

Tulips Planted to Commemorate 70th Anniversary of Liberation of Holland

By Linda Harrington

Remember to check for a brilliant burst of red tulips along Highway #2, at the Great Village cenotaph next spring. The Great Village Garden Club members were busy planting 100 bulbs in the flower beds recently.

In the final months of the Second World War Canadian troops were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation.

This year, 2015 marks the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian troops and to commemorate

the occasion the Great Village Garden Club planted one hundred of the red triumph tulip 'Canadian Liberator' on November 7th. This tulip was named in honour of the Canadian Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Marines who took part in the liberation.

The tulip 'Canadian Liberator' was developed in Holland and is a beautiful, tall, strong bright red tulip.

"It should put on an impressive display next spring in the two flower beds on each side of the cenotaph," says Garden Club President Pat Flemming.



Toni van den Hoek (left) joins Great Village Garden Club President Pat Flemming and Logan Spencer as they plant red tulip bulbs to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by Canadian Troops. (Harrington Photo)



Members of the Great Village Garden Club planted 100 tulip bulbs at the Great Village Cenotaph to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by Canadian Troops. (Harrington Photo)

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The House of Commons process is moving slowly due to the large number of new MPs and also because every minister is changing. The October election resulted in more changes than at any time in the history of Parliament, as we now have 30 additional MPs to sit in the chamber.

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mine the energy efficiency upgrades required. To determine if you are eligible contact Efficiency Nova Scotia at 1-877-434-2136 (toll free) or by visiting HomeWarming.ca.

Another program for low income families is the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP). The HARP program is available to Nova Scotians who buy energy to heat their homes and you may be eligible to receive a rebate on those costs. Eligibility is based on program requirements. Service Nova Scotia is now accepting applications for the HARP program to help with up to \$200 toward home heating costs. Those who were recipients of the HARP program last year will receive an application automatically to ensure that the process is as

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involved in this process, to meet people, to educate myself and to gain first-hand knowledge that surely benefit our Municipality. I am truly thankful.

On a local note, over the past few months much has been discussed and I have had many conversations in reference to the Palliser property as to how it can best benefit our district. I am of the opinion the people along the shore; the magnificent of bay; the mystic of the world's highest tides and our communities are our greatest assets. We have potential unequalled elsewhere in the world.

Some of the shore's community groups are starting to realize the assets we have and are taking action to capitalize on them. There have been discussions, and requests an effort be made to identify public beach access. There is very little doubt this would benefit our shore as we attract more visitors. It will also have a negative effect on some long time summer residents who may feel it will impact their privacy.

During this discussion I was approached by a person who suggested conservancy trust or an instrument of similar nature be estab-

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For over four centuries we have share the same land, water and air that form one of the most beautiful and prosperous countries in the world. In this way Indigenous and non-indigenous people are bound together in an inseparable bond. But not all have shared equally in the same rights, freedom and benefits that should flow from inhabiting this magnificent land.

For too long our relations have been marked by misunderstanding, betrayal and neglect. While the sins of the past can never be erased, by acknowledging Aboriginal and Treaty rights and forging a new partnership we can stop the cycle of negativity that past wrongs have wrought on the generations that followed. We cannot allow future goodwill to be smothered by the exhaustion of historic failure. Therefore, by signing this Declaration, we pledge to build a future that is positive, healthy, productive and meaningful for the generations to come.

Our purpose is uncomplicated. It is to make things better; to bring a new energy and reconciliation to the project of building a better Canada; to solve, through a commitment of good will and widespread attention, what bad for decades eluded dealmakers, negotiators and people of earnest intent. Then, and only then, will we enjoy a foundation of trust sturdy enough to overcome the shame of historic harm and contemporary injustices and realize future possibility.

To be equals in truth as well as intent we must reconcile historical wrongs by acknowledging the Treaty and Aboriginal rights of Canada's First Peoples. Aboriginal communities also must have the tools to strengthen their institutions, culture and traditions in accordance with these rights and their aspirations and needs. This is the wellspring, which will empower Aboriginal Communities to shape and govern the policies and practices that affect their people, land and resources.

This new partnership will be built on values that hold, as their basis, the equality and right to dignity for all. Indigenous and non-Indigenous people

Parliament opens on December 3. For the first time some MPs will find themselves sitting on benches rather than individual chairs. This was the only way to accommodate the additional Members of Parliament. I am looking forward to seeing where my seat will be.

Bill Casey is Member of Parliament for Cumberland Colchester.

convenient as possible for homeowners. Last year, almost 44,000 people and families received a rebate from the Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

HARP applications are available online, by contacting the Public Enquiries phone number at 1-800-670-4357, at Access Nova Scotia locations, Department of Community Services' offices, MLA offices and through more than 70 community groups, resource centres and other locations across the province.

Go to <http://www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/heating-assistance-rebate-program.asp> for more information.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North

lished to protect and to enable public access to our beautiful bay. The suggestion was a trust be established with the purpose to purchase land along the shore; to protect and provide public beach access. We discussed the possibility of purchasing property, developing the access and then reselling the remaining land with conditions as to how that land could be used or developed in the future.

I personally think this would be a great idea, I believe the time has come to take action to ensure what we have always taken for granted is protected for generations to come. As our shore becomes more popular, and believe me that is going to happen we as communities who dot the shoreline need to become actively involved in ensuring or managing its future growth.

There are many locations around Nova Scotia where legally formed and properly managed Nature Conservancy Trust have been successful. Is it now time for us to take this approach. I would ask that anyone who may have an interest in this to please contact me at 902 647-2025.

That's it for now. Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

will come together in solidarity built on shared responsibility and co-operation. This we understand is central to Indigenous culture as much as it lie at the heart of the Canadian federation.

This New Partnership is neither deluded about past challenges nor deflated about present circumstances. We believe that hope must be created with the establishment of a new trust and enthusiasm. This is the fundamental ambition of the New Partnership. By joining us - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike - together in this public Declaration we shall seek to create an atmosphere where paralysis becomes unacceptable and where a broad, engaged public insists upon progress.

That is why we, a group of indigenous and non-Indigenous people, are coming together to hold a national dialogue and to reach out to all Canadians. We call on legislators, corporate leaders, labour and all civil society organizations to share in a new approach and our belief in a better Canada. We ask Canadians to join us in signing this Declaration and to go forward on a path that will rebuild trust, remedy a broken relationship and lead to a new partnership.

End of Declaration

This program coincides with the Memorandum of Understanding which was signed on October 1st, 2015 where the Province of Nova Scotia and all 13 Mi'kmaq bands committed to ensure that all Nova Scotians gain a greater understanding of our shared treaty relationship. The declaration can be found at www.cfnp.ca

If anyone would like to discuss the issue of archaeology in Debert or any aspect of the Debert Business Park please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is dmacinnnes@colchester.ca and my home phone number is 902-895-2242.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Please drive safely and watch for the kids in neighbourhoods during the Christmas break.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

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