

Green Space for Salmon River?

By Maurice Rees

What will be the ultimate use of the Salmon River School site? Will it become a community green space, or will part of it be ceded to the Salmon River Fire Department, or a combination?

That's three possibilities facing Colchester council, who owns the 16 acre site following its transfer to the municipality after the school was closed. Early in 2019, the Salmon River Fire Department made a presentation to council suggesting, although they had not finalized their plans asked council to consider at least four acres for a project they are considering.

On December 3rd, Scott Hagell, and his mother, Giny Hingley, representing a group of Salmon River residents, suggested the site

should become a green space for the community of Salmon River. Their suggestion was for a year-round recreational and culture space, which could include an off-leash dog park; walking/snowshoeing trails; sledging hill; community garden, lawn bowling and picnic area with washroom facilities.

The school sitting on a 16 acre plot was demolished in 2017. 40% of the site is forested and the remainder grassy fields with an aging paved entry way. The site includes a steep hill, overlooking the playground area, has been an iconic area for family sledging events. Other amenities include a soccer field and a fresh water brook along the west side of the property. It was suggested

keeping the trees would allow for a variety of nature enjoyments if existing ATV trails were upgraded to walking trail standards.

In his presentation, Hagell stated many people go to other areas, such as Victoria Park or Halifax to access an off-leash park and furthermore the area is growing with many young families. With a shortage of public space he suggested it would be an attraction to encourage an influx of families with young children.

Councillor Gibbs suggested the idea needs a lot of study and one area to start would be to organize a community meeting. He referenced the early 2019 request from the fire department for at least four acres might create a conflict and was of concern.

Asked to speak on the matter, Craig Burgess, Director Recreation Services, said the existing ATV trails could be improved, lots of signage and drainage installed in some areas. Councillor Wade Parker suggested a possibility might involve development of a "not-for-profit" community organize to move the project forward and to demonstrate the sincerity of the community.

Summarizing the discussion, Mayor Blair indicated there is a process which council must follow and the request for four acres by the fire department must be considered. She ended her comments by suggesting perhaps there is a way to do some things jointly.

The request will be on council's minds and analysis by staff will no doubt be a part of the deliberations.

Recommendations from November 14TH Committee

The following were approved motions from the November 14th committee meeting which needed ratification at monthly council meeting included:

Reimbursement for Business and Training Expenses Policy

Council approves the amendments to Reimbursement for Business and Training Expenses Policy (5.05) with an additional amendment to Section 1(e), which would increase the meal allowance from \$12 to \$15.

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Small Flood Damage: Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy, Flood Advisory Committee Terms of Reference,

and Council Proceedings and Committees Policy. That Council approves the proposed changes to the Flood Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy and the Council Proceedings and Committees Policy, as presented.

Personnel Policy Amendments (4.05, 6.12, 6.13):

Council approves the amendments to Personnel Policies 4.05 Orientation Program, 6.12 Special Family Leave, and 6.13 Medical and Dental Appointments, as presented.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The last Friday Night Supper for December is Friday, the 13th. The First Friday Night Supper for 2020 will be Friday, the 10th of January. Members are reminded they can pay their Legion dues for 2020 at the bar.

A very special thank you is passed along to Comrade Rob Collins for the beautiful sets of coins- Canadian Coinage of George V, 1910-1936; Canadian Coinage of George VI, 1936-1952; Canadian Coinage of Elizabeth II, 1952-; USA World War II Collection and Canadian World War II Collection. Rob, thank you very much, they are awesome.

The quilt the Military Museum was selling tickets on was won by Faye Dawson of Parrsboro and it was made by Gail Hines. Thank you, Gail what an awesome job.

I have been asked many times who were the winners in the Brookfield Draws. Here

they are: 1) Robert Rudolph, Dartmouth; 2) Russell Smith, Lyons Brook; 3) Jodi Walker; 4) Kevin MacIssaac, Pictou and 5) Buddy Yorke, Five Islands.

An up to date look at the standings in the D.M.D.L shows Bob Freeman and Derek McMullen tied for first place on the men's side with 70 points each. Holding down second spot is Ron Eastcott with 63 points and rounding out the top three is Ian Menzies and Owen Totten with 55 points.

Dawn Hatt leads the lady's division with 72 points, Deanna Martell sits in second with 58 points and rounding out the top three is Marilyn Dykens with 46 points.

There has been two 180's and Bob Freeman and Derek shot them. High Start- (M) Bob Freeman 140, (L) Debbie Cock 120; High Finish- (M) Ian Menzies 152, (L) Joanie Johnson 76; High Score- (M) Owen Totten 156, (L) Dawn Hatt 162;

Most Starts- (M) Kenny Smith, Ron Eastcott 48, (L) Dawn Hatt 37; Most Finishes- (M) Derek McMullen 49, (L) Dawn Hatt 24; Most Tinkles- (M) Dwayne Turner 65, (L) Audrey Gallagher; Least Tinkles- (M) Ron Eastcott 21, (L) Dawn Hatt 56.

The Dart League will close out for the holidays with the final shoot on Friday, December 20th, 2019.

The League will start up again on Friday, Jan. 3rd, 2020. (Thanks Skip).

An up to date look at the Wednesday Night Crib League shows the team of Charmaine and Brian Turner holding down top spot with 588 points, while Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott are pegging along in second place with 638 points. Rounding out the top 3 is the team of Tom Manley and Bobby Pash with 664 points.

Most Winning Nights is Charmaine and Brian Turner along with Norm Eastcott and Debbie Buchanan, they have two each. Most Hidden Scores is Marcia Eastcott and Earl Harvey with two. There have been a total of 19, 24-point hands and Bruce Marr, Charmaine Turner, Bernice Bennett, Earl Harvey and Charlie Roland all have two each.

The last night for Crib for 2019 is December 18th. The first night back in 2020 will be Wednesday Night the 8th of January. (Thanks Earl).

To all our readers from President Bobby Pash, the Executive and Membership of Branch 106 may your Christmas (Holiday) Season be happy and bright and spent with family and friends.

Happy Birthday wishes for December are passed along to Gerry Whelan, Ron Francis, Ron Eastcott, Neil Bennett, Ver-

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

NDP & PC's choose candidates
Premier McNeil has a limited amount of time to call a by-election for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River following last fall's resignation of Lenore Zann who went on to replace Bill Casey, MP in October's federal election. Late last fall the Conservative's chose Dave Ritcey as their candidate and in late November the NDP chose Kathleen Kevany over Daniel Criss, Joan Keller and Todd White were also seeking the nomination. Kevany is an Associate Professor at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Agriculture, Bible Hill.

Paving with plastic grocery bags
Sobeys unveiled one of Canada's first parking lots paved using post-consumer plastics that have been diverted from local landfills when it opened a new store in Timberlea on November 28th. The amount of recycled plastics used in the mixture is the equivalent of more than 6 million plastic checkout bags. This innovative approach to plastics reduction and reuse follows the Company's industry-leading commitment to remove plastic grocery bags from all Sobeys grocery stores by the end of January 2020, a change that will take 225 million plastic grocery bags out of circulation at Sobeys' 255 locations across Canada each year.

Sharing ideas for Budget 2020-21 and future budgets
Nova Scotians can participate in Budget Talks 2020-21 by emailing budget@novascotia.ca, tweeting @NSFinance, mailing a submission to the Department of Finance and Treasury Board, or speaking with an MIA. Budget Talks 2020-21 will be open until Dec. 31. "We value the contributions and feedback we receive from Nova Scotians and organizations across the province each year," said Finance and Treasury Board Minister Karen Casey. "Hearing the thoughts and priorities of Nova Scotians is an important part of the budget process. I look forward to hearing the ideas that come forward." Information on Budget Talks 2020-21 can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/budget/budget-talks-2020-2021.asp>

Sobeys Inc.'s Ultimate Picnic Table
Over the past four months, Sobeys Inc. and Crombie REIT, developer and property manager for the Sobeys Timberlea site, have worked directly with local small business Goodwood Plastic Products, a business based in Stewiacke committed to finding smart solutions for recycling plastic materials, to research and develop the new asphalt pavement mixture. Sobeys Inc. also worked with Goodwood Plastic Products who provided the recycled plastics lumber used for Sobeys Inc.'s Ultimate Picnic Table, that was unveiled on the Halifax waterfront late last month and diverted 60,000 single-use plastic bags from local landfills. The new Sobeys Timberlea store has a picnic bench made from Goodwood Plastic Product's recycled plastics lumber onsite for customers to enjoy.

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non Shay, Don (Padre) MacQueen and Owen Gormley. Happy Anniversary wishes are passed along to Leona and Earl Harvey. Please don't forget to thank a Veteran; it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our Country and our freedom. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



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