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December 2022

The December Colchester Committee meeting has been rescheduled from December 8th to December 15th at 7:00 pm during which employee long service awards will be presented. Several members from council will be returning from an FCM meeting on the 8th.

A Gospel, Country and Christmas Music Jamboree will be held Saturday, December 3 from 2-4 pm at the former Baptist Church, 5692, Hwy 2, Bass River. Music Groups will include: Russell and Sandra McCallum and Jim Yorke; John and Joyce Willems and Shirley and David Teasdale and Lisa Hallett. Admission: \$7.00 per person for a great 2-hour show. Lots of parking, pews are cushioned and comfortable, handicap accessible with ramps outside and inside. Canteen service will be available offering refreshments and snacks. All proceeds go to maintenance and heat of the church. Wearing of a mask is your choice! (Unless required by gov't). Questions, call David Teasdale @ 902-893-0823

The "Understanding Grief" workshop scheduled to take place at the Economy Recreation Centre on Nov. 17 was cancelled. Once a new date and time have been confirmed, Mandy Moore, Community Health Board Coordinator, Along the Shore CHB will share on our social media page: www.facebook.com/ATSCHB



The sun reflects off the poppies in Londonderry on this unusually warm Remembrance Day in Central Nova Scotia.

Check out our coverage of Remembrance Day services from Truro throughout West Colchester on pages 12-13, and 18 to 23, and for Parrsboro in the South Cumberland News on page 2. (Harrington Photo)

A Wooden Bridge

By Maurice Rees

A wooden bridge could be constructed in Bass River according to information MLA Tom Taggart has confirmed in his column appearing on Page 5 in this issue. Design is not known, but a similar wooden bridge over the Nappan River, Cumberland County was opened in January 2020, and was named after Roger Bacon, prominent Amherst area politi-

cian.

Construction of a new bridge in Bass River in 2024-2025 was confirmed when NSTIR's five year plan for highway and bridge was released early in 2022. The first official details about the new bridge, in the Shoreline Journal, was contained in MLA Tom Taggart's monthly column in the March 2022 issue. Nine months after he outlined three

options in his March 2022 monthly column, he is reporting major progress, which will have less negative impact on the community.

Most of the information in the next few paragraphs are extracted from MLA Taggart's column located on Page 5 of this issue. Taggart stated, I have been in regular contact with Public Works Minister and senior staff. The three options

sented earlier were predicated on a concrete Bridge and the elevations required.

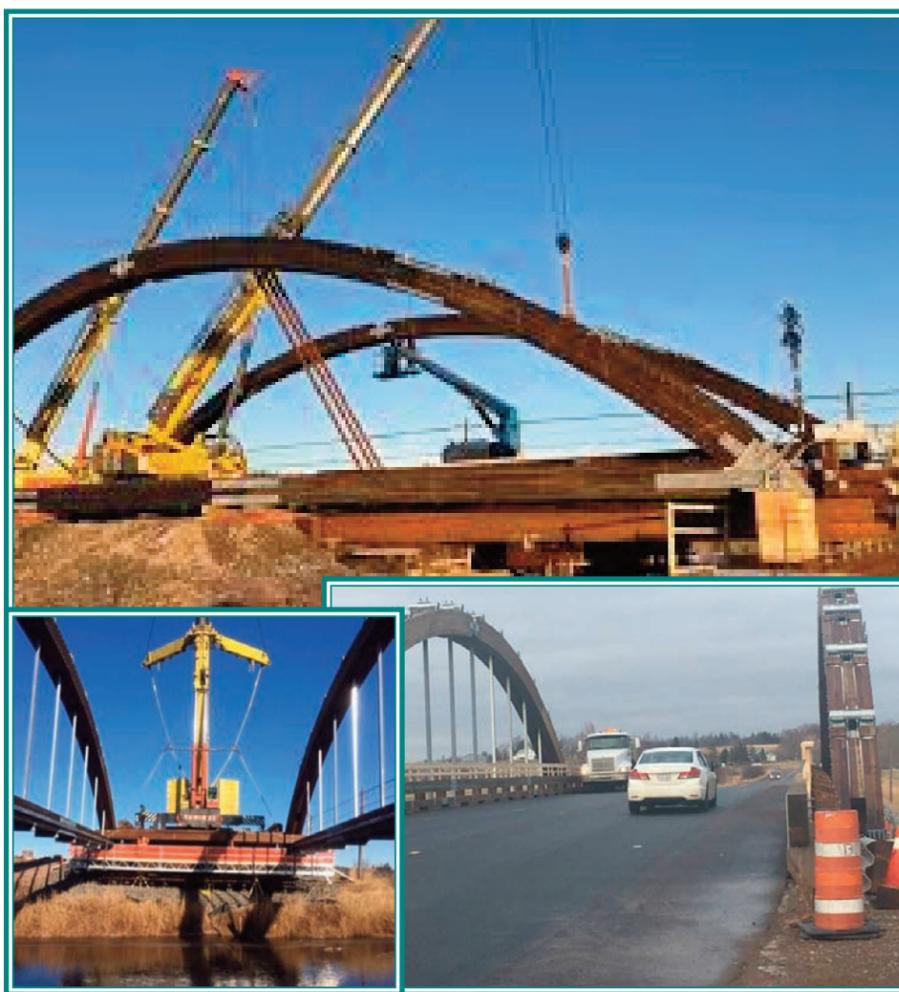
I am very pleased to advise Public works staff has provided me with what I will call a "bit of a compromise" - A wooden arched bridge. Given the area's history, I actually am very pleased with the idea of a modern bridge constructed of wood in Bass River.

Taggart continues, The clear fact is that the existing bridge must be replaced. I was initially presented with three options.

Option 1 was to replace the existing bridge in the same location. Given the fact any new bridge structure must meet new standards with respect to flooding and climate change. Most notably any new bridge must span a minimum of twice the current channel width and must be a certain height above the current stream bed. To meet both these requirements and to allow Maple Avenue to intersect trunk 2 would mean the demolition of Dominion Chair.

Option 2 would be to the downstream side, remove the feed store and the Elliott house. This would work except in order to intersect

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Cranes have completed installation the exterior arches and putting the deck in position. (Google Images) Insets: Built at a cost of \$3-Million the new wooden Nappan bridge superstructure, to be named after Roger Bacon, is ready for the decking. These photos were originally published on Page 1 of South Cumberland News, February 2020 issue. (Google Images)

No Buses for Students

By Maurice Rees

Apparently school buses are not transporting students to school every day the schools are open. "Buses not running everyday" was an item Councillor Victoria Lomond added to Colchester Committee meeting on November 9th.

Lomond, who lives in Londonderry, works in Truro and still finds time to serve her community as a municipal councillor for Colchester District 10. When she starts her work day, she anticipates her children will get transported to school via the school bus system.

When introducing the matter, Lomond said in one month classes were open 18 days, but on seven of those days, buses in her area did not pick up stu-

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Cliffs of Fundy nabs \$265,000 Non-Repayable Funding

By Maurice Rees

The Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark Society has received \$265,000 in non-repayable funding to enable the Society to implement the priority recommendations made by the UNESCO Global Geoparks evaluators to improve the visitor experience and ensure the site upholds the highest standards required to maintain its UNESCO designation.

ACOA supported the Society's initial application process to become a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2017, which was a multi-year effort, leading to the successful designation in 2020.

The Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark has more than 40

impressive geosites within a 165-kilometer drive. In order to maintain the UNESCO designation, certain obligations must be met by all UNESCO Geoparks, including providing sustainable economic opportunities for business owners, providing education and interpretation, promoting conservation, and exploring and celebrating the region's culture, ideally by tying it to the landscape.

On October 31 the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for ACOA, announced non-repayable federal contributions totaling \$265,000 to the Cliffs

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