

REES' Pieces

I am Embarrassed and Poorer

This column contains a thought we might be heading to an early fall election; an urge to possibly file nomination papers for one of the three vacant positions on Colchester council, or become a challenger to any of the other eight councillors, who are re-offering and a confession / explanation on a very stupid move made by publisher, Maurice Rees.

First, let's get my stupid move out of the way. I won't go into dates or times, but will give an overview. Earlier in July received a call from Service Canada, but could not take the call. They again called the next day, while I was involved in another conversation. I was able to take the Service Canada call on the third day. After the usual introductions and employee number, the Service Canada representative informed me, they has cancelled my Social Insurance Number (SIN), because of fraudulent activity in Montreal using my SIN to open at least 10 bank accounts involving \$1.7-Million. She continued, saying since it was my SIN, I was the prime suspect, until I could prove otherwise.

Next she said, there are many government departments involved in the investigation including: Treasury Board, CRA and RCMP. "She continued, "I don't expect you to believe me, so I am going to have the RCMP call you to confirm". Within five minutes received a call from RCMP confirming aforementioned details. The one thing which made me a believer was the caller ID showing up on my phone was "RCMP Bible Hill Detachment".

I guess The caller ID confirmed things were legit, and caused me to be all in. That's about all I am going to reveal, as it caused me to be "ALL IN" with both feet. Over the next couple of days, I ended up losing \$14,300, plus \$400 in purchasing four Apple Gift Cards.

The RCMP investigator whom interviewed me was very consolatory, and said of them cases he has seen, I was able to provide the most detailed information, he had seen, but caution, "I don't want to give you false hope, because basically you are SOL".

The next day, even though totally dejected and depressed, I decided to pick myself up, dust myself off and work harder to recoup the \$14,300.

I will admit they were very smooth, professional and would be great instructors of counselling many retail businesses on Customer Service 101.

What is transpiring in the USA since President Biden withdrew from the upcoming election is proof of the electorate, since CoVid-19 wanted change with the massive stampede to endorse VP Harris. It seems every day sets a new record for donations, or volunteers signing up to work on her campaign. Harris' ascending to be the presidential DNC candidate appears to have caught Trumps and his followers flat-footed.

Mentioning the USA election gives me an opening to speak about elections provincially. Yes, we have municipal elections on Saturday, October 19th, but let's take a quick peek at the provincial level. I've been in this game for over 60 years and I have seen many politicians come and go starting federally with Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

I am not sure if it's an eerie feeling or some historical activity coming into prominence. It would not surprise me if Premier Tim Houston called a snap 2024 fall election. An election campaign must be at least 30 days.

Possible election dates are: **September 17th** means he would have to call it within a day or so around August 16th; **September 24th** would make him to visit the Lieutenant Governor around August 23th. If Houston wanted to wait until October, he has to stay away from Thanksgiving Monday, October 5th. Also, he must be mindful of the municipal elections on Saturday October 19th. That would leave him October 15th, which is the Tuesday prior to municipal elections four days later on Saturday. The fourth and final date in my not-so-clear crystal ball is October 29th, ten days after municipal elections.

My final reminder is to think about the community you choose to live. Would you serve on council - three empty seats in Colchester. Check out the election ads in this issue. Regardless, be sure to vote.

Maurice

Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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July 26, 2024
Chris Yurchesyn, P.Eng. General Manager,
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Dear Mr. Yurchesyn:

RE: **Environmental Assessment** - OSCO Aggregates Limited, Pit No. 4 Extension Project, Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia
The assessment of the proposed Pit No. 4 Extension Project in Colchester County, Nova Scotia has been completed. This letter is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia Environment Act, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, N.S. Reg. 348/2022, made under the Act.

Following a review of the information provided by OSCO Aggregates Limited, and the information 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.

Please be advised that prior to the alteration of applicable wetlands identified in the Study Area, you will be required to apply for and receive the required Wetland Alteration Approval(s) from the Department. Please be advised that if operations require the withdrawal of surface or groundwater at rates exceeding the 23,000 litres/day, you will also be required to apply for and receive a Water Withdrawal Approval from the Department.

Decisions regarding such approvals will be made based on the information provided at the time of application while applying the Environment Act and relevant regulations. For questions related to any wetland alterations or water withdrawal, please contact Lynda Weatherby, Business Relationship Manager, at (902) 717-3170 or via email at lynda.weatherby@novascotia.ca

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified Species at Risk and/or their habitat within the Study Area. It is important that you work with the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to address or mitigate impacts such that your project meets requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to Species at Risk.

Please note that as part of the Part V application to amend the current Industrial Approval, you will be required to submit an updated progressive rehabilitation plan for the Project site. It will be important that you work with Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change to identify areas under the current Industrial Approval that are no longer active and to undertake reclamation activities.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca

Sincerely,
Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Encl. c:
Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
Lynda Weatherby, Environment and Climate Change

There has been quite a fight going on by Little Dyke group and Council has written some nice supportive letters. I asked if we could print these in the Shoreline and I was given approval. Here is the first of three. -Linda

Minister Tim Halman
Department of Environment and Climate Change
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Dear Honourable Member,

I am writing today to express my concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Pit #4 planned by OSCO Aggregates LTD. in Little Dyke, Nova Scotia. Over the past several months I have been in communication with the Little Dyke Community Coalition regarding their concerns of this potential extension: traffic safety; noise pollution; Crystalline Silica dust just to name a few. This community driven group has put in countless hours of research and effort to educate themselves and the people around them, including myself, on the potential hazards that this expansion could present.

I believe that provincial regulations have not kept up with the technology that crushing operations have access to decades later. We have a duty to the residents of Nova Scotia to protect where they live. Further consideration to current regulatory enforcement and the environmental assessment process should be carefully examined in this matter. The 30 day public submissions timeline is not adequate enough for capturing all of the pertinent information. Mitigating the potential health risks that this proposed expansion may cause is paramount to protect the community of Little Dyke and should be included in regulations moving forward.

Development is necessary. The extraction of gravel is a key component in supporting our public works infrastructure and roads. I understand this and agree, but I do not believe that it should be at the potential detriment of the residents in our communities. Business, whatever it may be, should never be at a cost to its neighbours.

I am aware of two other letters that have been sent to you by the mayor and my colleagues from the county of Colchester. I agree with both of those submissions as well.

Respectfully,
Victoria Lomond, District 10 Councillor, Municipality of Colchester (902) 890-1493

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Marc Seguin, Stewiacke's new CAO

Throughout his nearly 25-year career, Marc Seguin has held various roles in Provincial and Municipal government, overseeing infrastructure, economic development, recreation, culture, healthcare, and special projects. Collaborating with and advising Councils and Boards has been a rewarding part of the 25 year journey.

His dedication lies in Community Development, and he's excited about the opportunity to

collaborate with the residents, businesses, staff, and Council in Stewiacke.

Seguin also dedicated time to volunteering, serving on Team Nova Scotia's Mission Staff for the 2023 Canada Games and as the Chair of Sport Venues for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games in Halifax.

Additionally, he has been coaching minor hockey for three decades.

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