

# REES' Pieces

## Are we up to "equality"?

Are we coming of age? As a society are we starting to treat everyone as equal? I'll suggest our track record in North America is not that good. For decades we have pointed our fingers at other societies where a class society is most visible; or dictators routinely eliminate anyone who has opposing thoughts.

Even though Canada, United States and other global powerhouses claim to be democratic they have maintained at least two levels of society: the rich and powerful, including politicians, and the remaining 99% of us who are less powerful and those who are at the bottom of society's ranking.

Not much is required in the way of explanation, but look at the list: residential schools – organized and sponsored by government and church; oppression of those with ethnic backgrounds that are "non-white" and "non-anglo-saxon"; women paid less, treated unfairly and used as objects whether sexual or otherwise and those suffering from disabilities, including mental and physical. The list goes on with the LGBT community. Think of all those who were ushered out of Canada's military in the 50's and 60's and later because they were gay or bi-sexual. Most recently Prime Minister Trudeau is bringing some of these demonizing traits to the forefront by issuing an apology to indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador and soon issuing a similar apology to those exited from the military for gay and bi-sexual style of life.

Just this past weekend a four minute social media was posted by a 19 y/o indigenous male in the Prairies who was constantly followed when shopping in his nearby Giant Tiger store. Previous complaints to store management and others did nothing. When the social media posting gathered over 300,000 views the store took action and issued an apology.

Let's hope as Canadians we can rush to the forefront demanding practicing racism or demonizing those less fortunate stops immediately and those who make such occurrences public are treated as we like to treat those for heroic actions. We must, not only, be welcoming to all societies and ethnic backgrounds, but we must treat them with equality.

If we can achieve that, we'll be the "most loved and appreciated" country on this earth. If we have 35+ Million people working together our future to success will be unstoppable.

We must not stop with eliminating ethnic differences. We must strive to treat urban and rural areas the same. Far too often, not just in Nova Scotia but across this great county, politicians make decisions based on where there are the largest number of votes.

Let's look at a couple of instances: Hospitals and health care facilities are concentrated in highly populated areas. If we practiced "preventive medicine", we would have less people needing acute medical care. Instead of having surgery like hip or knee replacements concentrated in HRM, perhaps moving some of these procedures to less urban centres would be advisable. Why make everyone go to Halifax? Why can't some of those patients, go to Kentville, Bridgewater, Truro, Amherst, New Glasgow or Sydney?

Would it make sense to use health care facilities as economic engines to spread benefits around the province? Why should everyone in a rural area have to go to Halifax? I realize not every hamlet which has a doctor or clinic can offer specialized treatment. If someone needs specialized service why not send them to an area other than HRM? If government continues to put all specialty services in HRM, why not close down the rural areas, and make HRM a community of nearly 1-million people?

Similarly, government departments should be spread around the province. If Department of Natural Resources is to do an effective job, it doesn't make much sense to put them in Halifax. Why not put them closer to the trees and lumbering operations? Likewise fisheries would be better in Yarmouth, Clare or Shelburne.

As we overhaul society to treat everyone with equality politicians in Nova Scotia, regardless of party affiliation, should come together to treat every region of the province as equals. That's my thought for the month.

Maurice

# Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Dear Editor:

Having just returned home from Debert (Sunday Nov. 12) I have to tell you of a delightful day we've had ministering to the dear folk of Debert Court. Cheryl and Walter Teed were there and Cheryl and her mom had set up a beautiful display of her dad's (George Delaney) war memorabilia.

After the 2PM service, Velma and I along with Andrew and Kimberley King decided we would grab a bite at the Double C Restaurant. I had kept my Legion windbreaker on from when I had attended a Remembrance service at First Baptist Church earlier in the day. After we were about half way through our meal, the most wonderful thing happened. Something I will never forget.

From my military days I am used to being noticed when in uniform, and of course I noticed this lovely lady a few tables over eyeing me but saying nothing. I hadn't noticed them leave but I was pleasantly surprised when the waitress came by and passed me the bill for my meal saying, "are you a veteran?" I said that I

was (peace time, of course) and she laid down the cash register receipt marked "Thank you for your service (heart)." I couldn't believe my eyes!

I don't know who this dear lady was. Don't believe we ever met before. Don't imagine we will ever meet again, but if she is a reader of the Shoreline Journal I hope she sees this note, as I shed a little tear, to say, "You are quite welcome, my dear."

As a sidebar to this epistle, I have a confession to make: I didn't get out to a Remembrance Day service on Saturday. I have been having some low back problems this past couple of weeks and my physiotherapist suggested I stay home and rest. I could have bitten the bullet and took my walker and gone down to the Truro cenotaph and stood in the -3C weather. Those whose memory we honour at this time of year fared a lot worse fate.

God will forgive me, I know. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

Ken Kennedy

## Masstown Community News

By Chris Urqubart

We are starting to look old man winter in the eye – there have been a few flurries and lots of cold, frosty mornings! Imagine what it must be like to live outside all year round? Our feathered friends need our help. Please be sure to put out food and suet for the birds as well as, if you can, a water source. A heated bird bath is ideal but we can't all do that. Dishes of water will freeze unless you create a heat source for it.

I have seen one way of keeping our water "heated" – you take a cardboard box, put a light bulb inside it that is connected to an electrical source, and cut a hole in the top that a small basin or tin bowl will fit into. Put water into the bowl and keep the light bulb lit to create enough "heat" to keep it from freezing. You would need to put this in an area free from wandering critters! And speaking of critters, please don't leave your pets outside in the cold or stormy weather. Bring them inside! After all, they are part of the family!!

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday December 1st, 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men are welcome at this fun breakfast!

The Masstown Community Association would like to thank Blake Jennings of Blake's Pumpkin Jungle for donating the pumpkins for our recent Pumpkin Carv-

ing. Although we only had a few children show up they had a wonderful time carving their pumpkins! They also were each given a treat bag to take with them. Association members Wanda Wallace and Elsie Rudolph were on hand to help out with any "pumpkin" issues! Thanks girls!

The Masstown Community Association wishes to thank everyone who purchased tickets on their "Ready For Christmas Basket" which was actually two baskets as they had so many items donated it took two foldable grocery totes to hold it all! Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of our Masstown Community Park. The draw for the winning ticket was held on Saturday November 25th at the Masstown Market.

The Debert Military Museum wishes to thank everyone who bought tickets on the beautiful afghan that they were selling. The winner of this afghan was Byrd Awalt of Port Graville. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the Military Museum. If you haven't been over to see the museum, make time to go! It is well worth seeing.

As the snow starts to fall and cover the ground, as it has already a time or two, remember to keep yourself safe! Don't get over heated, or out of breath as you shovel or clear off your car. Be sure to dress for the cold and damp. And most of all, if you need to be someplace at a certain time, leave a little earlier just in case!

## Colchester to Explore Landfill Alternative

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has been operating for over two years and is currently exceeding design targets of over 35% energy efficiency rating. Nova Waste Solutions Inc. is licensed to develop a multi-phased plasma gasification technology in Canada that is patented by the company CHO Power.

The Morcenx facility is the first of 12 planned plants in Europe using CHO Power's patented multi-phased plasma gasification technology. The next three are currently under development.

For information or to learn more, contact Nova Waste Solutions Inc., at [www.fourthstateenergy.com](http://www.fourthstateenergy.com).

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Dominion Chair Factory Store

**BIBLE HILL:**

C.W. Fraser Pharmacy  
MacQuarries Pharmacy

**DEBERT:**

Barnhill's Superette  
Debert Mini-Mart

**FIVE ISLANDS:**

Masstown Market Five Islands

**GLENHOLME:**

Double "C" Truckstop  
Glenholme General Store

**GREAT VILLAGE:**

Wilson's Gas

**MAITLAND:**

Frieze & Roy General Store

**MASSTOWN:**

Masstown Market  
MTM Retail Gas (Petro-Can)

**NORTH RIVER:**

Grant's Grocery

**PARRSBORO:**

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Ken's Grocery  
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