

## Cuteness Overload! Lower Onslow Preschool held their annual Christmas Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

(Harrington Photos) Also see page 1.



Violet Roche sits on Santa's knee following the concert.



Levi Johannson, Juliette Whalen, Wrenly Black, Lyza Johnson.



Grayson Allen, Violet Roche, Waylan Cameron, Whitley Thompson.



Cian Longva, Renley McClellan, Jason Ives.



Theo King, Mairi Grady.



Back row (left to right)- Jaxon Ives, Cian Longva , Grayson Allen, Violet Roche, Whitley Thompson, Wrenly Black, Lyza Johnson, Renley McClellan. Front row seated- Theo King, Mairi Grady, Juliette Whalen, Waylan Cameron, Levi Johannson.

## Sustainable Colchester update 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 deals with Sustainable Colchester.

**Sustainable Colchester - Solar PV on Municipal & Community Buildings:** The last phase of this project funded by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Project has been completed with the commissioning of the solar gardens at the North Shore Recreation Centre in Tatamagouche and the West Colchester United Arena in Debert. The solar gardens are projected to save each community centre around \$17,000 in electricity costs annually.

**Regional Transit Study:** The Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study is nearing completion, with a scheduled report delivery date of January 30, 2026. The staff team recognizes that the end date has been pushed back several times and are grateful for Council's and the community's patience. Staff have been working with the consultant to ensure the study is thorough and incorporates feedback from all voices that need to be heard.

The consultants and municipal staff held four pop-ups in the community in October and received input from dozens of community members on the service concepts developed by Arcadis. The third public survey for the transit study went live in early November and received almost 900 responses. The community has been extremely engaged in this process, with predominantly positive feedback and enthusiastic support for the introduction of a transit service in the region.

**Community Solar Garden Feasibility Study:** This study is well underway, although the anticipated end date has been moved from Fall 2025 to early 2026. The project consultant, East Point Engineering Ltd., has completed site assess-

ments for six municipally-owned parcels and indicated that the most suitable site is a

property in Debert with frontage on Plains Rd and Dakota Rd (PID 20357745).

While the property is zoned R-4 (Residential High Density) *continued on page 3*



Photos: New solar gardens at the North Shore Recreation Centre (left) and West Colchester United Arena (right).



# Free Holiday Skates

**Grab your family and lace up—Holiday Skates are the perfect way to get into the festive spirit!**

	<p><b>December 23, 2025 - 4pm-5pm</b></p> <p><b>December 24, 2025 - 10am-11am</b></p> <p><b>December 31, 2025 - 10:30am-11:30am</b></p>
	<p><b>December 27, 2025 - 11:30am-12:30pm</b></p> <p><b>December 28, 2025 - 12pm-1pm</b></p> <p><b>January 3, 2026 - 11:30am-12:30pm</b></p>
	<p><b>December 22, 2025 - 8pm-10pm</b></p> <p><b>December 28, 2025 - 4pm-6pm</b></p> <p><b>December 29, 2025 - 3pm-5pm</b></p>



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