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The Debert Baptist Church held their first annual Community Tree Lighting on Dec. 8th. Pastor Bill Martin welcomed everyone to the event, which included a carol sing, accompanied by Gracie Tan on piano, and fellowship in the hall afterwards. The reindeer youth choir included Hope Beaton, Courtney Hepburn and Florence Small. (Harrington Photo)



Debert Baptist Church put out a call to "Coat the Village", inviting people to drop off or pick up "new to you" winter jackets. Erma Sitser, Priscilla Jennings and Pastor Bill Martin (left to right) were sorting through some of the items prior to the event on Nov. 27th. (Harrington Photo)

Debert CoRDA Planning Session

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Mr. Mattie reported there have been 22 residential property sales for a total of \$1.4 million and sales/development at 9 commercial properties totaled over \$2.6 million. 100 acres have been slated for new business development or expansion.

Projects on the near horizon include a change to the entrance at MacElmon Rd. from the TransCanada Highway, with the construction of a roundabout. The design has been approved, with the contract out to tender.

New commercial development is expected on both sides of MacElmon Rd., also in the Lancaster Drive area and at the airport.

A private developer is looking at a new subdivision on the north side of Plains Rd., near the tracks.

CoRDA's Business

Sustainability Coordinator, Erica Wicks gave an update on how The Debert Industrial Park is moving forward as an Eco-Industrial Park, working with several partners to attain this goal.

Participants were then asked for their thoughts and contributions to what the "Debert Vision" will look like. Community residents and business operators had several suggestions for facilitators including being conscious of noise and truck traffic in the residential areas, increasing amenities to attract more residents, keeping the effects on existing businesses in mind as new businesses move in, looking at an interchange for residents to have easier access to their homes away from truck traffic, and replacement of the water tower.



Reviewing Planning Maps

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Erica Wicks says this "Debert Vision" will form a major part of short and long-term planning for the Industrial Park and the community surrounding it.

Aerial photographs were also used to help participants pinpoint the locations they felt were most appropriate for renewable energy projects, community projects and off-limit development zones. The event wrapped up with 5 important questions, which all participants were invited to answer in order to get a better series of individual responses, in order to create a collective response.

Those questions were:

What can be done to make it easier for business-

es to locate in Debert?

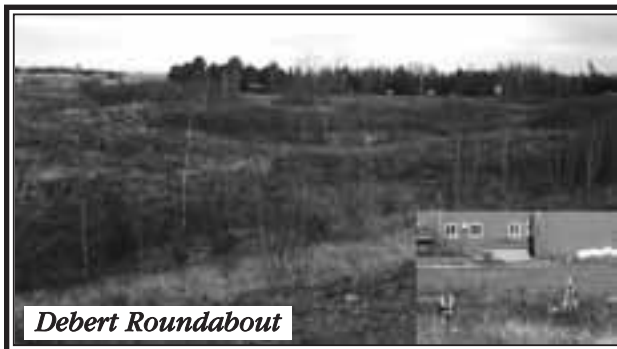
What advantages and disadvantages do you see in locating in Debert if it were marketed it as an Eco-Industrial Park?

How can we design and layout Debert to reduce vandalism and crime?

What would facilitate the adoption of energy and conservation practices?

What are the most significant improvements needed to improve the Debert community as a whole?

Follow ups will be done by CoRDA staff and consultants hired to create a long-term road map for Debert. Analysis is expected over the coming months.



Debert Roundabout

LATE OBITUARIES

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LOGAN, Ruth C. — 85, of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late James and Mabel (Rushton) MacAloney. She is survived by a daughter, Helen Parker (Harrison), Shubenacadie; a son, James (Margaret Keats-Logan), Eastern Passage; a brother, Robert (Lillian), Stouffville, Ont.; sister in laws, Doris MacAloney, Laurine MacAloney, both of Stouffville, Ont.; Sophia MacAloney and Phyllis Logan, both of Parrsboro; grandchildren, Michelle Smith (Chris), Riverview, N.B.; Jordan, Katherine, Julia, all of Eastern Passage; two great-granddaughters, Cassandra and Mikaela Smith, Riverview. She was predeceased by her husband, George in 1993; sisters, Hildred, Elizabeth (Beth), Evelyn (Betty); brothers, Clinton, Arthur, Vaughan, Marshall, John, Theodore, Edward (Bert). Funeral service was held December 21 in Parrsboro Baptist Church, Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

MELDRUM, Thora I. — 85, of New Canaan, Cumberland Co. passed away Sunday, December 19, 2010 at Northumberland Hall, Amherst. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Burton and Lucy (McKenzie) Smith. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters, the Rebecca Lodge and the Southampton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her son, Murray (Wendy), Southampton; son-in-law, Reid Benjamin, Fall River; grandchildren, Kimberley MacLeod (Ken), Fall River; Crystal Leblanc (Durwin), Fall River; Eileen Davage (Bill), Eastern Passage; Rachel Meldrum (Vince Phillips), Truro; Murray Meldrum (Michelle Guilderson), Southampton; great grandchildren, Raylea MacLeod, Cassidy Leblanc, Madeleine Davage, Hayden and Mya Meldrum, Kristopher Phillips; sisters, Gertrude Pettigrew, Maynard, Mass.; Olive Baltzer, Oromocto; Enid Morrissey (Robert Buckoski), Parrsboro; a brother, Charles Smith (Carol), Marlboro, Mass.; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Cletus; daughter, Shirley; step-mother, Josephine (Sweet) (Sellons) Smith; sisters, Ellie, Etta, Freda, Frances; brothers, Victor, Edward, Burton. Memorial service was held December 21, 2010 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

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