

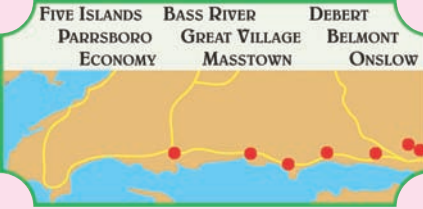
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Plan It Colchester report presented

By Paul Smith
On December 10th, Paul Smith, Director Community Planning presented an overview of activities in the Community Development Department since August, 2025. This section dealt with Community Planning.

Plan It Colchester - County-wide planning: The County-wide plan and by-law have been in place for about 6 months now and the transition has been going well. The online permit application process has helped ease the transition to development permits being required county-wide. Staff are preparing some administrative amendments to ensure the Land Use Bylaw carries out the intent of the Planning Strategy.

Planning Activity: The Planning Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, December 15th to review and discuss the staff report and draft development agreement for the 5 Corners housing and mixed-use project in Bible Hill. This meeting will be held at the Bible Hill Junior High School, in the gym, which has higher capacity for the public to attend. There has been a high level of interest from the community for this project.

There are several active planning applications currently under review including two in Bible Hill as well as Hilden and

Lower Truro and in more rural areas of Colchester. Staff continue to meet regularly with prospective developers about a variety of locations across the County. Most discussions are about proposed housing developments.

The 3D Visualization for Flood Hazard Communication project is ongoing. Staff have reviewed an initial draft of the mapping and provided feedback for some changes, including asking for the critical infrastructure to be included, such as lift stations, municipal buildings, fire stations, etc. A revised version should be made available shortly with a view to complete the project in the winter of 2026.

- Urban Systems is overseeing a major overhaul of Colchester's Active Transportation (AT) Strategy with most of the initial community engagement activities completed in mid-November. The study will examine and make short-, medium- and long-term recommendations on AT priorities as well as involve the creation of an evaluation rubric that can be used to assess emerging requests for sidewalks and AT infrastructure. The project is scheduled to be completion by the end of March 2026, after a second round of community/stakeholder engagement is complete for the draft Plan.

Update – Millbrook Reserve Addition

By Maurice Rees

Numerous Colchester employees were recognized for Years of Service at council's committee meeting on December 11th. (Photos and details of service form part of the February issue) After the presentation ceremony the next item on the agenda was a matter to update Millbrook Reserve Addition which was first discussed at council in 2019.

Documents circulated to council stated: This is to update Council on the status of the Addition to Millbrook Reserve which was first raised with Council in 2019. Following Council's discussion of the legal and policy framework, then a meeting held with Chief Gloade, and other Band Council representatives, Council

authorized a letter of support, a copy of which is attached as Appendix "A".

The proposed Addition is to include nine (9) parcels of land currently owned by 3031611 Nova Scotia Limited, a holding company for Millbrook First Nation. The parcels are shown in Appendix "B". Millbrook First Nation requests the Municipality to remove a textual qualification ("TQ") from the property bearing PID 20206595 (the "Property"). We understand the removal of this TQ is a necessary step to permit the addition of the Property to their reserve lands. A textual qualification is a note or statement added to a property's title or parcel register, typically during the migration of land into the Land Registration

System. It is used when there is uncertainty about the existence or extent of a benefit or burden affecting the property. The TQ serves as a caution, indicating that a potential interest may exist, but the certifying lawyer is not in a position to confirm its precise nature or validity.

Recommended Motion: That Council Committee recommend to Council that it provide a release to Millbrook First Nation confirming that no road reservation exists on PID No. 20206595.

Next item on the agenda was New Governance Model for RECC (to be distributed on table). Since the Shoreline attends council meetings in an online format via YouTube, we have not received a hard copy at press time. Since

Colchester announced on October 29th, it was not happy with the current situation it issued a press release after advising the Town of Truro.

The release stated: "The Municipality of Colchester has given notice to the Town of Truro and management of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society to end the existing Operating Agreement for the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC). This decision will result in governance structure changes to improve future operations and building conditions at the RECC and is not expected to impact immediate day-to-day service at the facility."

It is Colchester Council's view that the management of the RECC has been compromised since contracts to lease and manage the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property (NSPE) were signed by Society management without municipal approval in 2024. It's believed that the initiative to manage two large complexes has not served the RECC well, resulting in a divided mandate and diluted efforts.

In other events, A request by Matt Moore, the top staffer at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre for a public audience to discuss the termination of an operating agreement for the facility won't be granted, according to the mayors of the municipal units that own the building.

In a letter sent to all municipal councillors on Nov. 13, Matt Moore, the society's CEO, said he was "deeply disappointed" by the move and that it has "negatively affected the reputation of the organization and its management." Moore declined through his lawyer to comment on the letter. Various reports to the Shoreline Journal indicate Moore is now off work on Sick Leave.

Municipality of Colchester CAO Dan Troke said Nolan and Meech have since resigned as have former chair Stephanie Jones, former vice-chair Andrew Lake, Ron Smith, Alan Grant and Tracey Ungar. They were among eight interim members appointed to the society board in May after the previous citizen representatives were dismissed. The mayors and a councillor from each municipality are members on the board while the chief administrative officers are non-voting members. Multiple sources have said society CEO Matt Moore filed a harassment complaint against Blair. They said the society's board was dismissed in May in the midst of an investigation, and the interim board also launched an investigation. Building namesake Stu Rath told CBC News that he and his son Duane Rath wrote to the department and three area MLAs about the situation. He declined to provide a copy of the letter or an interview. The 82-year-old businessman said he was upset and "waiting to see" what would come of correspondence with the province. The Rathes contributed \$1 million toward the facility.



Cuteness Overload! Lower Onslow Preschool held their annual Christmas Concert on December 10. Santa's cute little elf Jason Ives did a great job singing out at the Lower Onslow Preschool Christmas Concert. See more pictures on page 2. (Harrington Photos)

Nancy Latimer – TOPS 2024 Nova Scotia Queen

We all have a story to tell about our weight loss journey. I originally started attending TOPS in 2017. My cousin, Marie MacDougall from Port Hawkesbury, was the leader for TOPS at that time. She spoke to me and explained what TOPS was about, "Taking Off Pounds Sensibly."

My husband and I joined TOPS, and I lost 40 pounds.

Life got busy, and I stopped going to TOPS. Well, I gained the 40 pounds back, plus more. I rejoined TOPS in March 2023. I had health issues, high blood pressure, and mobility issues. My starting weight was 253.5 pounds, and my goal weight was 149.

It's tough, and no one said it was going to be easy. I struggle daily with my

weight. It will be a challenge to keep my weight off, though, so easy to put the weight back on. We all do different things to lose weight, including exercising and how we prepare meals. I know I take a day to give myself a treat after my weigh-in. This works for me, then I'm back on track the next day.

If I told myself, you can't

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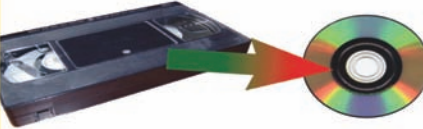
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