

Wentworth Gathering for Christmas Story



Pastor James Smith, Wentworth United Baptist Church, and Rev. Jean Ward, Wentworth United Church, cooperated to create a special Christmas program especially for the students at the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School and the community. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Pastor James Smith, minister of the Wentworth United Baptist Church, and Rev. Jean Ward, minister of the Wentworth United Church, cooperated to create a church service called "Gathering to Hear the Christmas Story" specifically for the students at the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School and to the community. The service was located at the Wentworth United Church which is situated at the near-by school.

After arrival of the students, Pastor James Smith talked of the importance of

Jesus to young people with His message of hope, peace, joy, and love. Rev. Jean Ward explained the significances

of the nativity scene displayed on the communion table.

The students participated in the service with two students reading scripture, four students each lighting one of the four candles of Advent, and all the students had the opportunity to answer questions. The students joined in the singing of three Christmas hymns: "Joy to the World," "Mary's Little Boy Child," and "Silent Night."

After the church service ended, the school principal Elizabeth Aikens invited all those present to a turkey dinner already prepared by staff and parents at the Wentworth school auditorium and being served at the tables by several members of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department.

UCW meets on February 10

By Christine Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 10th at Brunswick St. United Church in Truro. Registration is from 9:30 - 10am. The morning program will consist of a worship service, and some interesting programs.

In the afternoon there will be a business meeting and a memorial service for

those UCW ladies who have departed this earth during 2014. There will also be a short report from our Truro Presbyterial UCW Biennial Planning Committee on the upcoming Biennial in 2016 that Truro Presbyterial UCW are hosting.

Bring a bag lunch, lug a mug and come prepared for a great time!

Scotia Pool to get Municipal Budgeted Funds

By Maurice Rees

Three items were on the agenda at Colchester Municipal Council's presentation session held in council chambers on January 20th. First on the agenda was a presentation from Ms. Bower, Scotia Pool Society. She reported the society has negotiated a long term lease with the Province of Nova Scotia for the facility in Bible Hill; improved its financial position and plan improvements to the heating system to significantly reduce costs. Municipal Councillors agreed to release the budgeted \$50,000 grant. The matter will be finalized at the council meeting on January 29th.

The Society's request for a \$100,000 operational grant and a further \$25,000 for its capital budget in the next fiscal year was handled with two motions being forwarded to the budgeting process.

With many supportive members in the audience, Chamber of Commerce president, Stephanie Jones outlined the chamber's plan to create "Greater Colchester Partnership, an economic development initiative for all of Colchester County, including Stewiacke, Millbrook and Truro. During the presentation, Jones said Municipal Council was last of the presentations to municipal governments and the other three municipalities were onside.

The partnership, modelled after Moncton and Halifax Partnerships, is different from CoRDA, which has been dissolved, in that 52 businesses from the Colchester area have committed to invest \$87,000 over a three year period. Using a funding model similar to what existed under CoRDA Stewiacke and Millbrook have been asked for \$5,000.00 each year.

Truro has been asked for three year contributions of \$40,000, \$35,000 and \$30,000. The request to Municipality of Colchester is \$75,000, \$65,000 and \$55,000 for the same three year period.

Both Truro and Colchester have been asked to also contribute the salary and benefits of their individual economic development officers, who would be the loaned to the partnership answering to an Executive Director.

Mayor Taylor expressed hesitation on the partnership stated, "Not in favour of developing another bureaucracy", while Councillor Blair said economic development needs to be business driven and if all are in that's the way to go.

Taggart agreed he likes the idea of business putting some skin in the game, and it has to be business led. He expressed concern that if Colchester is putting in half of the funding from the municipalities perhaps

it should have more representation on the board, but wants to see us work together and make this work. Deputy Mayor Bill Masters said that he sat on the CoRDA board and it was the best board he ever sat on, and when decisions were made it was for the benefit of the entire area.

Councillor Cooper said he's still feeling the smarts of CoRDA demise and is not in favour of just one vote on the board. Councillor Gregory who represents the Tatamagouche area, asked how many businesses from the North Shore were contributing and was informed by Alan Johnson, Chamber Executive Director five businesses have committed so far.

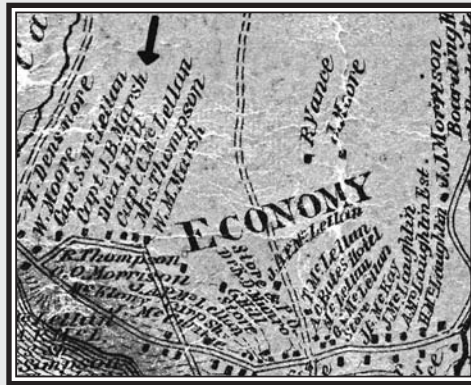
Similarly, Councillor MacInnes, Debert, viewed the partnership

Historic Sites

"TRURO QUEEN"

By Dick Akerman

In the June, 2012 issue we featured in this



page, the story of Capt. Jonathan Borden (Bird) Marsh, master mariner, of Economy, Colchester County, which we will reprint here. In 1912 he retired from the sea, but in 1918 he was persuaded to take command, of the Economy build "Truro Queen", shown here in a recently acquired Archives photograph, showing the vessel under construction on the shoreline at Economy. Her first cargo was a load of lumber, from Saint John, N.B. to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The vessel left Saint John on Dec. 7th, 1918, and arrived at her destination on Feb. 6th, 1919, a distance of 4000 miles. The photo shows a little girl in the foreground (and inset), can anyone identify her?

The arrow pointer on map # 311 locates what was, in 1876 the home of Captain Jonathan Borden Marsh. Captain "Bird" Marsh was one of the most illustrious sea captains on the Cobequid Shore. A few years before this map was made, in the early 1870's Captain Marsh transported the famous "Stanley" expedition to Zanzibar, on the east coast of Africa, where newspaperman Stanley went in search of the famous "Dr. Livingston". When he found him, the only white man in the African jungle for miles around, Stanley created the famous quotation, "Dr. Livingston, I presume?" Marsh's sailing career began in the 1860's, sailing mostly Cobequid Bay vessels, one of which, the "Cleo", a Great Village vessel, was written about by Archibald MacMechan in his book "There Goes the Ships". In 1900 Marsh and his family were at Tagish, in the Yukon Territories, and Marsh was piloting steamboats on the Yukon River, part of the Yukon Gold Rush. He retired from the sea in 1912, but in 1918, at the age of seventy nine, he came out of retirement to take command of the Economy built "Truro Queen". Retiring again in

1920, he lived in Economy until his death in 1934. His home, pictured here as it was during his lifetime, has been lovingly restored and maintained by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Burchell Fulmore.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, and is published monthly in the Shoreline Journal.

From the archives of the COLCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ph: (902) 895-6284
Fax: (902) 895-9530

Box 412, 29 Young St.,
Truro, NS, B2N 5C5

email: colchestermuseum@ns.aliantzinc.ca



The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

as a tool to be of assistance to the municipality's development officer and with private sector buy-in it would create jobs and would be a win-win for everyone. Councillor Parker was concerned if there would be a duplication of services and what would be the chain of command.

In other discussion, Councillor Gibbs said he like the concept, but asked to

whom would the Executive Director report? Councillor Stewart commented it was a good idea, but there are logistical issues, which need addressing.

Mayor Taylor, who appeared to be the most negative concerning the partnership further commented Colchester was first to hire an economic development officer, and our depart-

ments work together to provide the needed support and infrastructure needs to be in place.

Councillors agreed to have staff bring a report forward to council.

The third and final presentation was lead by Wayne Wamboldt, who introduced representatives from Endurance Wind. Details of their presentation are outlined on page 7.

Primary Registration for 2015-2016

Grade Primary registration for the 2015-2016 school year takes place from January to March. Registration is open to children age five, on or before December 31, 2015. Parents/guardians are required to contact their local elementary school to arrange an appointment to register their child.

The registration process takes about 30 minutes. Parents/guardians **must** accompany their child to the registration and bring their child's:

- Birth certificate (proof of age)
- Provincial health card
- Immunization records

If the registration date has passed, please contact the school. If parents/guardians are unsure of which school their child should attend, they can contact the Chignecto Family of Schools office at 902-597-4207 for information.

SCHOOL	DATE	PHONE
Advocate District School	February 20	902-392-3400
Cumberland North Academy	January 19	902-661-2464
Cyrus Eaton Elementary	January 27	902-243-3900
Junction Road Elementary	January 22	902-597-4240
Northport Consolidated Elementary	February 2	902-661-2490
Oxford Regional Education Centre	February 6	902-447-4513
Parrsboro Regional Elementary	January 28	902-254-5605
River Hebert District Elementary	February 11	902-251-3200
Spring Street Academy	January 26	902-661-2499
Wallace Consolidated Elementary	February 3	902-257-6100
Wentworth Consolidated Elementary	February 18	902-548-6400
West End Memorial	January 21	902-597-4242
West Highlands Elementary	February 10	902-661-2410

CULGIN
CONSTRUCTION LTD.

- ◇ FILL ◇ GRAVEL ◇ ROAD CONSTRUCTION
- ◇ EXCAVATING ◇ TRUCKING ◇ DOZER
- ◇ SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION
- ◇ NEW HOME SITE PREP

781 Belmont Road
General Delivery
Belmont, NS B0M 1C0
Tel: 662-3867
Fax: 662-2701

Chignecto-Central
Regional School Board

ccrsb.ca

902-897-8900 or Toll-free 1-800-770-0008
60 Lorne Street, Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 3K3