

# REES' Pieces

## Let's pay citizens to bring us jobs

Headlines and the flavour of the day regarding political subjects keep changing almost as much as Nova Scotia weather. Just when you think you're heard everything there's another angle to the senate scandal. If just doesn't go away. Without a doubt by the end of December it will be chosen as the top political story of 2013.

Instead of hearing more about the economy, jobs and the "deal-in-the-works" with the European Union, Toronto surfaces on the front pages around the world and the introduction to many USA late night comedy shows with the Rob Ford circus. No wonder they want him resign, be totally out of sight, or at a minimum have less profile.

But there is an interesting side bar to the Rob Ford story. His approval rating increased after revelations about his personal life surfaced. Pollsters and media sources in Toronto say the Rob and Doug and their followers in Ford Nation are still a strong political force. One report and I'm not sure if on CBC or CTV stated Ford Nation playing a key role in the election of many Conservative MP's in the Toronto area resulting in a majority for Harper.

The wheels of politics just keep turning and churning. Who knows where the chips may finally fall with regard to the Senate or Rob Ford and Ford Nation. 2014 is the year for Toronto mayoralty elections with 2016 anticipated for the next Federal trek to the polls.

However, there is a breath of fresh air. Received an email from Karen Casey entitled, "Changes are coming". Thinking she was delivering breaking political news on the provincial front, my enthusiasm sagged, when she was informing us that in latter part of 2014, we'll all have to include the area code 902 when we are calling the other end of the province, or our neighbour across the street. For details on the new area code being planned, see her column on Page 5.

However, there is exciting news on the provincial front. The Maritime Link is not being given the "full steam ahead" by Andrew Younger and his fellow Liberals. They have suggested to the URB hearings some specific wording they need in the agreement before it will receive provincial approval.

Within a couple of months, The Ivany Commission is supposed to table its report on redeveloping the rural economy. Supposedly, this report is supposed to lay the groundwork for massive reconfiguration of rural economy. The report cannot bring the required changes by itself.

The only way the rural economy will improve is by a systemic change at all government levels, and most importantly by the people living in rural areas. Instead of complaining how bad things are in rural Nova Scotia, rural residents must take charge of their own destiny. This can be done by forming small committee of themselves, and explore where and how rural jobs can be created.

Almost every family has descendants who have moved away and become successful. After some sound planning at the local level, why not tap into these successful descendants from afar and see if they can use their contacts to bring jobs to Nova Scotia. If there was "hope at home" maybe some of these people will move back and create some jobs in their own community.

In a story on the front page the Municipality just increased the low income tax exemption to approximately \$240.00 for a two person family. Might it make sense for the municipality to give similar awards to those who are instrumental in bringing new jobs to rural areas in West Colchester?

Maybe municipal council might pay a bounty on new jobs. What better way to immediately assist our rural residents if they could receive, let's say, \$100.00 for each new job they brought to the area. Similarly, there must be a meeting of the minds, sound planning and strong cooperative effort by the province, municipality and all the organizations within the First Nations to get the Debert Interpretive Centre under construction. Once consultant's study suggest the Centre would attract upwards of 80,000 people each year to Debert.

Why are we waiting? The answers rest with Premier Stephen McNeil, Mayor Bob Taylor and Millbrook Chief Gerald Gloade.

Maurice

## Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Hello Maurice,

Last month, Chris Urquhart said in her column that it was inappropriate to wear a poppy before Nov. 1st. This caused quite a bit of discussion at our meeting in Great Village Wednesday night.

Just checked the internet and here's what one listing said: The annual campaign begins "on the last Friday of October and (poppies) can be worn at any time after that date." Veterans Affairs says on its website.

But it adds: "Although it is tradition for the poppy to be worn only during the annual Remembrance period, a person may wear a Poppy any time he or she wishes to do so." That last paragraph is what the majority of members agreed upon.

Sincerely, Ken Kennedy, Debert

Dear Editor,

I am a member of The War Amps Operation Legacy, which consists of young members of the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program who are dedicated to preserving and commemorating Canada's military heritage by teaching younger generations

about our nation's wartime history.

This year, The War Amps is celebrating its 95th anniversary. Ninety-five years ago, war amputee veterans returned from the First World War and formed The Amputations Association of The Great War. The organization later became The War Amputations of Canada at the beginning of the Second World War.

As a member of Operation Legacy, I have a duty to give back to those who started the organization. I have had the privilege to learn about Canada's military heritage and also know what it is like to live without a limb - a strong bond that I share with war amputee veterans.

It is important to celebrate Remembrance Day to show we appreciate and remember those that gave and risked their lives across the world to allow us to live in a country like Canada. I remember because without the war veterans, The War Amps wouldn't have started and without The War Amps, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

I encourage all of you to

learn more about Canada's history by means of The War Amps Military Heritage Series documentaries, which can be ordered through The War Amps website at waramps.ca.

Sincerely, Bromlyn Myra,  
Operation Legacy Member,  
Lunenburg

Dear Editor:

Nova Scotia doctors recognize healthy communities through Strive Award

Nova Scotia physicians are offering a \$10,000 prize to a community group in the province that's actively involved in making their community a healthier place to live.

Doctors Nova Scotia is now accepting applications for its annual Strive Award. The award recognizes charitable organizations that make a difference in their community by promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

This year's award recipient will receive a \$10,000 grant to spend on advancing health promotion initiatives in their community. The winner will also receive a plaque for their community and a feature on

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## Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

As hard as it seems to be, winter is just around the corner. With the cold and frost each morning, we certainly don't have to wonder about the change of seasons but we do often wonder where our summer went!

This Saturday, November 30th is Breakfast With Santa! This fun event is held at the Masstown United Church from 8am to 10:30am. Breakfast is pancakes with sausage or bacon, tea, coffee or juice; cost \$6 for adults and children under 12 \$3. There will be a door prize, a large Bake Table and for just \$1 you can get your picture taken with Santa! Everyone Welcome!

The Masstown Community Association would like to again thank Blake's Pumpkin Jungle and the Masstown United Church for their recent success at the annual Pumpkin Carving. There were 29 children who attended with their parents and they had a wonderful time carving their pumpkins. Unfortunately there were a couple of items left behind, a boys coat and a girl's pair of gloves. If these belong to your child please call 662-3550 to make arrangements to get them back!

Next on the list is the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Masstown Community Park. This will be held on Friday December 6th, with a storm date of December 13th, at 7pm. Dress warm, it is always windy at the Park in December! There will be a bon fire, hot chocolate, marshmallows to roast, carols to sing and the tree will be lit during this time. Santa may even show up!

The Association would also like to thank the MacDonald's who live next door to the Park for the use of their power to keep the tree lit for a few hours each night until the new year. Be sure to tell all your friends and neighbours about this fun event, we look forward to seeing you there!

Masstown UCW is joining with Debert UCW to host their annual Christmas Party with the Debert Baptist ladies. Our Glenholme UCW is also invited to this fun event. There will not be a separate Christmas party for Masstown UCW. Masstown UCW will meet again on January 9th at 7pm. Please note we are not changing the time to an afternoon meeting this year for the winter months. Coffee Parties will also resume in January.

The Quilting Ladies have another quilt in! They welcome

quilters and other crafters to join them every Monday at 1pm to "put in a few stitches" or create other crafts while they quilt. They usually have a cup of tea at the end of the afternoon. For more information contact Mary Barley 662-2743.

Congratulations go out this month to Glen and Doreen Putnam on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. I was pleased to see Glen's mother Beryl at their open house and must remark how unusual it is for someone celebrating such a milestone to have a parent alive to celebrate with them!

Condolences go out this month to Marina Fisher and family on the death of her brother-in-law John Fisher.

# DOVE



Love is like a dove  
Where it takes you is a mystery  
Young people gave their lives for us  
And while at it they made history.

Long and hard, they fought each day.  
Helping freedom come our way.  
They gave their lives for you and me.  
And while at it they made history.

"Please don't leave us," their loved ones said,  
Quietly turning away they shook their heads.  
"Someday, we will return," they all replied.  
They walked away, while their loved ones cried.

And they themselves got teary eyes.  
It was a sad day for all to see,  
But while at it they made history.

By: Jason Riemersma

The above poem was written by Jason Riemersma a WCCS student. The people was read at Remembrance Day services.

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