

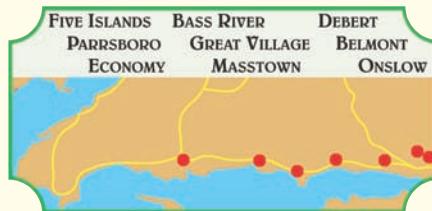


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STRESS RELIEF: Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture will hold its 122nd Annual Meeting at the Best Western Glen-Garry on November 30th and December 1st. In addition to regular AGM business, a policy discussion on hot topics like protecting agricultural land will be a highlight. On Friday, keynote speaker, Brenda Scheopp, will give her presentation on room for every farmer and how we must nurture a culture of inclusion that supports creativity while appreciating the global nature of agriculture.

Yvonne Cox, Great Village was the lucky winner of the "Ready For Christmas Basket" raffle held by the Masstown Community Association. The draw was made on Saturday, November 25th.

The annual **Christmas tree lighting** at Masstown Community Park will be held Friday, December 8 at 7 pm. Activities include bon fire, hot chocolate, marshmallows to roast and carols to sing. Dress Warm.

The **GoFundMe** initiative organized by Linda Harrington, Shoreline Journal reporter and photographer raised \$2,710 to assist Jeff Davis, and his son Carter, who were injured in an ATV accident while going to help find a 12 year old youth lost in the woods near Debert.

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Attending the Debert Legion banquet on November 11th were three World War II veterans. Pictured above (L-R) are: Mayor Christine Blair, Harry Wilson, Gordon McCully, Eddie Murphy and Bob Pash, Legion president. More photos from the 2017 Debert Legion Banquet can be found on page 23. (Rees Photo)

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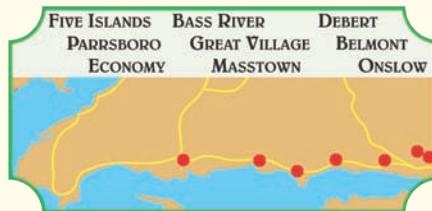
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Internet Study Behind Schedule

By Maurice Rees

The hopes of Colchester residents who were buoyed by council's June 29th decision to undertake "Colchester Internet Improvement Feasibility Study and Plan" to receive a report at the November meeting were dashed at the November 16th committee meeting.

Economic Development Director, Mark Austin informed council via an information circular the project has not been completed within the anticipated timeline, primarily due to prioritized allocation of staff time. No revised timeline is suggested at this time. Consideration is being given to

contracting out some of the work needed to complete the project as soon as possible.

This scope of the project was set out with eight objectives:

1. Map the current state of available service and gaps in Colchester County;
2. Map and identifying ownership of existing system

infrastructure (backbone /middle mile, last mile);

3. Describe under-serviced areas according to system challenges and opportunities (including property ownership and terrain mapping), number of households/ businesses/institutions, gap solutions (with future-proofing perspective), jurisdictions, active ISPs in areas, and anticipated costs and funding scenarios for solutions.

4. Prioritize incremental installations in conjunction with above information (quick wins and bang for buck analysis, as a strategy to have 'shovel ready' projects for applications to future funding programs);

5. Explore funding and partnership opportunities, including other municipalities, community groups, businesses, Federal and Provincial agencies and departments;

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Kyla Hiltz presented Comrade Logan Spencer with a lovely card she had made which reads "We Remember". More photos of the areas Remembrance Day services can be found on pages 12 to 17.

Colchester to Explore Landfill Alternative

In a press release issued on October 26th the Municipality of the County of Colchester (Colchester) is participating with Nova Waste Solutions Inc. (NSWI) to complete a feasibility study into an innovative and clean alternative to

active landfilling.

This climate change and emission reducing alternative to landfilling will also increase recycling diversion, avoid legacy landfill environmental issues and is anticipated to significantly reduce municipal service costs. Colchester Mayor Christine Blair said "We are pleased to participate in this study as we explore options for progressive use of solid waste prior to any investment decisions by Council."

The study will assess the viability of a plasma gasification processing facility that turns waste resources destined for landfill into clean syngas, which in turn becomes power and heat. The process involves shredding and drying non-recyclable material which passes through two vessels where plasma arcs create heat that breaks the materials down to a syngas. The materials do not burn due to a lack of oxygen and it does not exhaust to the

atmosphere. The Syngas (much like natural gas) is cleaned and used in generators to produce electricity, about half of which powers the facility with the remainder sent to the grid.

Colchester County and Nova Scotia are widely recognized as progressive leaders in solid waste management," said Mr. Stephen Mader, President and CEO of Nova Waste Solutions Inc., "and this feasibility project will show how this patented, proven, and highly efficient technology can build on this success by modernizing waste resource management in Colchester and by reducing their dependency on active landfilling."

Nova Waste Solutions Inc. is partnered with CHO Power whose Morcenx France facility is a commercial sized, 50,000 tonnes/year fully operational facility processing commercial waste and biomass. The facility

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Bible Hill Start-Up Gets \$50,000

Oceland Biologicals, a new agri-food company in Bible Hill is receiving \$50,000 in funding and business guidance through Innovacorp's Spark Innovation Challenge. It is one of four winners selected in the Spark North region of the province. Oceland Biologicals' founder, Balakrishnan Prithiviraj, is developing microbial-based plant biostimulants that improve the growth, yield and resilience of crops in a sustainable manner.

The other winners in the Spark North region are: BioPolyOil, an agri-based technology company founded by Mostafa Aghaei, Alma Zangeneh and Arian Shahnazari of Bible Hill, \$50,000; i CrowdX, a natural fruit-based drink company founded by Sean Sears of Antigonish, \$50,000 and Bid-Squid Online Marketplace, a company founded by David Hachey of Scotsburn, Pictou Co., \$25,000

Winners must use the prize money to build prototypes or take new products and services to market. For the full list of winners, visit www.innovacorp.ca/news/park-winners-2017.

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