

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

Additional Support for Municipalities – Deadline Dec 13

More funding to help eligible municipalities grow their communities and build for the future is now available. Applications opened on November 1, for the new Municipal Capital Growth Program. This one-time program represents a \$32-million investment in municipalities and is designed to support priority infrastructure projects to serve Nova Scotia's growing population.

The program is also open to villages. Project approvals and funding amounts will be tied to addressing provincial priorities in the following categories: water and wastewater - projects can include construction, expansion and/or renewal of facilities for the treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage; sanitary sewage collection systems; water intake and treatment; pumping and storage facilities; water transmission and distribution systems; and storm sewer separation and infrastructure which reduces/eliminates combined sewer overflows; accessibility - capital projects required to comply with the Accessibility Act, projects supported by accessibility plans, or accessibility improvements to municipal infrastructure including sidewalks and active transportation; brownfield redevelopment - including demolition, remediation and earthworks as required to enable residential development and extension of services to remediate vacant or underutilized land and climate change adaptation - including capital project recommendations from climate hazard/risk assessments, coastal and inland flooding adaptations, and emergency preparedness around water and storage.

The program will fund up to 50 per cent of costs for eligible projects. Funding priority will be given to applications that help communities address critical capacity issues, expand their services, build more accessible and adaptable communities, and restore contaminated land to allow for future development.

The program website, which includes application forms, is <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-support-municipal-infrastructure-projects-municipal-capital-growth-program>. The deadline for applications is December 13.

Calling for Coastal Protection Act implementation

Twelve Nova Scotian municipalities have joined the call for the province to fully implement the long-awaited Coastal Protection Act (CPA) regulations. Six municipalities have signed on to a joint statement with the Ecology Action Centre, while another seven municipalities have sent their own letters demanding immediate action from the Nova Scotia government to protect coastal communities and ecosystems by implementing the CPA regulations.

"It's clear that the Houston government is quite content to shirk their responsibilities with the Coastal Protection Act and pass them on to municipalities," says Will Balser, coastal adaptation coordinator with the EAC. "Municipalities are realizing they will be stuck doing the province's job for them, including shouldering labour and financial costs for something that should have been done ages ago. It's no wonder they are upset by this."

An online CPA consultation survey that the province targeted toward coastal property owners wraps up tomorrow, but delays to the act's implementation will continue. In August of this year, the province announced that the CPA - which passed with full support from all parties in 2019 - would be delayed until July 2025 at the earliest, and that in the meantime municipalities could pass their own bylaws to make up for the delay. Balser says this puts unfair pressure on municipalities.

Tree for Boston Cutting Ceremony in Stewiacke

Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton attended the Tree for Boston cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 15. The event took place at the property of the tree donors, the Gourley family, 680 Hwy. 2, Stewiacke. Community members attended and Elder Joe Michael from Indian Brook First Nation will perform a smudging ceremony before the tree was cut.

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News from our Federal Capital - Dr. Stephen Ellis *Continued from page 5*

Here are two samples of the reckless \$150-million pay-the-contract-in-advance fiasco, that brought Canadians to write on my Facebook page, DrsDEllis:

Donna Harper - Another Trudeau scandal and waste of taxpayer money. Hopefully, taxpayers will get answers.

Issy Graham - He doesn't make these decisions alone ... we need to make all involved accountable ... the house of cards needs to fall.

More unwarranted waste

The second boondoggle involves another Liberal/NDP coalition contract with a company that created ArriveCan, a Covid traveler's information app that became known as ArriveScam. It cost Canadians \$55 million, and it's alleged to have been created by two guys working in a basement over the course of a weekend. The app was subsequently shipped out to other companies, that also received pieces of the \$55-million pie. The app was fraught with so many deficiencies that even Justin Trudeau was scratching his head about the waste of money. Nothing has been done to retrieve the \$55M.

The third fiasco is the Trudeau government's policy of dispensing free drugs to addicts. This has created an underground drug user industry that enables big profits to be made through sale of these easy-to-access and free opioids. A Conservative government would immediately put an end to this practice and transfer the money to create addiction centres that would treat afflicted drug users.

We tried to address the urgency of this opioid overdose crisis at the Health Committee level. We have colleagues on the other side of the House who know this is a tremendously important topic, wanting to interrupt the Conservative call for action. I think that this is baseless, it is juvenile and inappropriate disruption of the committee, that we know are being brought forward by the Liberal government to attempt to hide this disgraceful scheme.

We know it, everybody knows it and it is painful to watch.

Canadians are now uncovering the abscess that exists in our country, as demonstrated by the Liberal government. They need to grow up and decide on what side of history they want to be.

Further, the NDP-Liberal Coalition sponsored drug experiment is the leading cause of death for young people aged 10 to 18. I have three grown children and two grandchildren. This scares the daylights out of me because this is not just in Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal. It's in every town and village across Canada.

We know the NDP member of this committee is a full-blown supporter of drug decriminalization, and the Liberals have a boss in the PMO bent on free supply.

Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) expansion is alarming

As I have indicated, Trudeau is giving away opioids to addicts, free of charge, as his solution to the drug epidemic in Canada.

He is saying, don't worry about this, because when you are addicted to these opioids that the NDP-Liberal coalition is giving away, in this crazed experiment ... what are they going to do? They are going to kill you.

As the Liberals want to extend "Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)" to drug addicts. It is nonsense to continue to allow the

News from our Municipal Council - Victoria Lomond, District 10 *Continued from page 5*

I am not naive in understanding that the most recent proposed Wind Project (details can be found at https://everwindfuels.com/projects/phase_one_power) puts Colchester and its residents in line to benefit economically in many ways, to which I will not speak on, because at this point how that money could be spent is complete speculation.

This amendment was not about the Everwind/RES project specifically. It was about what YOU want for the county. It was about the county doing what the province has told us to do, without interference and confusion. It was about taking the time to create our Land Use By Laws carefully and intentionally. It was about the dozens (or more) of projects that could be in cue waiting the green light.

We most definitely need to begin relying on other sources of power. We have been told time and again that Colchester has strong wind and excellent interconnectivity to the grid. When we are ready with our Municipal Planning Strategy in place, if Colchester County Residents wish it to be so, these projects will continue to come.

I heard all sorts of feedback on this situation, some interested, some positive, some unsure but undoubtedly the majority that I

propagation of medical assistance in dying, for a procedure which that was designed for those who had uncontrolled pain and with a reasonable foreseeable death ... now moving on to folks who are suffering from perhaps homelessness, or they can't find a job, they can't afford a house because of the inflation brought on by the Liberal government because they can't afford to feed themselves, put a roof over their heads and heat their home for the winter or because they are addicted to opioids.

This is clearly irresponsible thinking.

Axe the Tax for everyone

Trudeau Liberals were forced into removing the carbon tax on home heating oil, but they opted for a pause for a three-year period. That may have eased the crushing landscape of Atlantic Canadians choosing between food or heat, but it is only a small-measure. We are calling on Trudeau to cut the carbon tax for home heating to all Canadians. Not only that, the Conservative Party is fighting for total elimination of the carbon tax because it is clearly destroying our economy.

Farmers, for example, are facing economic ruin. They are in a perilous position of paying the 16-cents per litre tax on gasoline/diesel to run their farm equipment. Trucks used to transport food for processing or to retailers still pay tax on their gasoline/diesel.

Our agriculture industry in Cumberland-Colchester continues to be unfairly taxed by the Trudeau government, and in turn, sky-high food prices see consumers paying for food that has layers of tax from a farm gate to a dinner plate.

I continue to say, "Axe the Tax For Everyone!"

From my Facebook page, DrsDEllis, Patricia Jean Faddies writes: Go figure, how would they line their pockets without all that tax money? This is no surprise and, it shouldn't be a surprise to the Liberals when they are voted OUT.

Remembrance Day traditions continue

As a Canadian Armed Forces veteran, I daily remember those who valiantly served our country in times of conflict as well as in peacekeeping. We will always be indebted to these brave soldiers for their commitment to freedom for all Canadians. My staff and I were proud to attend pre-Remembrance Day services November 5 in Middle Stewiacke, Economy and Advocate Harbour. We were also present Remembrance Day at Londonderry, Debert, Amherst and Truro, where I laid a wreath at the Cenotaph of the Unknown Soldier. Lest We Forget.

Bits and bites

Over the past month, much of my time has been spent in Ottawa, limiting visits in the constituency.

I had the pleasure to attend Chantelle's 3rd Annual Cystic Fibrosis Pumpkin Blast in Masstown. The event raises thousands of dollars annually for CF research. I was also pleased to present a trophy at the Truro Raceway. It was the last race of the season.

The trophy was for the inaugural \$50,000 Inglis Jewellers Diamond Classic to the team of Chips of Evil, driven by Corey MacPherson and trainer Eddy Doucette representing the Inarush Stable of Kensington PEI.

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heard from were individuals not in support of moving forward with development blindly without having the greater county wide strategy in place. I have a duty to listen to my constituents, ALL of them- all walks of life, all socio-economic backgrounds, cultures, races and communities. This is why you have elected me.

I cannot assume the thoughts of the "silent majority" nor will I put words in the silent voices. I have asked in every way possible for feedback on our planning exercise and on the topic of wind development. For 2 years I have been on a soap box talking about wind.

I voted to pass second reading of the proposed amendments of the Wind Turbine Development By Law to "pause" because I was confident that I did my duty as an elected official on behalf of the people I represent. I listened, attended every information session I was able to and muddle through my own research. I wish there was a way to please everyone, but alas, that will never be the case. If you have comments, feedback or concerns please reach out.

As we move into the Holiday season, I wish you and yours joy, safety and happiness. Be kind to one another. I always enjoy speaking with you, contact me at vломond@colchester.ca or (902) 890-1493.

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