



One of the most unusual and potentially the most dangerous fire occurred in 2020 when a truck carrying smaller propane tanks caught fire on Plains Road, Debert. The fire spread to the truck when the braking system overheated. Firefighters were kept far away as cylinders exploded and landed in adjacent woods 100's of feet away. A portion of Plains Road had to be repaved, after it melted during the intense heat. (Online Photo)

Deer Population in Bible Hill

The problem of extensive deer population in Truro has spread to various areas of Bible Hill. Councillor Parker added the matter to Colchester's Council Committee at its January 15th meeting. As part of his outline he stated he was not in favour of the spring timing suggested by Town of Truro. He suggested it might be advisable to consider some-

thing in the fall, when fawns have had opportunity to spend a few months with their mothers.

He asked if staff could investigate and also contact Village of Bible Hill to determine their plans. He added on his way to the meeting there were approximately 20-25 in the field across from MacKenzie's Towing.



Karen Casey Not Reoffering

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tives in 2017 coming up short by 429 votes emailed the Shoreline Journal on Saturday, January 23rd, "Many people have asked me that same question and are encouraging me to run again. I'm giving it serious thought, for sure".

Tom Taggart, a stalwart Progressive Conservative and has served as councillor for Colchester District 10 since 2008 was previously rumoured as wishing to run once Karen Casey was not a Liberal candidate told the Shoreline, he had been asked, but has made up his mind not to seek the PC nomination.

With the Liberals choosing a new leader to replace Premier Stephen McNeil on February 5th from a slate of three current Liberal MLA candidates, Randy DeLorey, Iain Rankin and Labi Kousoulis.

An election must be held before May 2022, it is expected recruiting possible candidates will or has already started for all parties wishing to profile candidates.



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Karen Casey's Professional and Political Career

By Maurice Rees

Karen Casey (nee Thompson) was born in Carrs Brook near Bass River and from the outside as a youth seemed destined for many successes. Following finishing school in Bass River, she went on to become a school teacher obtaining her teaching diploma from Nova Scotia Teacher's College, Truro, in 1967.

Having worked with Karen since assuming ownership of the Shoreline Journal in February 2008, this writer / publisher has worked with Karen on many topics. With knowledge of her roots, and extensive online searched, an outline of Karen's professional and political careers is presented below.

Prior to entering politics in 2006, her life was dedicated to education having graduated in 1967 with a diploma from the Nova Scotia Teachers College. She later received a B.A. from Mount Saint Vincent University, a B.Ed. from Mount Saint Vincent University and a M. Ed. (Administration) from Saint Mary's University.

Casey has worked as a classroom teacher at various schools in Colchester County in both the Truro Municipal School Board, the Colchester County Municipal School Board, the Colchester-East Hants District School Board, and ended her career with the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board. She is a former principal of North River Elementary School and served as Assistant Superintendent of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board.

When working as a classroom teacher at Alice Street Elementary School in the Truro Municipal School Board during the 1970-71 school year, Casey served as the school staff's local representative of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union during a work-to-rule job action undertaken by the NSTU

Here first foray in public life, came in 2006, when as Progressive Conservative she beat out (now former) Colchester County Mayor Bob Taylor, Liberal candidate by a margin of 3,809 (50.96%) to 1,947 (26.47%). Two other candidates were Rob Assels, NDP 1,511 votes (20.21%) and Judy Davis, Green Party, 176 votes (2.35%).

Casey served in the Executive Council of Nova Scotia from 2006-2009, serving first as the Minister of Education, and later as

Minister of Health. On June 24, 2009, Casey was named the Progressive Conservative Party's interim leader, replacing Rodney MacDonald after he resigned following the party's defeat in the 2009 provincial election. She crossed the floor to join the Liberals after she served as interim leader following Rodney MacDonald losing the 2009 election.

On January 10, 2011, Casey crossed the floor to join the Liberal caucus and successfully ran for the Liberal nomination in the riding of Colchester North in spring 2013. Casey was re-elected in the 2013 provincial election, garnering 5,005 of the 8,212 votes cast or 60.95% of the vote in the riding.

On October 22, 2013 Casey was appointed to the Executive Council of Nova Scotia as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as well as Minister responsible for Youth. On July 24, 2015, Casey was given as additional role as Chair of Finance and Treasury Board, while responsibility for youth was transferred to Kelly Regan

On June 15, 2017, premier Stephen McNeil shuffled his cabinet, appointing Casey as Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

The following is her successful electoral record for the four provincial elections she was MLA for Colchester North.

2006: Karen Casey, PC, 3,809 (50.96%); Bob Taylor, Liberal, 1,979 (26.47%); Rob Assels, NDP, 1,511 (20.21%) and Judy Davis, Green Party, 176 (2.35%).

2009: Karen Casey, PC, 3,784 (50.16%); Arthur Hartlen, NDP, 2,354 (31.20%); Lorenda Ebbett, 1,243 (16.48%) and Judy Davis, Green Party, 176 (2.35%).

2013: Karen Casey, Liberal, 5,005 (60.95%); John Kendrick MacDonald, PC, 2,167 (26.39%) and Jim Wyatt, NDP, 1,040 (12.66%)

2017: Karen Casey, Liberal, 3,654 (46.6%); Rebecca Taylor, PC, 3,225 (41.0%) and James Finnie, NDP, 980 (12.5%).

In his closing remarks, Premier McNeil said "Minister Casey has played an integral role in government and our return to good fiscal management while also investing in health, education and other

priorities of Nova Scotians," said Premier McNeil. "She has set a standard of hard work, integrity and respect that is second to none. As deputy premier and minister, she has always carried out her duties in the best interest of all Nova Scotians, and I am grateful that we have had the opportunity to work together."

Casey's remarks at the announcement included, "I am proud to have been part of this government as we have seen our province reach milestones in population growth, immigration and employment. It has also been both an honour and privilege to serve the people of Colchester North and all Nova Scotians. I appreciate all the positive working relationships I have developed with constituents over the past 15 years."

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