

Truro & Colchester  
**CHAMBER**  
of Commerce

## Outstanding Businesses Abound in Colchester County

By Sherry Martell

Every year, the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce hosts its Annual Small Business Awards to highlight the many incredible businesses serving this region. More than 10 awards in a variety of categories will be presented this year at the awards luncheon in October.

The nomination period is now open and people can submit their choices online by visiting the Chamber Website, [www.trurocolchesterchamber.com](http://www.trurocolchesterchamber.com)

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A key part of these awards also includes the presentation of the Chamber's Rising Star Legacy Award for start-ups. This award includes \$2,500 cash presented on behalf of the members of the Chamber and mentorship opportunities offered by several other businesses providing expertise on topics such as financial, legal and marketing.

To qualify the applicant must live and operate their business within Truro and



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Colchester Region. This award is open to an individual or partners with a business idea that needs capital and professional support. All entrepreneurs applying must be able to demonstrate the impact of their ideas or have a business model in the start-up phase. The business idea should stand apart from current business offerings, giving a unique edge on the competition. Further they must demonstrate

how the grant money and support services will have a meaningful impact on business growth and job creation in the local area.

For more information on this award, email [ed@tcchamber.ca](mailto:ed@tcchamber.ca)

The Chamber of Commerce participated in several community-based events and key meetings in the past month. We congratulate Millbrook First Nation on its success hosting the Archery portion of the North American Indigenous Games 2023.

We were also pleased to participate in a roundtable discussion with Immigration Minister Jill Balser, her team, along with community stakeholders from Colchester and Cumberland County on the importance of Immigration in our province, along with identifying all the supports that contribute to success in welcoming newcomers to our community.

In September we will be working with our municipal partners and other tourism stakeholders to identify a strategy for the implementation of a Destination Marketing Levy for the Truro and Colchester area. Please visit our social media feeds, website or sign up for our weekly Chamber

newsletter to receive updates as soon as they are available.

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## Parrsboro Band Association Sponsoring New Event

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is sponsoring a new event on Saturday, August 26, 2023 called World Day Play Music on the Porch Day. We are not going to play on the porch but on the bandstand on Main St. That is close enough.

This event is held Worldwide so I thought why can't we be one of the location. I registered us as a location. Their slogan is very catchy "What If For One Day everything Stops And We All Listen To The Music."

So from 2 till 5 we are calling all musicians that love to sing or play an instrument to e-mail: [Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com) to let me know you are coming so Rob, Chris and I can get things lined up. It will be an Outside Open Mic style. There is no cost to this, just come and have fun. So bring your chairs or sit in your cars and cheer on the musicians.

In the event there is rain we will be in The Hall at 44 King St. At 5 pm the event will close with hopes everyone will head down

to Diligent River where there is an open Mic at 7 pm that night with hopes everyone joins them to continue until 10 pm when this event will finish worldwide. Where are you going to be on Sat. Aug. 26? The Hall continues to show movies every second Wed. at 7:30 pm in air conditioned comfort. There will be a 5th Wed. illustrated Presentation on the last Wed. in August 30, 2023.

Open Mics will start up again on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023. All music programs will start up again in early Sept. Contact Rob Bentley or Dr. Paul Aitken for the Choir. As I write this update we are stepping into high gear to celebrate the 50th Annual Band Day. Were you there?



There is always a large crowd attending Canada Day activities at Ottawa House Museum. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The verandah at Ottawa House was filled with Canada Day red t-shirts and lots of music on July 1. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 <sup>RD</sup>	SATURDAY AUGUST 5 <sup>TH</sup>	SUNDAY AUGUST 6 <sup>TH</sup>
<p>▶ 4pm-6pm Foam Party @ Dennis Park</p>	<p>10:30am Grand Street Parade</p>	<p>▶ 10am-4pm Music FEATURING Dale Grace @ Mastodon Ridge</p>
<p>Friday August 4<sup>TH</sup></p>	<p>▶ 11-3pm Music FEATURING No Where Road, Food &amp; Fun @ Dennis Park</p>	<p>▶ 11am Muck 'n Fun Run @ Mastodon Ridge</p>
<p>▶ 4pm-7pm Music FEATURING Darren Howse @ Coldstream Clear Distillery</p>	<p>▶ 6pm-9pm Youth &amp; Teen Fun (Laser Tag, Nerf Gun Rival &amp; Mechanical Ride) @ Mastodon Ridge</p>	<p>1-3pm Celebrate Stewiacke's Birthday with Cake! &amp; History of Stewiacke</p>
<p>▶ 10pm Firework Show SPONSORED BY Stewiacke Tim Hortons @ Stewiacke Rec Grounds</p>	<p>▶ 7:30pm Trivia @ Whistlers</p>	