

Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

Less than a week until Christmas



Where did the time go? It seems like yesterday, we thought "there's lots of time" so no need to rush for Christmas.

As you are reading this month's submission there is less than a week before Christmas, or if you got busy, trying to catch up, maybe the "big" day has come and gone.

If it has past you probably are like me, can't wait to take down the decorations for another year.

At least I won't have to wait for January to bring the bills. Followed my own rule made a few years ago, "if it's for Christmas, it has been paid before I brought it home".

What a nice feeling compared to 30+ years ago, when Bradley was wee one.

I haven't been spending much time in the kitchen. I hate winter and it came much too fast, and with several cold windy days.

Since I haven't won the lotto and can't afford to find much warmer climate, guess I'll have to hibernate until spring comes.

Maurice and I are not much for deserts and sweets, but I do like my chocolate.

Maurice would rather go back for seconds, rather than clear a path for dessert. But I must say he has the occasional craving.

One of his favourites is Radio Pudding. The name might sound odd, and no you don't par-boil or bake an older radio.

The recipe is out of Barbour's Cook Book from probably the 50's or 60's. It's easy to make and is best served warm.

Radio Pudding

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tsp soda
- 2 tps cream of tartar
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup raisins (optional)
- ½ cup milk
- ½ tsp vanilla.

Sauce for pudding:

- ½ cup brown sugar
- butter size of walnut
- 2 cups boiling water

Pour sauce over dough - do not stir. If your oven runs hot, either reduce time, or add few tablespoons boiling water. Want to create lots of sauce and to keep the dough / pudding moist.

Bake in 350 oven for 30 minutes..

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Notes from our National Capital Stone from Wallace built Centre block steps

I often wish that every Canadian could visit their own parliament buildings in Ottawa and spend some time exploring and watching. I believe we have the best parliament buildings and the best parliamentary system anywhere. There are hundreds of different versions of democracy but I have come to appreciate ours for its total access and openness.

Under our system, any MP can approach any minister almost any day because we all come together in the Chamber for votes and for Question Period. Ministers have no place to hide even if they wanted to. Because of this access, Members can bring urgent issues right to the Minister's desk without going through any protocol or assistants. The same goes for the Prime Minister. I have managed to make progress on issues whether I was in Government or in Opposition because of this access. There are very few countries that enjoy this unrestricted availability.

This week was the last time the House of Commons will sit in the traditional Chamber in Center Block for about ten years. Work has already started on renovations to the building and Thursday was my last speech in that Chamber. When MPs return to Ottawa in January we will go back to work in the building known as the West Block. A temporary House of Commons Chamber has been created by installing a roof over an area that was always open. It

will be quite a change after going to the old chamber for so many years.

Even after decades of working in Center Block, I still marvel every day at the design and workmanship that went into that building over a hundred years ago. There are incredible ceilings in the hallways which make me still wonder....how did they do that? There are stone carvings and woodcarvings everywhere throughout the building. One can't help but wonder where the artisans came from to do so many. The Library of Parliament alone has thousands of woodcarvings everywhere that are very intricate and detailed. Every time I enter the Library I run my fingers over these carvings and wonder who actually did these perfect wooden sculptures.

Years ago I was watching some stonemasons replacing worn steps going into the Center Block. For some reason I asked where the large replacement stones had come from, and one of the workers said...."Somewhere in Nova Scotia". So I asked if we could turn one over to see exactly where it came from. Low and behold, it had come from the quarry in Wallace.

During construction over a hundred years ago, I understand that every effort was made to use materials from all across the



Bill Casey

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Notes from our Provincial Capital

Let me begin by extending to all my constituents and to all readers of The Shoreline Journal, wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. It is a wonderful time of year, and we need to pause, to enjoy our family and friends, and to support those less fortunate.

It is also a time to reflect on the past year, to give thanks, and then to look forward with hope and excitement. It is a time when communities come together to decorate and to celebrate. Countless volunteer hours are given to transform our homes, our businesses and our communities into a Winter Wonderland. I wish to acknowledge and thank those who have been busy organizing events that allow us to celebrate the Season together. These events provide great opportunities to meet, to laugh, to share and to enjoy one another.

One of the strengths of our province and its rural communities is that we care for one another. It is a pleasure and a privilege to represent a rural constituency, and I take every opportunity to see provincial policy and legislation through that rural lens. We have something special in rural Nova Scotia....folks are happy to greet, laugh, talk about "the news" and show compassion to one another.

We care about the less fortunate. Let us make an effort this year to help make their Christmas one to remember in a good way. The sense of satisfaction that you feel in your heart when you give to

others is not easily forgotten.

As your MLA since 2006, let me continue to show my appreciation for the support that you have given to me over the last 12 years, and to say thanks for the confidence you have placed in me to continue to represent you in the Provincial Legislature. I am truly honored to be the MLA for Colchester North, the Minister of Finance and the Deputy Premier. Together we are making a positive difference in our province.

I recently had the honor and privilege to represent the Province of Nova Scotia at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Boston. As you know, this is the way our province continues to say "Thanks" to Boston for the immediate response at the time of the Halifax Explosion. Over 30 000 men, women and children attended the event at Boston Commons. I was so proud to represent you and our province as Deputy Premier.

Perhaps the greatest highlight, and truly in the spirit of Christmas, was a visit to Matheau School. This school is in an underprivileged area of the city, but the warm reception from those kids told me of the love, warmth and compassion each one has in their



Karen Casey

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News from our Municipal Council - District 10

Please take the time to complete the on-line surveys

Hello from snowy West Colchester, winter has arrived early and I for one am hoping for a January thaw that runs from January to March.

I would like to begin by asking that you take the time to go to the Municipality of Colchester website and take part in two different surveys. These surveys are important as they provide you with the opportunity to help shape Municipal Policy. The first survey will provide feedback as we develop a new policy on dog kennels and where they will be permitted in our Municipality.

I am sure you are all aware of the controversy that occurred when the Municipality had to enforce our current bylaw when a kennel and residents became conflicted. This was a very unfortunate incident for many people, the kennel owner, the many dog owners that used the services it provided and the residents and business surrounding the kennel that felt they were adversely affected by the barking that is to be expected from a kennel.

This is particularly important to me as a committee, I chair, will be making a recommendation to council on a new bylaw that will determine where a kennel can operate; how close to residential homes and such. We need to hear from everyone, regardless if you own a dog, a current kennel owner or user or a resident who may someday have a commercial kennel near your home.

I can assure you that all comments will be confidential and will be considered in our recommendation. Recognizing the protests

and the concerns raised earlier this year we must get this right.

The second survey is about branding Colchester. Now some will surly say, who cares about branding, or that's another new kind of buzz word or thing to do. However, in my opinion, in today's multimedia world, it is important to portray your community in a positive light and attract folks from away to visit or move to our communities as well as attract business and jobs. However I have just completed this survey and besides the branding effort it provides you an opportunity to give your opinion on many things such as: What is good about your Municipality or community. What is bad! What you would like to see different or done better. Please take time to fill this out, be honest, and do not be shy about some bold new ideas. Most importantly, when they ask what the best thing about your Municipal Council, tell them it is the Councillor from District 10!!!

This being the final article of 2018 I want to thank you once again for providing me with the opportunity to be your council representative. It is an honor and I truly appreciate. Zylpha and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous new year.

Tom

Tom Taggart is Municipal Councillor for Colchester District 10



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