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Belmont Structure Fire Levels Historic Home



Flames break through the roof at the home of Gail and Dave Wilson of Belmont.



It was thought the fire may have started in the basement of the home but it didn't take long for the flames to engulf the house. See more photos and the story on page 14.

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RECC: Colchester/Truro on hook for \$1.629-Million Loan

By Maurice Rees

Whether they like it or not, Colchester and Truro are on the hook for \$1.629-Million to provide the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society, the volunteer board charged with operating the RECC, a loan of \$1,629,846 to re-pay approximately \$1.29-Million, \$48,000 in unbudgeted legal and auditing expense, plus accumulated interest for Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) funding from the Federal Government issued during Covid pandemic. The matter was brought before Council during its January 16th committee meeting in an information memo from Dan Troke, CAO.

In speaking on the matter, Councillor Sherry Martell, council member to the board, along with Mayor Christine Blair,

said the request is for a loan. In her explanation, Martell indicated the county and town really have no choice, because until the bill is paid to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for \$1.29-Million funding granted to the society during CoVid19 emergency funding, the RECC will be prohibited from accessing additional federal government for capital repairs or applying for other grants for events as they occur.

During its 12 years in operation RECC has been able to access funding for several major events including World's Junior 'A' Hockey and large curling bonspiels. Martell added without such event funding, or capital repairs RECC would not be able to contribute to local economic growth and condition of the facility would falter over time.

As bad as the situation is one saving grace is Colchester and Truro do not have to go searching for \$1.629-Million. Since RECC opened almost 12 years ago, the municipalities, who own the facility have been creating a RECC capital reserve fund. Each municipality has a separate Special Reserve Fund for other municipality unbudgeted expense or emergencies. Major Blair when asked about the matter stated Colchester has been contributing \$200,000 annually to a RECC Capital Reserve Account. She didn't know the exact balance as of January 2025, but it is believed to be in vicinity of \$900,000, which would cover Colchester's half (\$850,000) of the \$1.629-Million loan request, if the capital reserve fund could be used for this purpose.

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Leggitt and Whalen Receive Colchester Courage Award

By Maurice Rees

On behalf of council Mayor Christine Blair read a citation while presenting the Colchester Courage Award to new fellow Councillor Nigel Leggitt and former RCMP member, Greg Whalen for their quick action and heroic efforts for saving the life of fellow pickup hockey player, John Guinan on March 8, 2024 at RECC. Leggitt and Whalen were honoured on January 15th in Colchester Council Chambers prior to the start of Colchester Council Committee meeting.

The citation reads as follows:

On March 8th, 2024, the regular Friday noon hour pickup hockey crew were playing at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre as they usually do every Friday. It started off like most any other Friday pickup hockey game until something happened that drastically changed a few moments into the game.

Long time player, John Guinan, had just skated behind the goal net and suddenly dropped straight down to the ice. Fellow player, Nigel Leggett, seeing how John dropped very quickly to the ice, along with a few others, came to John's rescue and turned John onto his back. Nigel immediately noticed that John was gasping for air which in his mind was a clear sign that John was in a state of cardiac arrest. Nigel, the current Chief of the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade, and a Medical First Responder, has been on the giving end of many sets of compressions over the years. The good news with this group of friends is that they talked about what they would do if this exact event ever occurred. They had pre-planned and put medical protocol in place for this exact moment in case the plan ever needed to be put in motion.

John's gear was quickly re-



Greg Whalen (L), a former RCMP member, and Nigel Leggitt (C), Chief of the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade, and a Medical First Responder are smiling not because they both enjoy a game of pickup hockey, but during a game they were able to save the life of John Guinan, a fellow pickup hockey player on March 8, 2024 at RECC. Quick action, performing CPR and preparing an AED to sent shock volts brought Guinan back to life after being dead for an estimated seven minutes. Guinan has fully recovered. This photo taken immediately after Mayor Christine Blair (R) presented Nigel Leggitt and Greg Whalen with the Colchester Courage Award at council committee meeting in council chambers on January 15th. See complete details in accompanying citation transcript. (Colchester Photo)

moved and Nigel immediately started CPR on John while Greg Whalen, (a former RCMP member) made his way to grab the AED. Greg quickly returned and began to prep the AED while Nigel continued chest compressions. Another player was calling 911 and giving all the details to EHS and Truro Fire Service, who were both on route to assist and transport John to the hospital. As Greg applied the pads, Nigel looked over to Greg and as their eyes locked momentarily, they both shared a knowing and grim understanding that this was not likely to end well. As Nigel continued CPR, the AED sprang to life and indicated that a shock was advised and forthcoming. The players, (turned first responders), stepped back to allow the AED to deliver its shock. As John's body jumped in response

to the volt delivered by the pads, John shortly after responded and it appeared that his heart was back into a normal rhythm. John suddenly regained consciousness and opened his eyes. John was awake and speaking by the time EHS arrived. This was an intersection of skill, planning, readiness and caring. John died and came back to life in a matter of 7 or 8 minutes. He was transported by ambulance to the ER at Colchester Hospital in Truro, then transferred to the Cardiac Care Unit in Halifax. Miraculously, John has made a full recovery.

This whole event seemed like an eternity but lasted about 7 minutes from the time of collapse to the regaining of consciousness. This all happened so quickly but it also was treated immediately by Nigel Leggett

and Greg Whalen who had taken the time to train and know how to perform CPR and use an AED.

If it were not for the quick thinking and vast knowledge of Medical First Aid, CPR, and Training with an AED, by Nigel Leggitt, Greg Whalen, and the others present, John Guinan would probably not be alive today.

Each year in Canada, an estimated 60,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of a hospital. Most cardiac arrests happen in public places or at home. Only 1 in 10 survives, meaning 90% of cardiac events do not end favorably. Survival rates can double if someone takes fast action, performs CPR, and know how to use an AED such in this case where Nigel Leggitt, Greg Whalen, and the others contributed to saving the life of John Guinan.

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