



Masstown Butcher and Dairy - the outside of the new building has looked near completion for several weeks, even the parking lot is paved. Inside there is a flurry of activity, as dozens of skilled workers continue with the installation of walls, floors and specialized equipment. Scattered throughout this Shoreline Journal are a series of pictures taken on January 23rd. Above, work continues at the front entrance to the new building. A few of the display cases can be seen in the foreground. (Harrington Photo)

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Television airings of the Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championship of the 3 half-hour episodes of Lumberjacks, filmed in Truro last June is as follows: NS Lumberjack Championship TV schedule: *Game TV*: Sunday mornings at 7:30am (check local listings – time may vary): Episode part 1 of 3 – Feb 11; Episode 2 of 3 – Feb 18 and Episode 3 of 3 – Feb 25. *Wild TV*: Lumberjacks airs 3 times per week. Airtimes for January airings were: **Central Time** - check local listings: January 8, 11:00am; January 12, 5:30pm and January 13, 4:00pm. *All episodes now available for free on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/5V_uGKJxl2g*

The Canadian National Axe Throwing Championships will be held August 25 & 26, 2018 in Victoria Park, Truro. Ryan McIntyre and his colleagues who have successfully organized the Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championships in Truro for the past two years have confirmed axe throwers from Ireland will be competing.

Ernst and Young LLP (EY Canada) could earn a rebate of up to \$2,488,500 over five years if it creates at least 150 jobs with the opening in Halifax of its first Canadian-based Global Centre of Excellence for Robotic Process Automation Service. Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) who approved the payroll rebate, estimates the company would spend \$34,650,000 in salaries. It is estimated the new employees would contribute provincial tax revenues of \$4,065,000 through their income and consumption taxes. The company would be eligible for a smaller rebate if it creates fewer than 150 new jobs.

The Nova Scotia Securities Commission is making it easier for investors to find out if those latest and greatest investment opportunities are potentially scams and have launched a new Investor Alert Database on its website. Investor alerts are published by the commission to warn of unlawful investment raising schemes that the commission learns are being directed at Nova Scotians. The commission's new Investor Alert Database lists all companies, individuals and websites for which the commission has issued investor alerts since 2014. The database is at <https://nssc.novascotia.ca/investor-alert-database>

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land around 1850; and he brought it with him to Australia when he emigrated around 1852.

Huyghue did not enjoy much success as a literary man, but he worked as a clerk in the mining sector and around Australia before retiring to Melbourne in the 1870s. He took good care of those Mi'kmaq objects, no doubt treasuring them and recalling his hunts and talks with the people who he admired as "high-souled and religious."

Undoubtedly Huyghue would be cheered to know that the Mi'kmaq and Malecite are still among us; and that despite the best efforts of some religious orders and the government, their cultures and even languages still survive. Perhaps, if he knew that, he would wish for his precious Mi'kmaq objects to be returned to the people and the place from whence they came.

But as for the current custodians—well-meaning curators at the Museum Victoria—they will not return these objects to Canada without certain assurances and a lot of money.

Ten years ago, an attempt to have the regalia loaned to the Glooscap Heritage Centre foundered owing to the fact that they

could not afford to equip the facility with the humidity control and other features that the Australian curators insisted on. At that time, the Aussies valued the regalia at around \$500,000, the price to repatriate—not merely loan—the garments back to the Mi'kmaq.

So in 2018, the regalia and Huyghue's entire collection remains in Melbourne, not on display but in safe storage.

This situation is not unique to the Mi'kmaq. Across the country and around the world, Indigenous cultural property languishes in static collections, often in storage and never seen or enjoyed by anyone, let alone the Indigenous communities which would have the strongest connection to it. By the time you read this article, I will have begun the process of introducing a bill in the House of Commons to create a national strategy for the repatriation of Indigenous cultural property. It is my hope that this will become law and that, in two or three years from now, this regalia and many other objects will begin to be returned to Indigenous people, so that they may use them in ceremonies, for teaching and for healing.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester

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Your Government has continued to invest in Education, Health Care and Community Services. These are all programs that benefit all Nova Scotians in one way or another. We are also in a stronger position to invest in pre-primary, orthopedic wait times, mental health services, supports for expensive take home cancer drugs, opioid addiction programs and in creating an economy that provides jobs for our young people.

January 1, 2018 also marked the beginning of your Government's Tax Reforms. Premier McNeil has said in the past these reforms would begin once our Budgets were balanced. He has kept

that commitment by introducing tax relief to more than 500 000 low and middle income Nova Scotians. This was achieved by increasing the Tax Free Basic Personal Amount allowed for tax credit when filing your Income Tax.

This is the largest tax break in recent history for the province of Nova Scotia and the first for your Government. I look forward to your continued support as your Government moves forward with tax changes designed to help more Nova Scotians.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North also serves as Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board

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sion and look for a consensus on banning single use shopping bags. I am very confident in suggesting should there be a ban, it will have to be province wide

Our council will discuss this at our meeting on Thursday Jan 25. There seems to be a fair bit of Public support for this. The ironic part is this, I am likely as informed as anyone on this subject and I am not sure what I would recommend. I know I want to be rid of low grade plastic, but I do not want to negatively impact business and the truth is that the single use bags are a small part of the overall low grade plastics. However we have to start somewhere and this may be the right time and the right product.

When I look back to the "Good old days" I remember taking our groceries home from the Company store in the same boxes they were delivered to the store in. Then we went to larger stronger paper bags then we progressed to these convenient plastic bags

with nice handles to carry them by.

What has changed? Most groceries have to be delivered to the store in a box, so why not use them? By the way, most of those boxes are then flattened out and sent for recycling. Is it too inconvenient, too much bother??

For me the real answer is we as residents and as shoppers need to do our part. Plastic is a problem! We all need to do our part. Nobody likes convenience more than me.

However I decided to start using the reusable tote bags. The only inconvenience for me is remembering to take them into the store. As a matter of fact, I find it preferable to carry two or three totes than say a dozen plastic bags with 2 or 3 items in them. Give it a try.

That's it for now. Tom

Tom Taggart is councillor for Colchester District 10

French River could be Mining Hotspot

By **Maurice Rees**

At its January meeting on the 25th, Colchester Council approved dates for schedule of meetings for 2018/2019, and also set various dates for capital budget and regular budget preparatory meetings. Specific dates will be uploaded to the county's website on an ongoing basis.

Council approved the purchase of a ¾ ton 4 x 4 truck for the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility.

Two bids were received: Hollis Ford F250 4X4 2018 \$33,199.00 and Pye Chevrolet Chev 3/4 ton 4X4

2018 \$31,308.00. The tender was awarded to Pye Chevrolet. The submitted tenders reflected the acceptance of two units as trade-ins, a 2004 Chevrolet ¾ ton and a 2006 Chevrolet ¾ ton.

Council spent considerable time, discussing what should or needs to be done regarding protection for the French River Watershed ahead of mineral exploration and possible development from mining activity. Speculation is high the French River area has fantastic mineral resources and could become a mining hotspot if exploration results so indi-

cate.

In May of 2016, a representative from Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) attended a Tatamagouche Source Water Protection Committee (SWPC) meeting to brief the members on the potential presence of mineral deposits within the French River watershed area. The French River is the source of drinking water for the Tatamagouche Water Utility.

DNR identified possible gold deposits within the watershed, and subsequently placed a closure on the French River watershed

area, such that no new mineral claims could be registered in the area. At their December meeting, Council Committee directed staff to begin work on the development of these Best Management Practices.

On recommendation of council staff was directed to discontinue research and development of Best Management Practice manual for Mineral exploration in drinking water supply areas, but to work with DNR and the community to develop and later implement the results of consultations with DNR.

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