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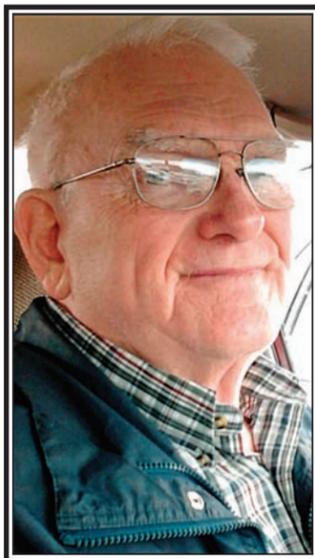
STRESS RELIEF - Royal Canadian Corps Of Signals Prayer
 Almighty God whose messengers go forth in every age giving light and understanding, grant that we of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals who spread the word of man to man may be swift and sure in sending the message of thy truth into all the world. May we serve thee faithfully and, with the help of thy Holy Spirit, make such success of our soldierly duties on this earth that we may be found worthy to receive the crown of life hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The television series, Cavendish, produced by Cavendish NS Productions Limited, has been approved for a funding commitment of \$958,149 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$3,361,926 through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. More details about productions approved for incentives through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund are available on the NSBI website at <http://www.nsbi.ca/filmfunding>

Andy's Tire Shop has purchased A-1 Tires from the Atkinson family. A-1 had just celebrated its 40th Anniversary. There will be plenty of new faces in the new year as several members of the Atkinson family are leaving. Earle is finished on December 31st, brother Ross and his wife Sandra are also leaving. Earle indicated the remainder of the staff, including brother, Joe will be staying. Andrew Pye is president Andy's Tire Shop, while Craig MacKenzie is general manager.

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DAVID M'COLOUGH LUNDIE 62 years a Fire Fighter; 24 as Chief



Dave Lundie, 80, the veteran Great Village Fire Fighter of 62 years, of which 24 were as chief, passed away suddenly on November 24th. He continued as chief until his passed, even though in recent years he continued his leadership from a wheelchair, when in public.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 28 from 1pm until time of Fire-fighter Tribute Service at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Great Village Fire Brigade.

Please see complete obituary on Page 32.

Solar Energy Program Possible in 2019

By Maurice Rees

A residential solar energy program may be coming to Colchester in time for the 2019 construction season. Council committee approved a recommendation to Council to accept the proposal of Supernova Energy Solutions and that staff begin to design a 'Solar Colchester' program to encourage the installation of Solar PV systems in Colchester during a meeting on November 15th.

The decision was made fol-

lowing an update to council by Crawford MacPherson, Director Community Services, who stated an RFP has closed and five submissions were received. One was submitted after the deadline and disqualified. A second one took a different approach from the RFP and did not score well.

The remaining three proposals all have experience with solar PV projects and all included electrical contractors with "red seal" certified electricians that have experience

with PV installations. Proposal three was disjointed and did not clearly indicate the role and relationship between their company and others



mentioned in the proposal. This proposal had the highest property evaluation and design fee at \$650.

After analysis of the submissions, staff recommended proceeding with Supernova Energy Solutions.

With Council approving the recommendation, staff would work with Supernova to design a program and present to Council prior to implementation if desired. The program would be rolled out in the Spring of 2019 for the 2019 construction season.

Program design would include marketing and educational materials, workshops in partnership with Solar Nova Scotia and administrative paperwork such as application forms and agreements.

Property owners can get
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BEWARE! Trouble on Highway 104!

By Maurice Rees

If the weather is unpredictable and you are travelling on Hwy 104 via the Cobequid Pass, BEWARE. Don't expect any warnings on either of the two overhead highway signs located approximately 2.8 km west of Oxford (Exit 6) interchange and 1.75 km west of Debert (Exit 13) interchange. They are out of order.

It may take approximately \$150,000 to correct and undetermined amount of time. NSTIR representative, Troy Webb, District Director, told CBC Radio on November 20th, the department may have to hard wire the signs with fibre cable to get the signs operational and it may take up to \$150,000 to do so.

During a recent early winter storm when the Cobequid Pass was not safe to drive, electronic billboards on Highway 104 that could've given motorists advance warning that a section of the Cobequid Pass was shut down during Tuesday's storm were out of order. That resulted in several motorists being stranded on the highway for several hours.

Councillor Tom Taggart added the highway problems to the council committee meeting in mid-November stating he had calls from constituents some of whom were held up for several hours when the highway was

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Brady Langille-Higgins, accompanied by his younger brother, Lochlan lay a wreath on behalf of the Great Village Elementary School at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Londonderry Community Centre.

See the Shoreline Journal's collection of Remembrance Day photos on pages 10 through 16.

Council Meets to Review Strategic Priorities

By Maurice Rees

During a special council committee meeting held on Monday, October 22nd, Colchester Council discussed several matters concerning Strategic Priorities. Minutes from the special October 22nd meeting, included in the council package for monthly committee meeting scheduled for November 15th, indicated the purpose of the purpose of the meeting was to review the Municipality's Strategic Priorities.

A check of incoming emails from the municipal office revealed notification of the October 22nd and a subsequent meeting on October 29th was not forthcoming. (Normally,

council staff have been very diligent in advising of upcoming meetings).

Since the meeting was held to discuss council's Strategic Priorities, Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, provided a brief introduction which included a review of the list of priorities as previously approved by Council, as well as a brief overview of the process for the meeting. Directors and staff would provide updates on their operational priorities, removing items that have been completed and providing opportunity to bring forward new items.

In his overview, Simonds said "it is important to keep in

mind organizational capacity, such as core/fundamental services, when adding items to the list of priorities. Once this process is completed, there will no longer be the one-page update included in the monthly Council package. The intent is to distribute a varied form of updates, most likely on a quarterly basis, with a written synopsis on progresses to date".

Discussion was held on having flexibility to change the priorities, either by adding and removing items. The CAO advised that Council would have flexibility, possibly during the annual or bi-annual review

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