

Mayor Scott provided this comment when completing the Election Questionnaire on the needs of Cumberland County.

The Shoreline Journal and South Cumberland News sent questionnaires to Mayors in Colchester and Cumberland Counties and to identifiable candidates in Truro Bible Hill Salmon River Millbrook; Colchester North and Cumberland South. Only Mayor Scott and Larry Duchesne, NDP Candidate in Cumberland South responded.

Mayor Scott's completed questionnaire is presented below:



Mayor Murray Scott

1. Considering the needs of Municipality of Cumberland, what is the most important election promise made, to date, and must be fulfilled delivered by government formed following August 17th election?

Several issues face our municipality and citizens. From what I hear regularly from residents, one issue is healthcare concerns regarding doctors and emergency health services. As always, we have issues on aging infrastructure like roads and bridges, sewer and water that continue to be topics that concern voters in this area.

2. What item in the election platforms, indicated so far, which one is the least beneficial to businesses and residents of Municipality of Cumberland?

All political parties do polling to determine the issues most important to people in specific ridings and across the province. I prefer to look at the positive side and I see where there are opportunities that all the parties have identified so far in health care, tolls, and infrastructure to move our province forward.

3. If you could specify what the Municipality of Cumberland needs as a priority from the next government, what would that be?

There are so many issues that are determined daily, it is hard to specify one priority. The issues I have already mentioned here in health care and infrastructure are so important and need to continue to be supported by our provincial and federal partners which will enable the municipality to repair and replace aging infrastructure.

4. What can you, councillors and municipal staff do to encourage a higher voter turnout?

In the 2020 municipal election, our municipality found alternative voting methods to be quite positive. I'm sure the staff of Elections Nova Scotia will continue to work on alternative methods which could be used province wide.

5. During the almost 18 months of the pandemic what actions by your municipality most contributed to a low rate of infections, severe sickness and deaths in Municipality of Cumberland why still serving business and taxpayer needs?

When the Public Health Orders were announced, and at each amendment to the orders, our municipality has committed to following the public health protocols and we've introduced work safe practices for our own staff. I think people here in the Municipality of Cumberland have followed Public Health Orders and that's what has helped our communities stay safe.

Forest Innovation Centre to be based in Truro

The Nova Scotia Community College has received funding from the provincial forestry innovation transition trust to launch a forest innovation centre. The centre is scheduled to open in September 2022 and be based out of the Truro campus.

The centre will have a simulator immersion lab, demonstration woodlot, and innovative

technology.

This forest innovation centre aims to help the sector shift to ecological forestry practices by providing training opportunities.

NSCC will design and deliver core certificate programs for forest inventory and ecological resource management and offer shorter courses for continuing education and skill development.

Monitoring Platform at FORCE

On August 1st, Halagonia Tidal Energy Limited (HTEL), started deploying a small monitoring platform in the Berth E area of the FORCE Crown Lease Area (CLA) using the Dominion Warrior, operated by Dominion Diving (Dartmouth, NS). This work will be managed by Halifax Offshore Consulting (Halifax, NS). The monitoring platform contains sensors which will be used to demonstrate equipment functionality at the FORCE site. If there are weather delays this work may take 1 - 3 days to complete and has been scheduled so it occurs after the lobster season in the area has closed.

This work is part of the OERA Pathway Program,

which is a multi-year initiative to define, test and validate environmental effects monitoring equipment for instream tidal energy. The project is a collaborative effort between OERA, FORCE NRCAN, Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines, SMEC, DP Energy, DeepSense and MRC. For more information, please visit: <https://oera.ca/research/pathway-program>

Additional internal measures during operations to minimize risks related to COVID-19 and will involve critical personnel only. Questions about this work, you can reach Sarah Thomas from HTEL at sarah.thomas@dpenergy.com or 902-489-6034.



The dozens of geese at Newville Lake have a habit of crossing the road for better grass, and morning fog showed especially why the sign a kind person has put up is even a better idea. The third photo shows several geese actually crossing the road. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

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