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Open Data Portal adds new datasets to help grow the economy by using provincial government data made available through the open data portal. The new datasets can be used to support research and commercial applications. New datasets include: details on community-based renewable energy projects funded through the Community Feed-in Tariff Program; data from Develop Nova Scotia's pedestrian counters on the Halifax waterfront data on usage and payments through provincial government dental programs and tourism statistics on visitors to Nova Scotia by road and monthly visitors to provincial visitor information centres. Open data portal: <http://data.novascotia.ca>

This year, there are 26 successful applicants to the province's Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Program. These non-profit organizations can now add solar electricity systems to their buildings and sell the energy generated to their local electricity utility under a 20-year contract. Community buildings projects can generate up to 75 kilowatts of electricity. Applicants propose a price per kilowatt hour. Clean Foundation independently evaluates submissions and selects the successful projects. 71 projects totalling 3.8 megawatts of electricity have been approved over the past three years; solar energy use in Nova Scotia has grown by about 300 per cent over the past two years and just over a year ago, there were 13 approved solar installers in the province. Today, there are 57 businesses and hundreds of new jobs. Program website and list of recipients: <https://novascotia.ca/solar/solar-electricity-community-buildings.asp>

Farmers Markets are getting into the holiday season with two special events: Christmas Market Friday November 29, Truro Farmers' Market, Truro and Christmas Market, Friday December 6, 2-6pm, Earltown Farmers' Market, Earltown.

Government has launched an online survey to ask Nova Scotians what they think about open adoption records. The online survey will be available until Jan. 3. In-person public engagement sessions will also be scheduled around the province this fall. Locations and dates for the sessions will be announced shortly. Nova Scotians wishing to participate in the engagement sessions can take the online survey and for more information, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/adoption-records-consultation/> Nova Scotians can also choose to submit their feedback to adoption.records@novascotia.ca.

Questions about specific adoption records should be directed to the Adoption Disclosure Services Program by calling 902-424-2755 or by writing to: Adoption Disclosure Services Program, Halifax District Office - Child Welfare, 103 Garland Avenue, Dartmouth, NS B3B 0K5.

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I plan to continue visiting communities throughout the riding, meeting and talking with residents in order to build a positive vision together so that our region can grow stronger for all for many generations to come.

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Lenore Zann is Member of Parliament-elect for Cumberland-Colchester. She will be sworn-in, as the new MP, in late November.

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this re-use campaign and their focus on reducing the amount of Plastic leaving their store. Another Nova Scotia based Company playing a leadership role in reducing waste. I do not want to appear to promote a certain company, but my involvement in solid waste and recycling provincially keeps me informed and in the loop and Sobeys is also involved in at least one other waste reduction pilot project, and once again deserves a tip of the hat.

While remaining on the single use bag theme, I expect most of you are aware The Province of Nova Scotia passed legislation to ban single use plastic bags. This legislation passed on Oct 30 2019 and will come into effect in 1 year. Much has been said and many have switched to reusable bags over the past couple of years. However, we have a long way to go to adjust before the ban comes in place.

First to say I am one of the offenders for lack of a better word. I always have reusable bags in the car, but more often than not I forget them in the car. One Saturday evening two weeks ago I sat

in the foyer of Sobeys selling poppies and decided to track the number of customers using plastic. This is a long way from being scientific, because of course I spent a lot of time talking and selling poppies. However, I would estimate only one in every twelve used reusable bags. I do not think this is showing a lack of concern for the planet, but lack of training ourselves to take the bags with us.

On the Municipal side it has been a fairly busy month, but nothing really noteworthy. Spent four days in meetings in Halifax on Municipal solid waste, three days at annual meeting of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities along with other Municipal duties. The last week of November I am heading to Ottawa for FCM meetings and along with my colleagues beginning the process of advocating on behalf of Rural Municipalities to the new government.

Do not view this as me complaining. I actually enjoy this very much and appreciate the opportunities you have given me.

Tom

Tom Taggart is Municipal Councillor for Colchester District 10.

Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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ing the Amherst Armouries and we are all in agreement that something must be done to save this historic landmark.

In closing, as the local Member of Parliament, along with the former MP Casey, provincial MLA Smith-Mc-

Crossin, the non-profit organization Amherst Armouries Plus Society, and the NS Heritage Trust, I would sincerely request that we be given the opportunity to discuss the future of the Amherst Armoury with you and any other representatives from the Department of

Defence regarding our desire to acquire, preserve, and repurpose the building for imminent and ongoing future events.

Thank you for your time. I keenly await your response to Ms Smith-McCrossin's request to hold a fundraising gala in

the Armoury for a great cause this New Year's (I for one would love to attend) and for a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
**Lenore Zann, MP-elect
Cumberland Colchester**

Community Workshop gets \$100,000

By Maurice Rees

Councillor Mike Cooper was elected alternate chair of council for a period of one year on October 30th. Councillor Boutilier who was alternate chair last year, decided to vacate the position. In February, council made changes to council proceedings and committee policy, increasing the position from one to two years, which is the same as deputy mayor, but this position handled last year was for one year, so it needed to be visited again.

When roll call was held, Councillors Bill Masters was the only absentee. Minutes from meetings held on September 26, 2019 were approved. Council approve the 2019-2020 capital budget with the following amendments: Changing the sidewalk in

Hilden from Avalon to Edward Avenue in 22/23 to Highway 2 to Upham's Family Outlet in 21/22; and, adding a sidewalk from Upham's Family Outlet to the Town line in 22/23."

Other approved items from the September 26th meeting included:

Funding to the Colchester Community Workshop in the amount of \$20,000 per year for five years, subject to proper agreements being in place.

Start time for Council Committee and Council meetings be changed to begin at 6 pm, agenda review time changed to 9 pm, and completion of meetings be by 10 pm.

Proceeding with a phased approach to the drainage issue on Teakwood Court, acknowledging the work would be carried out on private property

and would require legal agreements and potential easements.

Extend the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Boundary to include the Fundy Discovery Site.

Three-Year operating budgets for Tatamagouche and Debert Water Utility for (2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22) as presented.

Ten items approved at the October 12th committee meeting were brought forward to October 30 monthly meeting for ratification included:

Council approves the amendments to the Council Proceedings and Committees Policy, as presented.

Council not contribute funding assistance for Brookfield Sportsplex annual financial review.

Council adopted amendments to the Policy for Municipal Fees, the Livestock Control Bylaw Impoundment Fees Policy and Sewer Use Policy as presented and proceed to First Reading for amendments to affected By-laws at the next regular meeting of Council.

The snow plowing contract for the Debert Airport for the 2019/20 winter season be awarded to Ian Sinclair Contracting.

Tipping fees in the amount of \$2,535 for the Five Islands Cemetery be waived; and, if necessary, tipping fees for any additional materials related to the clean up also be waived.

Hosting the 2020 Atlantic Mayors Congress scheduled for April 16, 17, and 18.

Staff determine the taxation amount for the billing error for the Glenholme property (PID # 20134490) for the two-year period; and a refund be issued for this amount.

Council supports the Chief Administrative Officer's participation in the Jordan Mission

from November 14-22, 2019.

Council approves that contract services as discussed in Closed Session be terminated, effective immediately.

Entering into a contract with Wilson's Security for the purposes of supplying and installing security cameras at the Fundy Discovery Site; Reallocating any surplus capital funds from the site security initiative which will be used to improve site lighting; Investigating the costs of ongoing site surveillance services for the Fundy Discovery Site and request staff to advise Council on a recommended approach and vendor in the near future; and Maintaining washroom services at the Fundy Discovery Site until November 17, 2019.

In the several pages on council and committee proceedings approved by council, there were two points, which in the past have not been enforced by the chair:

No Member may speak more than twice, without the leave of the Council, on any motion except to explain a misconception of his or her remarks, but the mover of a motion shall have the right to reply and sum up in closing the debate.

No Member shall speak more than ten minutes upon any matter at one time, without the leave of the Council.

Council approved first reading of by-laws concerning: Central Colchester Land Use By-law; Subdivision By-law; Land Lease By-law; Adult Entertainment By-law; Commercial Dog Care and Kennel Facility By-law; Building Code By-law; Solid Waste By-law, Construction and Demolition By-law, Solar Colchester

PACE By-law, and Septic Waste Disposal By-law. Second reading and discussion will be held at the November 28 council meeting.

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