

1.636-Million Litres For Less Than \$1 a Day

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wells, of which 9,538 are domestic wells; 141 are non-domestic wells. Domestic wells use 5,560 cubic meters per day. (Each cubic meter equates to 1,000 litres). Non domestic wells are using 8,520 cubic meters/day for a total combined consumption of 14,080,000 litres per day (14,080 cubic meters per day).

Hydrogeology studies conclude total available ground water is 309,000,000 litres

per day, hence usage is 4.7% of availability. In some sub-set watersheds, near highly populated areas of the municipality, usage exceeds 22% per day from that micro-watershed.

The high volume users on a daily basis are: Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, 1,360,000 litres; Canadian Springs (Aquaterra) 981,000 litres and Big 8 Beverages (Sobey's) 655,000 litres. Bottled water wells represent 11% of daily water extraction, while non-domestic wells



account for 49% of water consumption which comprise 60% of usage.

For comparison, a household of 4 people uses about 350 litres per day per person, which on a county wide basis represents the remaining 40% of daily water usage.

Under current province-wide legislation, the province owns the groundwater resource, regulates its usage, works to ensure quality and receives any revenues from sale of the resource. Throughout the process the province receives water withdrawal user fees; approval

application fee; annual license fee and a water use fee that is based on the volumes extracted. Bottled water and similar companies pay the province for high volume access to quality ground water.

Currently, the province receives between \$0.40-\$0.50 (40 and 50 cents) per million litres. Two bottled water companies are extracting approximately 1.636-Million litres per day from wells in the Salmon / Debert River watershed. A quick calculation reveals, the province is getting less than \$1 per day for 1,636 cubic meters of water from Colchester bottled water wells.

During his presentation, Check said a bottled water company would probably pay approximately \$200.00 per year as the user fee component of their license.

100 Year Old Chair Returned



Charles Priest, York Settlement and Stacey (McCully) Culgin shown with the 100 year old chair, which had been given by community members to Burnham and Susan (Whippie) McCully as they celebrated their 40th anniversary on November 24th, 2014. (Submitted)

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The Library and the Library Foundation, have a number of events planned to help raise the \$750,000 still needed for the furniture and equipment at the new library being built in Truro. The list is as varied as the diverse programming the library offers. You can buy tickets for the raffle of a handmade quilt donated by Estella Wilson on display at the library, with the lucky winner being drawn and announced on November 30th. There are ongoing fundraising efforts such as the Commemorative Library Bookplates which you can gift, dedicate, and affix to a library book in the new library, and are for sale online at the Foundation's website LoveMyLibrary.info, at the crowdfunding site: GoGetFunding.com/bookplate-for-truro-library/, and in person at the library for \$30 each. There is also an ongoing Craft Sale at the library (with items starting at \$2!), as well as donations for perks like receiving a Normal College Print with your gift of \$125, and for various levels of donations you can Name a chair, get a VIP treatment, or Name a Room, all available online at their website or in person at the library.

Working Nova Scotians will have more time to care for a gravely ill family member or to mourn the loss of a close family member, when changes to the Labour Standards Code, introduced on November 19th, are passed into law. Changes will extend compassionate care leave from eight to 28 weeks and protect employees' jobs while they are on leave. This amendment will align with federal labour legislation changes and increases in Employment Insurance benefits for eligible employees caring for a family member who has a significant risk of death.

Nova Scotia is the first province to bring its labour code in line with federal compassionate care changes. The amendments will also lengthen unpaid bereavement leave to five consecutive days for employees dealing with the death of a close family member. This will more closely align Nova Scotia's bereavement leave with other provinces.

The Council of Parties that will guide the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children Restorative Inquiry was appointed on November 2 and includes representatives from groups who will be a key part of the inquiry process, including former residents, government, the Home for Colored Children board and the African Nova Scotian community. The restorative inquiry will hold its official opening in the coming weeks. The inquiry's mandate and terms of reference are online at www.restorativeinquiry.ca

Supreme Court dockets for most of the Province's courthouses are now available on the Courts website (courts.ns.ca). All of them should be available in the very near future as each location works out process.

There is a link near the top of every page ("COURT DOCKETS") that points to a page listing the dockets that are currently available, from which Courts, and which locations (with links). The "COURT DOCKETS" link will take you here: http://courts.ns.ca/General_Content/dockets_on_line.htm if you want to bookmark it. Dockets now (or soon-to-be made) available are: Supreme Court (in all locations); Court of Appeal and Bankruptcy Court. The court is still working on adding the dockets of the Supreme Court Family Division in HRM and Cape Breton. *If you want to receive the "Crownside" docket (weekly, by e-mail) for the Supreme Court in the Halifax Law Courts, advise them and you will be added to the mail-out list. Contact: John Piccolo, Director of Communications, The Nova Scotia Judiciary, The Law Courts, 2nd Floor, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 1S7. Office: (902) 424-6018; Fax: (902) 424-0758; Cell: (902) 221-5257, or piccolj@courts.ns.ca*

CNTA Facing Funding Crunch

By Maurice Rees

Central Nova Tourism Association is facing a massive funding crunch as the result of changes outlined in the Tourism Nova Scotia (TNS) strategy according to Devin Trefry, CNTA's acting executive director, who made a presentation to Colchester councillors on November 10th.

At stake is \$48,000 in core funding which had previously been allocated for 2016. On October 6th, TNS released a new strategic framework narrowing its focus to channel resources to attract high-yield, first time visitors to Nova Scotia from outside Atlantic Canada. TNS indicated it will cease offering "funding programs" and will concentrate on "investing" in strategic partnerships to support their goals.

An additional \$97,500 in funding which might be eliminated includes: \$35,000 for co-op regional marketing; \$50,400 for visitor services - hiring college and university staff or other VIC expenses and \$12,500 for festival and event assistance.

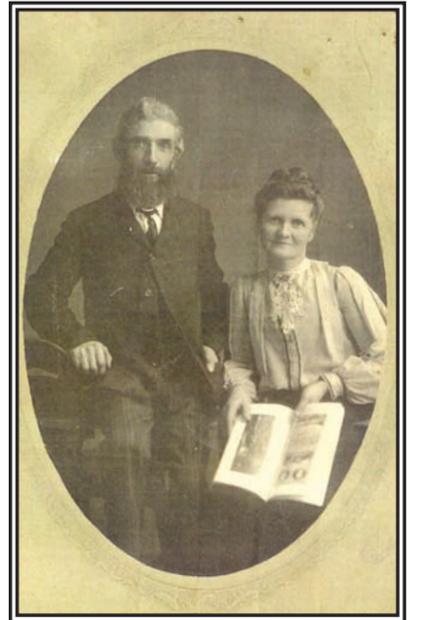
Trefry was informing council of implications from the financial cutbacks and implications it might bring to the area. To reduce expenditures, the association has eliminated all staff with the exception of himself; closed its office, and is working with the municipality for office space.

A meeting / workshop was held at "The Peg" at Masstown Market was held on November 19th, at which time more details of the TNS strategy will be revealed to industry and local government officials.

son, Ivan Armsworthy (1942-2003) of Belmont and while on a visit to Charles' camp he came with this rocking chair, as a gift to Charles; who I might add had only a couple of benches in his camp.

Charles enjoyed many happy hours by the fire in this old chair.

So now, as it nears its 100th year he thought it only fitting to return it to a McCully family member. I guess since I was a McCully, he chose me.



The chair was given to Burnham and Susan (Whippie) McCully on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. Their life spans are as follows: Burnham (1850-1920) & Susan (Whippie) (1854-1939) McCully. (Submitted)



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