



Dexter Construction has been awarded a tender to demolish the Debert Water Tower in a tender awarded for \$149,780. The work is expected to be completed by the end of March. With additional in-house charged the total cost will be \$210,699. (Online Photo)

Water Tower Demolition

By Maurice Rees

At its committee meeting on January 15th, Dexter Construction was awarded the tender for the demolition of the old water tower in Debert for \$149,780. A total of 26 companies requested the tender documents, and five (5) tenders were received by the closing time of 3:00 pm on December 10, 2020. All tender pricing amounts are exclusive of HST.

Results are summarized as follows: Dexter Construction \$149,780; Verhagen Demolition \$167,000; Flagship Construction \$229,875; J. Mason Contracting \$289,400 and Priestly Demolition \$299,675. Council's approved capital budget for the project is \$200,000 for fiscal 2020/21 with 33.3% of costs being funded by Debert Sale of Homes and 66.6% being funded by the provincial and

federal governments.

In addition to the tender value, other project costs will include staff time (\$2,000), tipping fees (\$45,000), archaeological review (\$7,500) and rebated tax (\$6,419). Total anticipated project commitment is \$210,699. Staff recommended that an internal contingency of \$10,000 be carried for the construction project.

In other business council was presented with and approved a detailed outline of a Debert Business Park Land Sales Policy which would grant authority to Council Committee to approve municipal property transactions within the Debert Business Park.

In the Spring of 2020, the Economic Development Officer, Mark Austin, presented a review of the

Debert Business Park prop-

erty transaction process to Council. Key points of discussion from the presentation included forming a Committee comprised of elected officials and community representatives; developing Terms of Reference for this Committee; and developing a policy that would grant authority to Council Committee to approve Debert Business Park land sales to enable the Municipality to respond to opportunities in a more timely fashion.

Typically, Council would be the only body with authority to approve land sale transactions. The policy when finally approved will also allow Council Committee to approve land sale transactions, providing ability to respond to opportunities in a timely manner.

Apartment Complexes Visited

By Scott Fraser

To increase waste management compliance over 20 apartment complexes in Colchester and Truro were visited where the outside bins were checked for proper sorting. There were some opportunities to speak to the tenants and landlords/owners. Overall, the results were surprisingly positive. There were a small number that will require future follow up visits.

The Material Recovery Facility had received some problem materials in commercial recycling loads that triggered some business visits. These visits were to educate what are acceptable materials. The problem materials consisted of pallet strapping, foam plastic wrap and buckets and containers with product still in them.

At one business it was identified that there was correct sorting inside the facility and the appropriate bins outside the facility, but the contracted custodial company was collecting all materials and placing in the garbage. This issue is still being monitored and an educational pres-

entation was provided to all parties concerned.

The Chignecto Central Schools outdoor storage bins were inspected. Most schools were good with a couple requiring future follow ups. These will take place probably in February if the schools return to in-class education. The good weather has enabled staff to continue to support and collect community litter clean up materials.

Follow up took place on food service establishments on the Municipality of Colchester side of Robie Street to ensure grease trap maintenance was taking place. Open burning complaints were investigated where the residents were educated that this was not acceptable. Two warnings were issued. With to Green Carts, 808 replacements, repairs, or new deliveries took place since April 1 to December 31. Household Battery Collection - over 5,000 kgs have been collected from various drop off locations across the County since April 1.

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