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Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has announced, on November 7th, a newly approved production through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. Television series, *Pour l'amour du country XVI*, produced by 3286993 Nova Scotia Limited, is approved for a funding commitment of \$239,541 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$871,059.

2018 Provincial Volunteer Award nominations are open until February 16, 2018. The awards ceremony honours volunteers from across the province for their volunteer contributions. Nova Scotians can nominate volunteers in the categories of volunteer representative award, volunteer youth award and volunteer family award. The representative volunteer award recipients are selected by their municipalities. The volunteer youth and volunteer family award winners are selected by a review committee. The premier, lieutenant-governor and minister of the voluntary sector will present the awards at a ceremony in April. Nomination forms are available at <http://novascotia.ca/volunteerawards>. The deadline for nominations is midnight, Feb. 16.

Lafarge Canada Inc. has filed an application for an industrial approval to use tires as a low-carbon fuel. The project received environmental assessment approval July 6. Terms and conditions attached to the environmental assessment approval are available online at novascotia.ca/nse/ea/lower-carbon-fuel-tire-derived-fuel/. The project is a one-year pilot for the company's kiln in Brookfield. It requires both an environmental assessment and an industrial approval in order to proceed. Department staff will review the application to determine whether it is complete. Once that happens, they have up to 60 days to make a decision.

Colchester to the Rescue booklet, published by Janet Maybee, detailing Colchester's immediate response to the Halifax Explosion will be included in a time capsule at Fort Needham. The booklet has become very popular and author Maybee has been asked to conduct three presentations in Halifax, the last week of November. Locally, there are plenty of copies available for sale at the Colchester Historeum.

In a closed session of municipal council held on October 26th, on motions by Deputy Mayor Masters and councillor Parker, a request for the Municipality to take ownership of the Elizabeth Bishop House was denied. In the unanimous decision council suggested information be provided on the various grant programs available through the Municipality should either the Saint James Preservation Society or the Elizabeth Bishop Society take ownership of the property.

Charges of assault and uttering threats were laid on November 27th against Cst. Gregory Whalen, 47, an eight-year member of the RCMP. The charges are the result of an investigation that commenced on October 20, 2017, when a call to a residence in the Bible Hill area regarding an incident involving an off-duty police officer and a female known to him. RCMP determined the matter involved an allegation of domestic violence. Cst. Whalen is scheduled to make his first appearance in Truro Provincial Court on November 29th.

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America is not broken. Much as some might welcome new waterfront property, Nova Scotia becoming an island is something to avoid for all these reasons and more.

Taking steps to harden these assets against climate change while simultaneously working to reduce our greenhouse gas emis-

sions and hopefully curtail the long-term impacts are the twin goals that all levels of government and our communities must adopt.

I look forward to some productive meetings in the weeks ahead as we focus on adapting to climate change and ensuring that Nova Scotia remains Canada's favourite peninsula.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester.

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It is our goal to continue improving the park experience for Nova Scotia families.

It brings tourists to our shore, and it allows them to enjoy the natural beauty and rural hospitality we have to offer. Let me thank

the maintenance and administrative staff at the Park for providing a safe camping experience again this season.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North and Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia

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everyone is safe and accounted for.

Not only that, but when a firefighter returns to the command center to replenish their air tank or to rest, they are checked by some of the fire service first responders to check for levels of oxygen in the blood as well as blood pressure. Great program, well trained and with high priority placed on Firefighter safety.

On that subject,

Early in 2017 the Provincial Government commissioned a study to evaluate issues around the current Fire Service in N.S. That study has been completed and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities has issued a call for two municipally elected Volunteers to take part in a review of this report. The mandate of this committee will be to, review the findings of the report, to prioritize the issues to be addressed in the short term and long term and identify resources required to address these issues or Concerns.

I intend to seek a position on this committee.

Now we move to a subject you are likely tired of me talking about. Over the past 6 months I have Co-Chaired a committee made of Elected Municipal Councillors, Managers and Operators of Municipal Solid Waste Facilities, Representatives of N S Dept of Municipal Affairs, N S Environment and Divert NS. At the direction of the Minister of Environment we have developed a request for proposal for a study aimed at finding efficiency and cost saving in the solid waste system of Nova Scotia. This report will be absolutely critical as costs continue to rise and markets for recycled products dry up.

Every day it seems prices on recycled material continues to drop. Some municipalities are currently stockpiling recyclables, as they have no markets. We must find a way to provide R&D monies to entrepreneurs to develop sustainable methods and processes to better use these reclaimed materials in our normal course of business. Reduced revenues from recycled products is having a negative impact on municipal budgets.

Now some personal thoughts, it seems anything can be recycled, but at what cost? Who pays that cost? Yours Truly the tax

payer. I think a majority of our citizens believe in recycling, even feel good about recycling. I know I do. However, I do not believe we recognize the true cost of this. I know I do not, and I am more involved on this subject than any other on our council. This is one of the issues which has caught my attention, while other councillors would be more involved on other issues. Regardless, I am involved and still do not fully understand the cost of these services.

With that in mind I have asked staff, both Director of Solid Waste and Director of Finance provide Council with a very detailed analysis of the cost and the value of the service provided for every aspect of our waste management.

This will include, baling and burying solid waste, disposal of construction and demolition materials, composting, disposal of biosolids from wastewater treatment plants and recycling.

Now I have two reasons for today's article. First is to provide those interested with some detailed info on these subjects and secondly because I have recently been questioned by a resident as to my activities as councillor.

The question was "why do you run all over the place spending his money, and why do I not just stay home and do my council job." For me the answer is simple, I want to know details. I want to know that when I vote on a budget or a program, my decisions are fact based and I understand fully the impact they will have both financially and socially on our communities. I want to be in a position to advance policy that will benefit the residents of West Colchester and not just those living in the Urban Centers

All too often decisions are made as a result of consultant's reports that may be well meaning, but are produced by folks who are not actively involved and do not have a true understanding of the actual situation on the ground or a true understanding of the financial and social impact of those living in our small rural communities.

That's it for this month. I want to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

Tom Taggart is councillor for Colchester District 10

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area who was installed during meetings earlier this month as president of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

As the novice councillor, I'll sit back and digest all I can about council. However, I am here to serve the residents of District 9.

Please contact me with any of your concerns and suggestions. I will do my utmost to serve you the best of my ability.

Bob Pash is the newly elected councillor of Colchester District 9

Pash Gets Committee Appointments

By Maurice Rees

A special meeting of Colchester Council was held on November 6th primarily for the purpose of swearing in of newly elected councillor-designate, Bob Pash. The short meeting was held at 5:45 pm, prior to council's monthly presentation night.

At the outset, Rob Simonds, CAO issued a declaration that under the Municipal Elections Act, Bob Pash had been elected to serve the balance of the four year term of former councillor, Doug MacInnes who

had been elected in October 2016.

After being sworn in by Mayor Christine Blair, and taking his seat, the third and final item on the agenda was a report from the nominating committee, which had been held on October 30th. Council approved the committee report which appointed Councillor Pash to the Livestock Control Appeals Committee; the Planning Advisory Committee; Sewer Use Appeals Committee; the Debert Source Water Protection Committee and the EnviroSystems Community Liaison Committee.

An additional committee appointment was Councillor Cavanaugh to the Dangerous and Unightly Premises Committee.





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