

OBITUARIES

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SMITH, Michael Thomas "Smitty" – 62, Murray Siding. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Michael Thomas Smith announces his recent passing. On November 16, 2022, Mike passed peacefully at Colchester East Hants Health Centre surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer. Mike grew up in Londonderry and was the second born of five sons to Barbara (MacLeod) and Foster Smith. Mike was predeceased by his grandparents, and his father, Foster. He is survived by his mother, Barb Smith, Truro; brothers, Wade (Cindy) Smith, Londonderry; Stephen (Beth) Smith, Londonderry; Lee Smith, Halifax; Shannon (Connie) Smith, Great Village. Also surviving are his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. As a young man, Mike married Wendy (Shay) and together they welcomed their daughter, Janine Smith, Renfrew and son, Justin Smith, Ottawa. Mike later married Lynda (Ellis) and welcomed another daughter, Alyson Smith, Truro, and son, Adam Smith, Halifax. Mike gained two more daughters, Amanda Arsenault, Truro and Lindsay Cassidy, Greenfield when he met the love of his life, Twila MacPherson, Murray Siding. Mike was a proud 'Grumpy' to all of his grandchildren: Dakota Smith, Pacey Smith, Ethan Smith, Parker Smith, Brandin Arsenault, Colby Arsenault, Levi Upham, Jack Upham, and baby Axel Blair. Mike recently became a great grandfather to baby Daisy Mae Smith. A celebration of life was held Saturday, November 26, at Londonderry Community Hall. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallyvarnerfh.com

STEPHENS, Isabel Marguerite – Truro, passed away on November 17, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Isabel was born in Copper Lake, Antigonish County in 1929, a daughter of the late Arthur and Olive Sutherland. Isabel is survived by her children, Stephanie (David), Donald Jr. (Wanda), and Robert; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Donald Stephens who died in a plane crash in 1972 and her son, Tom who passed away in Beijing, China in 2017. Isabel was the last surviving member of her family of three brothers and a sister. Isabel attended high school at Mount Saint Bernard in Antigonish. She moved to Ottawa with her sister in the 1940's and worked at a law office while attending night school at Carleton University. She came to Truro to attend her sister's wedding after which she secured employment as a bank teller at the Royal Bank. Isabel was crowned Miss Truro 1950 and married Donald the same year, moving on to raise their four children in Truro as well. In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations to the VON in recognition of the incredible support they provided to not only their family, but to many families. There will be no visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

EDI Committee – Job Posting Statement Approved

By Maurice Rees

During Colchester Council's Committee meeting on November 9th, Devin Trefry presented a recommendation from the EDI Committee. The purpose of the recommendation is to seek approval on an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) statement for internal/external job postings as recommended by the EDI Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to support the Municipality of Colchester's values and expectations to ensure all staff and the public are treated and served equitably and doing the utmost to build a workplace that is respectful, diverse, and inclusive by providing an environment recognizing the dignity and uniqueness of all individuals.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) is important to an organization's hiring and retention efforts. By adding an EDI statement to job postings, the Municipality will communicate its commitment to improving diversity within the organization, and to making opportunities more equal, and inclusive.

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee discussed on a number of occasions, at meetings and through email communications, various versions for

Converting Tata School to Residential

By Maurice Rees

When all the approvals and permits are in order the former Tatamagouche Elementary School will be converted into residential housing following a public meeting held at the start of Colchester's Municipal Council meeting on October 27th.

In a September 17, 2021

letter from Alan McNutt, President, Tata Holdings Inc explained the company has purchased the former school and were planning to divide the property into two parcels. The new lot T123A would comprise the actual school fronting on Church Street and be renovated to accommodate twenty one single storey

residential units within the existing building. The footprint of the school would remain the same.

Second lot T123B comprising the remainder of the original property will be held in abeyance for future development of duplexes and fourplexes. This development would front onto Blair Avenue. McNutt's letter indicated company executives had attended meetings of Tatamagouche Village Council, who have approved the company's plan.

In a memo dated August 17, 2022, municipal planner,

Pam McIntosh, stated she had been advised there were changes to the original configuration of units in the school property. There will now be five, 1 bedroom apartments and sixteen, 2 bedroom apartments, still totaling 21 units. Twelve of these units will be considered affordable through the provincial Affordable Housing Development Program instead of 6 units. Additionally, the roof design will now be a gable roof instead of a hip roof.

The October 27th public meeting was required for the MPS/LUB Amendment and Development Agreement and was approved by Colchester Council.

Boil Water Advisory Update - Lower Truro Bottle Filling

By Maurice Rees

In a notice dated November 22, 2022 on Colchester's website (www.colchester.ca) the following advisory was posted at the top of the home page from an original posting dated November 3, 2022. The parts required to repair the UV light at the Water Fill Station on Highway 236 are expected to arrive in 2 weeks. The UV light is required to kill any bacteria that may be in the water. At present we cannot guarantee the water will be bacteria-free.

In the meantime, the boil water order is still in effect for this site. Consumers are advised to boil all water for at least 1 minute after it reaches a rolling boil, before drinking, preparing infant formulas, preparing juices and ice cubes, washing fruits and vegetables, cooking, dental hygiene or any other activity that may result in human consumption.

Sampling at this site has not detected any bacterial contamination and the boil order is precautionary. The Municipality and Nova Scotia Environment are continuing to monitor the water quality closely and are working in close consultation.

For further information regarding this notice call the Municipality of Colchester, Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.



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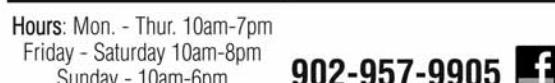
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