

# Church receives Municipal Heritage Designation

By Maurice Rees

At the October council meeting held on October 27th, Sharon United Church, 15 Church Street, Tatamagouche received its designation as a Municipal Heritage Property. Built in 1854, it cost \$580 to build. Its first minister was Rev Hugh Ross, who was one of the first Presbyterian minister's educated in Canada.

Councillor Mike Cooper was selected as the alternate chair of Council Committee, a position he has held since October 30th, 2008. Council also approved minutes from the September held on the 24th and accepted the report and recommendations from the committee meeting on October 15th, reported in the last issue.

Council accepted the report from the Planning and Advisory Committee, which brought forward two recommendations which included, the Sharon United Church Municipal Heritage Designation and a request by Vance Hanes of L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd., to rezone 63 acres of land from Rural General to Rural Industrial. Staff had determined the application and intended use of the lands were consistent with the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy.

Mr. Hanes told the PAC committee a buffer of trees, at least 150 feet would be maintained along the road. PAC recommended the application for approval. In a related matter council had the first reading of an Amendment to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law, which would permit L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd., change the use of the property. Second reading and a public meeting is scheduled for November 26th in council chambers.

Changes and amendments to the Village of Tatamagouche Municipal Planning Strategy received first reading and will be discussed in detail at second reading and public hearing in council chambers on the evening of November 26th.

As reported in the October issue, changes are coming to the 2016 spring and fall bulky waste clean-up initiatives. The spring clean-up will continue, but the fall clean-up will be eliminated. Instead of storing their bulky items, or having someone take to the balefill facility in Kemptown, residents will be able to put one bulky item roadside along with the regular bi-weekly waste collection commencing in June. Pick up bulky items will cease in December each year and starting up again in April. (see separate story for more details).

Councillor Tom Taggart brought forward discussion on the lack of waste receptacles at restaurant drive-thru's. He noted each facility previously provided receptacles in the lanes, but now nearly all of them have been removed. He was concerned the removal would increase the litter on the highways. After considerable discussion, Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Waste Reduction suggested his staff would investigate to see if there is something the municipality could do to assist.

Other items added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting included:

**Assessment Cap** - Across the province and through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) there has been consider discussion lately on Assessment Cap. It was council's suggestion that a separate line on property tax bills be added to show what the tax would be if the assessment cap was removed.

**Road Kill** - Some councillors have been receiving calls when deer or other animals are struck by vehicles and left roadside particularly over the weekends. Pickup up used to be the responsibility of Dept of Natural Resources, but has been transferred to Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (TIR), who state there is no pick up on weekends. Councillor MacInnes suggested perhaps there is an opportunity for a local business to be contracted by TIR. Council will send a letter to DNR and TIR expressing its concern.

**Meeting with Millbrook** - For over a year, Councillor MacInnes has been recommending greater liaison to work with Chief Robert Gloade and councillors at Millbrook. Mayor Taylor, stated he had suggested similar things to Chief Gloade, but did not have a response. MacInnes suggested it might be best to write the chief and council and suggest a few dates. (At the committee meeting of November 12th, a reply from Millbrook was received, accepting Monday, November 30, 6:00 pm for a meet and greet in the Millbrook Room at RECC).

**2016 Municipal Election** - Council asked for information regarding starting to prepare for the next municipal election in October 2016

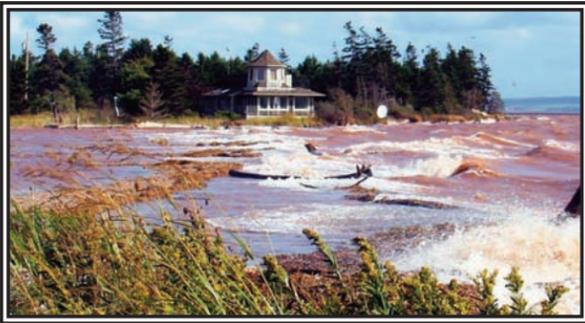
be brought forward to a subsequent council meeting.

**Alcohol Policy** - Councillor Christine Blair asked for staff to prepare and make a presentation to council on what is the municipality's alcohol policy and what is expected.

**Snow Removal Private Roads** - An information item to discuss snow removal on private roads was moved to be brought back to council as an Action Item.

**RECC - LEED Silver Designation** - In early September the RECC was officially designated as LEED Silver Building under the new construction category. It represents the highest LEED designation of new construction projects in Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou and East Hants. It is one of only six municipal projects in the province to receive the designation and is the only one east of Halifax.

**150th Anniversary** - A Colchester Joint Committee will be established to develop plans on how to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.



Too close for comfort! Luckily the tides receded before causing any damage to this home at Little Dyke Beach.



With tidal waves lashing the shoreline, some chose to keep on fishing but to also snap a few photos of the rare occurrence.



Cole Works makes a fast getaway as the tides flood the roadway.



A crowd gathered to watch the waters of the Bay of Fundy put on quite a show and as the tides peaked, one fishermen decided it was time to move out.



Twenty-three tonnes of corn were harvested for Harvest for Hunger NS at Captain Cob's Corn Maze, Masstown in late November, resulting in a total of 16.5 tonnes of dry corn. The corn will be auctioned on an online auction, with all proceeds going to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. (Harrington Photo)

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