



Nick Sharpe, Fund Development Coordinator at Hospice accepting a donation from Jeremy Goyette from MCT Insurance. (Submitted)

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benefit from increased tax savings.

I would like to highlight key features of the TFSA that make it a popular savings vehicle for Canadians. A TFSA is available to all Canadians, 18 years and older; Any interest, dividends and capital gains earned in a TFSA are not subject to tax. A TFSA allows you to invest in a number of types of investments, be it a high-interest savings account, mutual funds, guaranteed investment certificates, listed securities, or other types of qualified investment products. Unused TFSA contribution room is carried forward and accumulates for future years. Funds available in your TFSA can be withdrawn tax-free at any time for any purpose. You can re-contribute withdrawn amounts in the same year only if you have unused TFSA contribution room. Otherwise, you have to wait until the following year. Income earned in a TFSA and withdrawals do not affect your eligibility for federal income-tested benefits and credits; and contributions to a spouse's or common-law partner's TFSA are allowed. When the TFSA was introduced, our Government announced that the \$5,000 annual contribution limit would be indexed to inflation in \$500 increments. 2013 will be the year in which the first \$500 increment takes effect, which means more room for Canadians to put funds aside for their financial goals.

I encourage all constituents of Cumberland-Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley to take advantage of TFSA's as a valuable way to save for the future and to save on your taxes. To help Canadians take full advantage of this savings vehicle, the Canada Revenue Agency has up-to-date and comprehensive information regarding TFSA's on its website www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tfsa/.

At this special time of year, Tammy and I and the entire family, would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll free at 1-888-752-0552; visit me website at www.scottarmstrongmp.ca, add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter@Armstrong_MP.

Scott Armstrong, MP Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. Always remember...it is better to give than to receive.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North Ph: 902-893-2180

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Post office. He has been advised by Canada Post the Londonderry post office is on a list protected from closing by a moratorium. Canada Post has told him they have no intention of pulling the service. I also had a message on my phone from an official at Canada Post, who said they wanted to keep the post office open and they would like to meet with me early in the New Year.

He even went on to insinuate I may have jumped the gun and that I must have misunderstood. That is certainly possible, however one might wonder what their intentions are when the current postmistress retires on Dec 22 and as of last Monday and maybe even today the residents have not been notified. Regardless I will stay on top of it.

In closing I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

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been appointed the representative for Colchester County Council on this board. In May of 2012 the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) announced no further core funding for Regional Development Authorities (RDAs). In July of 2012 the Province of Nova Scotia announced a review panel would study the current Rural Economic Development model and make recommendations. These recommendations were made public earlier this month. You can find them on the Province of Nova Scotia web site under the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, click on Publications & Reports. You'll find the report under the title Regional Development Authority Review.

I bring this to your attention because the Province is recommending current RDA's in the province wind down and be replaced with six new Regional Enterprise Networks (REN's). Colchester would be part of REN4 which would encompass an area stretching from Amherst in Cumberland County to Sheet Harbour in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

This raises many questions such as: Will the citizens of Colchester County be properly represented by such a large geographical Regional Enterprise Network? Will the Debert Air Industrial Park be properly marketed on the world stage as it is today? Who will represent the County of Colchester and more importantly who will get to choose those representatives?

There are a lot of unanswered questions surrounding this issue. The County of Colchester, Town of Truro, Millbrook First Nation, Town of Stewiacke and the professionals at CoRDA today will be working long hours over the next few months to come up with the most viable solutions to this issue.

If you would like to contact me with your thoughts on this issue or any other you can reach me at 895-2242 or councillordistrict9@colchester.ca

In closing I would like to leave you with a few statistics of what CoRDA has been up to over the past seven years: 171 new business start ups creating 705 new jobs; 742 businesses directly supported; 154 new immigrants sponsored with 328 current applications on file and 96 training courses with 1,782 participants.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Family Literacy Day

January 26th from 10 am until 3 pm at the Great Village School Gym

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For more information contact: greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com or contactcala@nald.ca

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Supervisor with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

This information has been shared with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72. It is only with the approval of this application and permit that the RCMP would be able to stop traffic. Our meeting was constructive and I am encouraged to learn that the Legion, the RCMP and other members of the community will be working together to look at better ways to control traffic, to ensure the safety of the community and to show respect for the Veterans who are being honoured at the cenotaph.

This may involve some changes and if that should happen members of the com-

munity will be well informed prior to Remembrance Day services in 2013. The services of the members of the local fire department and others in the community may be part of the solution. It is in everyone's best interest to ensure the services continue to be conducted at the cenotaph and the community has an opportunity to show their respect, that the flow of traffic is managed and all members of the community come together to make this happen.

It is my request that any plans and/or changes be communicated to the general public by the Branch 72 Legion prior to November of 2013.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

Londonderry Pushing Back

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close on December 22. They noted group boxes were sitting at the post office, but had not been installed.

Wanting to avoid a closure, residents agreed to work within the community to get as many people as possible to write a letter to Armstrong and post office officials. During the meeting a petition was circulated and residents vowed to get more names from local residents.

The Shoreline contacted Armstrong in Ottawa and he vowed to assist in whatever way he could. He stated, "Canada Post is a crown corporation operating at arm's length, so government did not have the same influence as it would over a government department".

He said the house would be breaking for the Christmas break and he would be in Londonderry as soon as he got home and would be assisting others in his constituency, who had faced similar closures. Residents in Earltown have complained they have to drive to Tatamagouche to get their mail.

When contacted on Saturday, December 14th Taggart said there have been some very positive signs the post office might not close. "Canada Post has told me they have no intention of pulling the service", Taggart said.

He continued by saying Canada Post wants to meet with the community early in the new year and he has since learned the Londonderry Post Office is

under a moratorium, which prevents it from being closed. It is not known what mail service will be provided following the closure of the local post office. Residents still fear that if the group boxes are installed they will become a permanent fixture. Taggart said he was informed by Scott Armstrong that Canada Post indicated to him they were meeting with councillor Taggart on January 4th. Taggart told the Shoreline,



At a meeting called by Councillor Tom Taggart over 100 residents raised their hands asking for him to act as their representative in meetings with Canada Post keep the Londonderry Post Office open. Canada Post has recently told Taggart closure was never in their plans and they want to meet with the community early in the new year (Rees Photo)



Londonderry residents listen to possible options available to them should the local post office be permanently closed. Later in the meeting residents stated group boxes were already delivered, but not installed in Londonderry. Councillor Taggart, Karen Casey, MLA and Scott Armstrong, MP have vowed they will do whatever they can to help. (Rees Photo)



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