

TRURO Remembrance Day

Photos by Linda Harrington



Many Veterans were saluted on the flags throughout Truro in memory of those who served. Pictured is Simon Edward Fraser of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion.



Six veterans from the Second World War marshalled the Remembrance Day parade in a stretch limousine on Prince Street in Truro on November 11th.



Representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Truro Police Service, Truro Fire Brigade and Air, Sea and Army cadet programs were in full color and marched to the Cenotaph on Prince Street for Remembrance Day ceremonies.



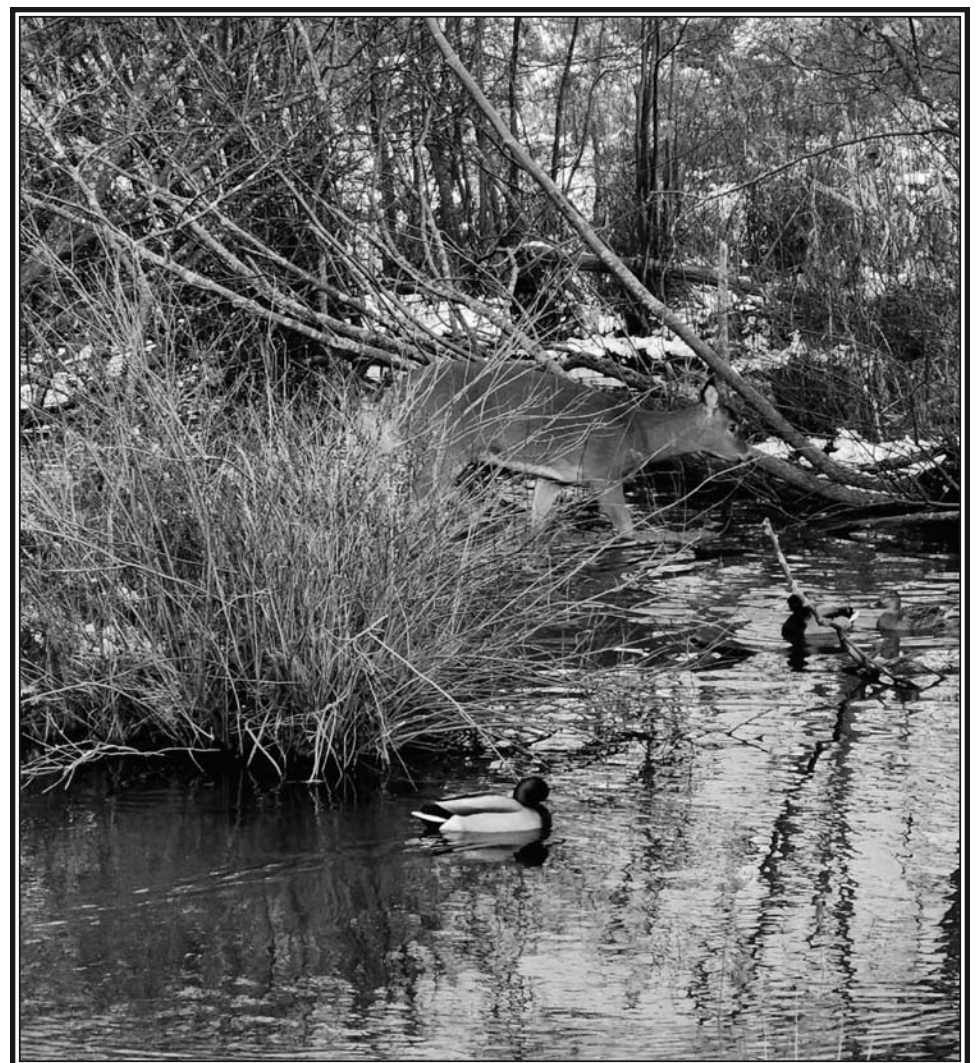
Wreaths laid in memory of soldiers who fought in past wars at the Cenotaph on Prince Street in Truro.



The sound of the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums band filled the air as the band marched to Civic Square on Prince Street for Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11th.



Pictured from the left is Gerry Hale, Executive Member, sitting is Bill MacLeod and on right, Grant O'Laney both past Presidents of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26. Gerry Hale and Grant O'Laney assisted in the hosting of the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11th at the Cenotaph on Prince Street in Truro.



"I ate my lunch at Kiwanis Pond today had four beautiful visitors!" Liza Madore

A Wooden Bridge

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Maple avenue and Trunk 2 at a minimum angle of 70 degrees (90 degrees is what is called for but 70 degree is minimum) would put Maple Ave right on the edge of or possible within the current physical structure of the store. That is not workable. I have asked Public Works to actually re-survey that and mark the actual road shoulder on the pavement in front of the store so I could visualize it. That will be done in the next 2 weeks.

Option 3 which is not very pleasing to many is to come off trunk 2 on the upstream side cut across the parking lot at the Veterans Memorial Park; relocate existing entrance, the flower garden and the stone monument and part of the existing parking lot. Should this happen Public Works is committed to replacing anything removed, doubling the size of the parking lot and building a decorative wall along the new entrance. I want to be very clear, none of the memorial trees will be touched in any way!!

However, under option 3 the Loggers park will be dramatically affected. The road would go exactly where the current mill sets and come to a stop at a 90 degree intersection on Maple Ave. This option is not very popular with anyone.

Taggart went on to explain, if the bridge had continued with concrete construction the bridge girders would have been approximately 7 feet height of girder to span twice the channel, as well as, the requirement from the bottom of the girder to stream bed. This created the need to raise the road elevation considerably (approximately 9 feet) and creating the challenges over by the store.

In addition to fitting in with the area's history, Taggart explains some of the advantages and how there will be less severe impact on the community. Most importantly the wooden arch, while still meeting the required stream bed height and increased span, will

lower the elevations considerably.

I have not seen the actual drawings yet, but I am told it will permit the entrance to the bridge to almost miss the Veterans Park, but will still have significant impact on the Loggers Park. I do however believe, with support from those involved in the Loggers park we can incorporate changes that will mitigate any negative impact.

This new wooden arch bridge concept will still require a 90 degree intersection and a stop sign on Trunk 2 but will to some degree solve most of the negative impact. With respect to the stop sign, when I think of all the speeding complaints I have had over the years, concerning the approaches to the bridge and in the center of the community, a stop sign may very well address that to some degree.

This option is NOT FIRM at this time, but it does look very promising. I will be speaking with Minister Masland and senior staff over the next few weeks and hope to confirm by next article.

Over the last nine months, the Shoreline Journal has tried to get information concerning the new bridge. After an exchange of emails to the NSTIR communications group, the following is the reply, received from Deborah Bayer, Communications Advisor, Department of Public Works on November 3, 2022: "The replacement of the Bass River Bridge is a complex project due to its close proximity to the Loggers and Woodworkers Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Dominion Chair Factory store and an historic warehouse. We are working with stakeholders as we continue the design process of the project and expect to have the final design completed in early 2023. From there, we will determine next steps".

Now we don't have to wait for NSTIR's Deborah Bayer to provide information, local MLA Taggart has indicated he expects to have more information for the next issue.

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