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## West Colchester to Co-Host Winter Carnival

By Maurice Rees

Craig Burgess, Director Recreation Services, is leading Colchester's participation to co-host a mid-February winter carnival that will include West Colchester communities from Great Village to Parrsboro. Planning is underway for the 1st annual Fundy Shore Winter Carnival, February 14-18.

The organizing committee will strive to get as

many community groups involved with a variety of winter-based activities and to create some winter excitement and host fundraisers. Other areas in Cumberland South including Advocate, Port Greville, Diligent River and Southampton will also include a variety of activities.

February is "Winter Carnival" time. Debert has an annual event, plus the Long John Festival in Truro will

be held at the same weekend as the proposed event along the shore which will include the shore communities in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. Although the schedule has not been concluded a quick rundown of what is being planned includes: Focus on involving as many communities along the Fundy shore as possible; Chili cook-off in local communities, leading to one

large cook-off among the winners of each; Snowmen in as many communities as possible (like "pumpkin people"); All snowmen should be wearing scarves - tying in the winter and warmth theme; "Knitting Bombs" in many local areas where scarves can be made for snowmen and Lots of focus on play and getting people outdoors and active.

An email campaign will be conducted to reach as many community groups as possible encouraging their participation and asking them to promote the event in their local communities. It was noted in Parrsboro there are 120 elementary and 140 high school students

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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

### January 2019

**STRESS RELIEF:** On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 91 years old ... I am sweet 16 with 75 years experience". That's ATTITUDE.

**John Ross and Sons Ltd.**, gets innovation rebate. Incorporated in 1955, the company specializes in the purchasing, grading, handling and processing of scrap metals from manufacturers, contractors, recycling yards and individuals. The company is investing in new technology to increase its capacity in markets outside Nova Scotia. The Halifax-based company is proceeding with a \$4.5 million total capital investment to install a wire and cable recycling plant. The plant takes raw material and by using a range of technologies and processes, refines, separates and sorts the material into separate components. This new plant will allow the company to extract high-valued materials more efficiently, and in turn, will increase productivity and capacity. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$1,070,296 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending of \$4.5 million.

**Wentworth Valley Wilderness Area's** designation will help create year-round tourism and business opportunities for Nova Scotians while protecting forest and habitat for wildlife. Environment Minister Margaret Miller announced the designation of the new 1,954-hectare wilderness area in Colchester and Cumberland counties on November 26th. "Ski Wentworth has been exploring opportunities to expand into four season operation. With the Wentworth Valley Wilderness Area protected, it will further enhance this region as a destination for four season ecotourism," said Leslie Wilson, president of Ski Wentworth. "The Wentworth Valley Wilderness Area will help ensure wildlife sanctuary and recreational opportunities for a healthier Nova Scotia population." Ms. Miller also announced the designation of two other protected areas near Oxford, Cumberland Co. Chase Lake Wilderness Area covers 874 hectares and Steepbank Brook Nature Reserve covers 202 hectares.

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Garnet and Alexia McLaughlin, of Cobequid Trail Consulting, designed and oversaw construction of the new sand kitchen on the grounds of the Chignecto Elementary School, which came together over three or four weekends of volunteers help. The wooden shark is a nice replica of the school's mascot and a favourite of the students.

## OPEN HOUSES

### January 16 & 22

By Maurice Rees

The County of Colchester will hold two open houses at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre on January 16th and 22nd to consult with the public on proposed changes to by-laws regulating commercial kennels. A notification was included in the municipal newsletter. The council has been promoting an on-line survey on its website. Home page at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) provides a link to the survey which will remain posted until December 31st.

Some dog owners and kennel operators, who have contacted the Shoreline Journal have expressed concern about the county's approach to input. A representative of one company which is a large supplier of dog food and accessories expressed amazement at the approach. "Nearly every month there are media reports of councillors complaining about the lack of internet service, yet they resort to an on-line survey for input. How many dog owners and kennel operators are they missing?", the representative stated. He continued, "It seems like they are waiting until the last minute by hiding behind a computer screen and don't want to face the public on this very sensitive issue".

A message on the county's website stated, "We need your input! Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey about commer-

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## RCMP Erases Comments

By Maurice Rees

RCMP's erasure critical comments in the copy of "The 2004 RCMP Report" sent to Bill Casey, MP has riled him up, but he remains diplomatic. Casey has been pressuring for the RCMP not to close its Emergency Communications Centre in Truro and move it to Dartmouth.

Casey discovered the erasure, when he compared the copy the RCMP sent to him, with another copy he obtained from another source.

As a result Casey has asked the federal Auditor General to intervene and review four reports, which

were sent to the Auditor General with the plea for help. The 2004 RCMP Report specifically recommended "the RCMP not locate their primary OCC within the Halifax Regional Municipality",

and "the OCC Primary service delivery site be outside of HRM due to risks of placing 2 largest police communications centres in close proximity to each other".

Casey maintains none of the facts that caused that conclusion have changed; if anything, the threats are even greater today. Casey believes the RCMP's erasure of critical comments in the copy provided to him will be of particular to the Auditor General.

On November 28th he issued a press release after he had asked has asked the Au-

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Grace and Rielly Matthews had a nice visit with Santa during the 'John Deere Kids Day' held Nov. 24th at Green Diamond on Hub Drive, Onslow. More 'John Deere Kids Day' can be found on page 19 of your Shoreline Journal. (Harrington Photos)

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