

# Taggart Attends High Powered Meetings in Ottawa

By Maurice Rees

Councillor Tom Taggart participated in a number of meetings with prominent people in Ottawa during the week of November 22nd. Taggart is in his second year representing Colchester and Nova Scotia on the Board of

Directors at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

One of Taggart's roles is Vice-Chair of FCM's Standing committee on Social Economic Development a responsibility he undertook earlier this summer. With the

absence of the chair I chaired the meeting which he considered an honor. During the FCM meetings he has the pleasure of meeting many people across all party lines. At a dinner meeting with guest speaker Tom Mulcair, leader of the NDP, he was cho-

sen by FCM staff to ask a question on the National Housing Strategy.

Other people he met with while at the FCM board meeting included: Senator Ogilvie, former chancellor of Acadia University; NDP housing critic, Marjorie Boutan Sweet and Halifax area Senator Willie Moore.

Taggart says he was very impressed with his meetings with Bill Casey, MP Cumberland-Colchester and Halifax area MP, Darrin Fisher.

Taggart said, "One other member of my group for one of the meetings was Mike Layton, Toronto City Councillor and Son of Jack Layton". He also met Darrel Sampson, another Nova Scotia MP. A meeting with senator Terry Mercer did not happen with similar fate falling to a scheduled meeting with

Geoff Regan, speaker of the House of commons. The group waited in Mercier's outer office until the group had to leave for another meeting. His group did meet with Andy Fillmore.

While at the meeting's, Taggart did an inter-

view with the Chronicle Herald; had a great conversation with Conservative MP, Shannon Sweet and had attended a dinner with Bill Casey in the Liberal Party room behind the House of Commons Chambers.

# Trail Cameras Could Solve the Problem



Some of this furniture might have been useful to someone in need. However, it should not have been dumped illegally in the Debert area. The Shoreline will follow up and report on charges and fines when available. (Submitted)

By Doug MacInnes

Colchester County is plagued with a number of illegal dump sites, with the Debert area seeming to have the greatest number. Perhaps that is because of higher density of population than most areas, but they are still illegal.

The site pictured here was discovered by a local resident out for a walk in what is suppose to be the beauty of our nature environment. Currently the site is under investigation by Colchester County Waste Management Officer, J. P. Wood. For those who do not realize, Mr. Wood has special constable status with authority to charge the offender by issuing a ticket in the amount of \$237.50.

In addition to the fine, he has the authority to publish the name of the guilty offender. It's surprising how often individuals who are capable of making such foolish decisions as to dump their garbage in the wood also aren't intelligent enough to make sure there are no documents, within the garbage, containing their name. Mr. Wood has been very successful in the past with apprehending the culprits responsible for many of these illegal dumpsites throughout the county.

Some sites in District #9 have had reoccurring incidents of illegal dumping over the years. Due to this fact I'm going to ask Council to seek legal advice from our solicitor on implementing a monitoring program for particular sites.

With the technology of today's trail cameras it certainly wouldn't be difficult to capture someone and their license plate number on video. These cameras are even capable of sending a live video feed directly to a smart phone.

The next time someone decides they are going to dump their garbage in our forest don't forget to smile you may be having your picture taken.

Doug MacInnes is municipal councillor for Colchester, District 9.

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While attending FCM meetings in Ottawa week of November 22, Councillor Tom Taggart was included in a group which included Marie-Eve Brunet, Montreal, Mike Layton, Toronto councillor, son of Jack Layton and Marjolaine Bouton-Sweet. (Submitted)



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