. Guests can enter Government House through the main entrance on 1451 Barrington St. Parking is not available at Government House, but is available on surrounding streets and lots. Admission is free and guided tours will be conducted Friday to Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Over the next 30 years**, the number of extremely hot days in a year is expected to more than double in some parts of Canada. Extreme heat can put your health at risk, causing illnesses like heat exhaustion, heat stroke and even death. Those who are most at risk include older adults, infants and children, people who have chronic illness including breathing difficulties, and those who work or exercise outside.

## The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

### Crown Attorney for Special Initiatives

Andrew Macdonald, the longest serving Chief Crown attorney at the Public Prosecution Service, is taking on the new role of Chief Crown attorney, Special Initiatives. Mr. Macdonald most recently held the position of Chief Crown attorney, Special Prosecutions. Mr. Macdonald is chair of the electronic disclosure committee which oversaw the implementation of e-disclosure across the province and was a member of the committee which developed and implemented the Prosecution Information Composite System, an internal prosecutions database.

### Bigger Canada Child Benefit payments start now

The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) was increased two years ahead of schedule to keep up with the cost of living. As of July 16, the CCB will be raised to keep up with the cost of liv-

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Trail, and the Halifax Waterfront, including Georges and McNabs Island.

But while maintaining popular tourist attractions is fundamental, so is ensuring the towns and cities along the way offer more than just being a convenient stop to grab a bite to eat. Through our province's annual Beautification and Streetscaping Program, municipalities can apply to receive funding for community upgrades and projects focusing on renewal and revitalization of local infrastructure.

In May 2019 the province invested \$500,000 into 27 beautification projects across the province that will create more inviting public spaces for residents and tourists alike. Visitors will now be spending tourism dollars, supporting the local businesses and hotel industry, and contributing to job growth while gaining a memorable vacation experience. Every fibre of Nova Scotia has an obvious charm to offer visitors.

To highlight untapped potential, the province recently created the #NovaScotiaUNLISTED content, inviting Nova Scotians to share photos of their favourite lesser-known places in our province — the hidden gems. While helping to promote Nova Scotia on social media, it also engages us to really take a second look

at the sights and sounds of our province.

The province will continue to find ways to support our growing tourism industry and help achieve the Ivany Report goal of \$4 billion in tourism revenue by 2024. Our numbers are showing that we're on the right track—Nova Scotia is a vibrant hub in the travel sector, with plenty to offer our visitors. We are being recognized outside of our province and our country. Let's all stand proud of what we have accomplished and continue to support our communities, villages and towns.

There would be no prouder Nova Scotian than Rev. Morley Bentley. A recent community event in his honour was a true testament to the respect he has both locally and around the province. I met personally with Morley and our conversation was delightful, insightful and in true Morley fashion filled with wit and humour. He holds in his memory many great stories of people he has met through his time in public schools as a teacher, in the church as a pastor, and in the community as a volunteer. I offered congratulations and appreciation to him. He is proud of Nova Scotia and we are proud of him.

**Karen Casey, MLA represents Colchester North and is also Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance**

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Also, spent a day chairing the N S Solid Waste Chairs Priority committee working on an efficiency study and preparing for potential changes to Recycling in N S via Extended Producers Responsibility. This is a concept, if approved, the people creating recyclable packaging will ultimately be responsible to the end of life of this product. Currently that responsibility falls to the Municipalities and the cost is born by Municipal tax payers. There is an expected savings of \$14-\$17-million annually across the province. As a member of council's Executive Committee, I attended a meeting with Chief Gloade and some of his council. I just want to say how productive and positive this meeting was.

Now to address a letter to the editor that was in last month's edition of the Shoreline Journal where a former councillor who resigned in July of 2017 stating he could not sit at a table with racists. He stated he had complained about racism to the former CAO and nothing was done or could be done because we did not have a "Code of Conduct". He is factual a code of conduct was discussed previous to this incident and nothing was done or no action was taken. As to the suggestion he complained to the former CAO when this accusation was made in July 2017, I requested the former CAO be contacted for verification. This was done, by another professional and the response, on the record, is the former councillor had never complained to former CAO about Racism.

The most recent letter appears to be aimed at discrediting council. It was stated to this point council has not been willing to bring a code of conduct forward and the stated rationale was to protect the old boys club. Two factual points I would like to make. An Old Boys Club as I understand it is a way of describing a group of people that collude and vote as a block to control. On that point I would challenge anyone with any kind of analytical skills to review the voting record on the Municipal website and find some sort of pattern or suggestion that there was any kind of collusion or block voting.

The second factual point is that immediately after the resignation

of July 2017 council meet and voted to bring in a code of conduct. Two different drafts were presented by staff. The decision was made to align with a large number of Municipalities in Nova Scotia and adopt a Code of Conduct being prepared by the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The Federation completed this task and forwarded, as requested, to Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs for approval. That was many months ago and as yet approval or consent has not been received from Municipal Affairs. So much for the old boys club refusing to implement.

Now to go back to July 2017 and the accusations that were made. A decision was made there was nothing to be gained by responding and getting into a he-said she-said and it was better to just move on. I agreed. However, it appears the former councillor is still consumed with the need to discredit. I have chosen to no longer stay silent.

I will say I do regret we did not have a code of conduct in place back then. Now that it has been determined the former CAO has denied any claim he received a complaint about racism. I am left to speculate as to the real reason for the resignation. Could it be possible the former councillor was embarrassed he could not control his rage that last night he sat at the council table. When he viciously verbally attacked another councillor before slamming his computer on his desk and storming out of council was the second time in approximately six months this happened.

Would a code of conduct have been useful at that time? Then, there was the time he wanted to fight the previous mayor in the parking lot after a council meeting.

These are verifiable facts. In fact the editor of this paper was present for at least one of these events. I will also say in my 11 years serving on this council the above mentioned three events are the only times any disagreement reached such a personal level.

Now, I apologize for stooping to this level, however it became apparent the former councillor is intent on discrediting our council. A council I have been proud to be a part of for the past three terms.

**Tom Taggart is Colchester Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

## Colchester Trefoil Guild Notes

By Sheila Stewart

In late May Colchester Trefoil Guild members met for the second time in their new location - Truro Mall Community Room. What a great location! Lots of room, good lighting, a private powder room, and very nice Mall people to help us! Members who attended the Pathfinder Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction a few weeks earlier (proceeds going toward the Ranger Trip to England in 2020) highly praised the dinner and its organization and were totally impressed with the Pathfinder Girl Guides who served the meal.

Our Treasurer shared highlights of the NS Provincial Girl Guide Annual General Meeting that she and another of our members attended in Halifax earlier in the month; next year the AGM will be held in Truro. Two of our members reported on attending and thoroughly enjoying the 90th Birthday Celebration sponsored by The Shoreline Journal. Provincial Trefoil Liaison, Darlene Duggan, joined us and promoted Camp Burning Spirit, a camp open to all NS Trefoil Guild members for

the whole weekend or for just a day in early September. She also added her lovely voice to one of our favourite activities - singing the Girl Guide Songs that we have learned over the years.

Our last meeting of the 2018-2019 Guiding year was a road trip to Tatamagouche. Due to illness, family visits, distance, and work schedules, our numbers were down but the enthusiasm of those present was very high. After a scrumptious lunch of seafood chowder at The Chowder House, we made our way up the road to Willow Lodge Home for Special Care to meet with resident and our member, Kay Mattatall.

Willow Lodge staff treated us like honoured guests, complete with tea and cookies, and it was indeed a treat to meet with Kay and catch up on old times. Our meeting was short and sweet, with time spent on tying up yearend details and arranging our next meeting date and place - Monday, September 16 at 1:30 in Truro Mall Community Room. We left after singing one of our favourites, "Say Why, do we have to say good-bye", a poignant reminder that we love meeting together and singing together and making plans to be together again - See you in September!

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