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3 Council Positions Vacant

By Maurice Rees

Colchester municipal council will see at least three new faces following Saturday October 19 province-wide municipal elections. Councillors Wade Parker, Karen Mackenzie and Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart will vacate their council positions. Parker (District 11) and MacKenzie (District 6) are not re-offering, while Stewart is running for the Mayor's position.

In addition to his service on council, Stewart (District

3) is former president of Nova Scoti Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and in June of this year he was elevated from first vice-president to President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) at their AGM in Calgary. Tatamagouche area councillor, Mike Gregory (District 7) told the Shoreline Journal last week he is undecided.

After serving three terms (12 years) on the Colchester Municipal Council, Blair was elected Mayor in 2016, and then re-elected in 2020. In

her re-offering announcement last week for the mayor's position some of Mayor Blair's achievements include: Avoiding property tax increases for 6 of the past 7 years, even as costs are skyrocketing and Delivering a balanced budget every year.

The closing paragraph of the announcement included: "I've devoted a good chunk of my adult life to the service of this community", said Mayor Blair. "If residents continue to put their trust in me, we will work together

to continue to make Colchester County one of the best places in the world to live, work, and raise a family."

The following councillors have confirmed to the Shoreline Journal they are re-offering Councillors Laurie Sandeson, District 2; Mike Cooper, (District 4); Tim Johnson, (District 5); Lisa Patton, (District 8); Marie Benoit (District 9); and Victoria Lomond (District 10).

In Colchester nominations for Mayor and one councillor for each of Districts 1 to 11 will be accepted by the Returning Officer, 1 Church Street, Truro between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, September 10, 2024. For information contact Guy Wheeler, Returning Officer, 902-893-0677; Fax: 902-843-4066; or gwheeler@colchester.ca

Districts 3, 6 and 11 are vacant. Prospective candidates can file papers for any of the 11 Districts or to be Mayor.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2024

WARNING: Beware of scammers. We (The Shoreline Journal and publisher, Maurice Rees) got scammed / defrauded of almost \$15,000, basically grinding us to a halt for 10 days and causing serious problems — including a major emotional strain; and fear of being late on almost all activities. However, we got back up and were able to produce the August issue on time. BE CAREFUL, Maurice.

Nova Scotia has sent an incident management team to help with large, out-of-control wildfires in northern Alberta. Eight staff from the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables and two from New Brunswick's Department of Natural Resources and Energy will form a team that will manage and co-ordinate the firefighting resources assigned to large wildfires. The team left Halifax Stanfield International Airport on July 24, at 7 a.m.

The annual Millbrook First Nation Powwow will be held August 10 - 11.

Truro, the province and, in fact, the world has lost a leading business owner. F. Thomas "Tom" Stanfield passed away on July 23, 2024. In 1967, he was appointed Chairman, President and CEO of Stanfield's Limited. Tom continued to lead the business for 51 years until his retirement in 2018. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 7th from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, August 8th at 11 am in St. John's Anglican Church, 23 Church St., Truro. Private Family burial to follow immediately after the service. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Tom's Life in Truro Golf Club, 86 Golf St., Truro from 1-4 pm.

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Are You Registered To Vote? The preliminary list of electors has been prepared for the upcoming Municipal and CSAP Elections on October 19. The Returning Officer may make additions or corrections to the list upon your application in person, by telephone, mail, fax, or e-mail. Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by contacting the Returning Office between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, before October 11, 2024 at: 1 Church Street, Truro, NS, Telephone: 782-370-2954 or 902-893-0677; Fax: 902-843-4066; E-mail: dgraham@colchester.ca or gwheeler@colchester.ca or by mail: Municipality of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro, Nova Scotia, B2N 3Z5. You will be asked for your name, your civic and mailing address and your date of birth.



A rare sighting of not one but two Luna moths. They are not rare but their adult phase only lasts for 7-10 days and they usually fly at night. (Harrington Photo)

Osco Pit #4 Approved

By Maurice Rees

The Environmental Assessment of OSKO Aggregates Limited, Pit No. 4 Extension Project has been approved by Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA, Minister of Environment and Climate Change in a letter dated July 26.

A portion of the Minister's approval letter stated, "Following a review of the information provided by OSKO Aggregates Limited, and the in-

formation provided by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions and through subsequent approvals".

Residents of Little Dyke waged a lengthy and very pub-

lic battle in opposition to the project. They appeared before Colchester Municipal Council which resulted in several letters supporting their efforts from Mayor Blair; 10 of the 11 councillors and a separate letter by Councillor Victoria who is councillor for District 10 where the operation is located.

See text of Minister Halman's letter on page 4.

Economy Fire Brigade Award Presentations & Banquet

Story and photos by Lisa Faulkner

Provincial Medals, Federal Medals and Service Certificates were presented to members of the Economy Fire Brigade by District 10 County Councillor Tom Taggart, Colchester County Mayor Christine Blair and Holly Miller from the office of Dr. Stephen Ellis, MP.

On Saturday, June 22nd a banquet was held at the Economy Recreation Centre to honour the contributions of the Economy Fire Brigade members.

Fire Chief, Geoff McLaughlin welcomed the crowd and reflected upon how proud he is of how many volunteers have stepped up to join the brigade. Even though the community of Economy is small, the number of trained members is proportionately large, and the group works very cohesively together.

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