

Welding Lab: "It makes school more interesting"



Andrew Lake, left, president of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce talks with Cobequid Educational Centre (CEC) students Christian MacPhee and Colby Tattrie, along with school principal Bill Kaulbach and Education Minister Karen Casey, during the official opening of a new "hot lab" at CEC which will provide opportunities for students to enhance skilled trades training such as welding. SUBMITTED

By Maurice Rees

Christian MacPhee, a grade 12 student at Cobequid

Education Centre (CEC) says, "It makes school more interesting", when speaking about the

new welding lab at CEC, which was made possible through the contribution of \$11,000 from the local business community. The money was used to complete school renovations and purchase equipment.

Learning to weld as part of the Production Technology 12 course makes class more fun. Classroom work has become "more interesting" says MacPhee, Upper North River, who along with Grade 12 colleague, Colby Tattrie, Camden says, "You can do anything with a welder. It's unlimited". Opening of the new in-school skills training lab gave the students the opportunity to demonstrate welding skills on November 30th for a crowd of

onlookers during the official opening of the school's new "hot lab."

About 25 people participated in the official opening ceremony including students, staff, Chignecto Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) officials, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development officials, including Minister Karen Casey, along with representatives of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce.

"The supply of skilled trades within the community continues to be raised as a challenge facing local businesses," says Chamber president Andrew Lake. "Chamber members and businesses with links to the welding trade did not hesitate to support the development of

a welding lab at the high school, as a means to expose students to the profession."

The chamber hosted a fundraising campaign to assist with renovations at the school, as well as the purchase of equipment, to enhance hands-on skilled trades training for high school students. About 20 chamber members and industry partners provided more than \$11,000 in financial and in-kind assistance to the school's renovation project, which was also financially supported by CEC, CCRSB and DEECD.

"The creation of CEC's hot lab demonstrates how the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Chignecto Central Regional School Board and members of Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce can come together

to benefit students and provide them with an opportunity to learn a skill that will benefit them in life and possible post-secondary studies," says school principal Bill Kaulbach.

The lab was constructed in an area of the school that was previously used for automotive trades training in the 1980s. The classroom was extensively renovated to meet all current building codes and safety standards.

Welding is now being offered as part of the curriculum in a number of courses including Production Technology 11, Production Technology 12, Design 11, Exploring Technology 10, Electrotechnologies 11 and Applied Technology 10-12. Approximately 150 students will have access to the hot lab this year.

A "Lift Me Up" Fundraiser for The Historeum



Pictured above in this 1960s picture from the Colchester Historical Society archives are band members (L-R): Layne Francis, Lee Taylor, Frank MacKay, Rod Norrie, Brian Chisholm and Frank Mumford. (CHS Archives)

By Dale Ells

On February 2nd, 2017, from 4 to 7 pm The "Lift Me UP" program will unfold on the first floor of the

Colchester Historeum. Tickets are \$20. This extra fundraiser is to help meet the \$6000+ cost of Elevator Repairs.

Musicians and others associated with The Lincolns will speak and provide music. The special guests will include the "Girl Group" known as the Flirtatious Five and more. There will be a screening of the Film "The Lincolns". The treats will include Wine, Nibbles and Coca Cola. A number of prizes to "Lift You Up" will be awarded.

The 1960s picture is from the CHS archives showing the young and local band members who captured the hearts of so many with their rock and roll music. Many would dance the night away to their music. The band members were from left, Layne Francis, Lee Taylor, Frank MacKay, Rod Norrie, Brian Chisholm and Frank Mumford.

Residents Appointed to Council Committees

By Maurice Rees

After establishing committee members from within council, a public appeal for citizens to apply for positions on a variety of committees. Council received and approved the following nominations:

Planning Advisory Committee - 4 Representatives: Gregg Dill, John Vissers, Paul Weatherby and Dave Totten. **Flood Advisory Committee** - 2 Citizen Representatives: Hank Kolstee and Laurie Sandeson. **Joint Flood Advisory Committee** - 1 Representative: Robert Monk. **Joint Planning Advisory Committee** - 1 Representative: Paul Weatherby.

Tatamagouche Source Water Protection Advisory Committee - 2 Representatives from the Watershed area, 1 Representative from the North Shore River Restoration Association, 1 Representative from the Village Commission: Greg Watson and Allan Bonnyman from Watershed area; Doug Bastow from the North Shore River Restoration Association. No recommendation at this time for the Representative from the Village Commission.

Joint Police Advisory Committee - 2 Representatives: Jeff Bowman and Terrance Mosher. **Citizens Monitoring Committee Kemptown** - 6 Host Community Representatives and 6 Members at Large: Glen Scott as a Host Community Representative. **Cobequid Housing Authority** - 1 Representative: Terrance Mosher. **Fundy/Palliser Committee** - 2 Representatives: Greg Dill and Raven Knowles.

Six other committee did not attract any citizen volunteers. The committee include: **Tatamagouche Planning Advisory Committee** - 5 to 7 Representatives; **Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee** - 3 Representatives (from within serviced area); **Agriculture Working Group** - 1 to 2 Farming representatives; **Citizens Monitoring Committee Greenfield** (Wind Turbines) - 1 to 2 Representatives; **Citizens Monitoring Committee Truro Heights** (Wind Turbines) - 1 to 2 Representatives; and **Citizens Monitoring Committee Nuttby** (Wind Turbines) - 1 to 2 Representatives.

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