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in May youth employment increased by 54,400 jobs. This is the biggest monthly job gain for young Canadians in nearly three decades.

Next to Remembrance Day, Canada Day is the busiest on an MP's calendar. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as Tammy and I travel throughout the riding taking in parades, fireworks and other community events. As we celebrate, let's all take the time to remember the veterans who sacrificed so much so that we can all embrace this great and free nation.

Happy Canada Day!

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office Toll free at 1-888-752-0552; visit my website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong\_MP.

**Scott Armstrong, MP Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley**

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been able to hire new staff and secure the employment of their current staff.

It is important for government when they enter into economic development deals, that taxpayers' money is protected. One way to protect taxpayers' dollars while growing our economy is to ensure that the investment does create jobs. The government promised that the 6 large corporations would create more than 15 000 jobs. This has not happened. In fact, there are 1,300 fewer Nova Scotians working at those 6 companies now than before these cheques were passed out.

Secondly, much of the money given to these corporations was in the form of a forgivable loan. That means the money will never be repaid. This is your money and mine and when government gives money to large businesses, they should be expected to repay the taxpayers, after all it is taxpayers' money that the government is using.

Finally, government needs to be open and honest with the conditions when signing deals with business. This means a regular audit of the jobs promised and the terms and conditions on which the loan is made. This NDP government has a very poor economic record.

Over the last 4 years, we have had the worst economic growth of any province in Canada. We have lost thousands and thousands of fulltime jobs. There are more Nova Scotians unemployed now than during the recession. With such a poor track record of managing taxpayers' dollars and investing in big business with no guarantees of job creation and no accountability, it is time to take the chequebook away from the NDP.

**Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North Ph: 902-893-2180**

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He suggested they look at windmills and treating fracking fluids. However when asked by a reporter the Mayor of Windsor denied they had ever spoken to AIS since they released the wastewater sometime ago. Therefore, I am not exactly sure what is truly going on. However, I want to say I would be truly disappointed if this happened. Number 1, this would show an total lack of respect for our council and to the committee I chaired as well as the citizens of West Colchester with whom they share the bay with.

Secondly, as a result of that committee I was invited to a conference at the US Consulate in Halifax on fracking and the facts. The presenter was a professor at the University of West Virginia.

He started out by saying that in general he was pro fracking, but would give a balanced view. Well, the single most serious concern he had with fracking was with the disposal of fracking waste water! He said that it should never, treated or untreated be allowed to be released into the streams and rivers. I asked if that would include a place like the Bay of Fundy. He said he had visited the Bay of Fundy and he would agree that it should not be allowed.

Now this man is a professional, he supports fracking and makes some very valid points in terms of the benefits to the communities, the province, and to the environment. He said if fracking was very tightly regulated and modern technology was used, it could move a region that had shale gas reserves from a "have not" to a "have" region.

Quite honestly he got my attention and I will continue to try and understand this industry. However, my point is: he is pro fracking and clearly stated fracking waste water should never be released into our water ways.

Enjoy your summer

**Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County**

**News from our Municipal Council - District 9**

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When an independent consultant gave a presentation to County Council on May 28th recommending a 15% increase in Councillors remuneration along with the same 15% increase for the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor my first reaction was that I was fine with it considering that there hadn't been an independent study done on council's remuneration since 2006. My only concern about the review was the timing. I believe all reviews for politician's salary increases should be done six months prior to an election.

I also believe every tax payer themselves should be more involved in the process when it comes to increasing politician's salaries and I have a few ideas about how to get them involved but we'll save that for another time.

After the independent consultant concluded his presentation, Council was informed the Council Executive (Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillor Taggart and Councillor Cooper) was giving Council another option to consider and that was one, that if accepted, would see Council approving the consultants recommendations for the Councillors and Deputy Mayor to have an increase of their remuneration by 15% however the increase in the remuneration to the Mayor position would be almost 44%. Council then decided to take two weeks to study the consultant's report and the council executive recommendation. As I say, "do our home work" before making a decision.

During that two week period after the presentations a few Councillor's had a chance to speak with some of their constituents and the consensus with the people was the same. I had emails, phone calls and conversations with many Colchester Citizens while attending some local social events where they voiced their opinions on this issue. The majority of the people I spoke to were fine with the consultant's recommendation of 15% across the board but the 44% increase recommended by the executive was too much, too fast, for the Mayor position which is considered a part time position by the Municipal Government Act.

At the June 13th Council Committee meeting a motion was passed by a vote of 7 to 4 to accept the Council Executive recommendation of approximately a 44% increase in the Mayor's remuneration along with an increase of 15% for the Deputy Mayor and the councillors.

I voted no on this motion for two reasons. First, my constituents that include past councillors overwhelmingly told me that they would not support such an increase in the remuneration for the Mayor position in the County of Colchester. Secondly, I personally have an issue with the timing of the review. We were only six months into a four year term when this review was requested. Everyone on Council that chose to run in last fall's elections knew or should have known what the remuneration was with the position. I don't believe it's fair for elected officials to decide after they have been elected that they deserve more compensation.

I would like to add that the motion passed on June 13th also included a review of Council's remuneration will be conducted within months prior to an election. I would also like to be very clear that if the motion on the floor on June 13th had of been for Council to except the consultant's report as recommended with a 15% increase across the board I would have voted yes to support the recommendations.

Life is all about choices, sometimes we make good ones and sometimes we make bad ones. The thing to remember is no matter how they turn out we still have to live with them, whether we like it or not.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

# RCMP Donate \$1,000 to Children's Wish

The RCMP "H" Division Operational Communication Centre (OCC) and Colchester District RCMP wish to thank the many local businesses that assisted with the 4th annual Meet & Greet that took place on May 16th. Over \$1,000.00 was raised for donation to the local Children's Wish Foundation.

Over 300 members of the public came out to experience some of the many different functions the RCMP perform as well as other law enforcement and emergency response partners. It was a great day and the generous support of these businesses and the public helped the event raise donations to support the Children's Wish Foundation.



Lloyd Berliner of the Children's Wish Foundation is presented with a cheque for \$1039.90. Also in the photo are Insp. Phil Johnson, Sandy Molloy, Cpl. Addie MacCallum, Dave Connors and S/Sgt. John Berry. (Submitted)

## Onslow Belmont Notes

**By Debbie Weatherby  
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Finally saw a couple of deer the other day, haven't seen any in quite some time and it was a pleasure to watch them as they watched me. They were standing at the end of a driveway and we watched each other for about 2 or 3 minutes before they sauntered off into the woods. And talk about rabbits on one road!! Wow, haven't seen so many rabbits in a long time.

Regular Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Card social of 45's is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is 5.00 and a light lunch and prizes as well. All are welcome.

Card Party on Monday evenings at Lower Onslow Community Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is 5.00 with a 50/50 draw and there is also a light lunch.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Happy 65th Anniversary goes out to Bud and Millie (Groves) Langille of Onslow which they celebrated on May 21st.

Congratulations to Lisa Smith, daughter of Ron Hanes of Belmont on the early arrival of her baby boy weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs.

Condolences go out to Grace Fiddes, Lower Onslow

and the families on the loss of her mother Myrtle Irene Spaghe on May 25, 2013; Evelyn Lindsay, Onslow and the families on the loss of her brother Robert "Elroy" Hanes on May 28, 2013; Kim (Ula) Little, Belmont and the families on the loss of their nephew Jonathan Branton McIntryre on May 28, 2013 and Ethel (Elmer) MacKinnon, Lower Onslow

and the families on the loss of her sister Elsie R. Yorke (Corbett) on June 4, 2013.

The kids are getting excited about the fact school is over and hopefully the weather will soon start co-operating for them to enjoy their time off. Just seems like yesterday that it started and now it is over.

Please be on the look-out for the children and for the kids watch out for the drivers.

Have a safe summer. Long weekend coming up, enjoy and be careful. Until next time take care.

## Dividend Investing

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Canada are severely underfunded and many mature pension funds are facing a shortfall in cash flows. To make up for cash flow shortfalls, pension fund managers are likely to favor the regular and timely payments of dividend investments.

The overall corporate landscape is also favorable for dividend investing. Many corporations are carrying high levels of cash, prompting senior management teams to enact share buybacks, takeovers, and dividend increases. Telus Corp (TSX:T) is one of a number of companies who have regularly raised dividends and have stated a commitment to increasing them. Not only is this a positive for dividend investors, but it is also good from a capital appreciation standpoint as favorable dividend policies tend to result in higher stock prices.

When looking for dividend investments, investors should do their homework and companies should be analyzed to determine the sus-

tainability of the dividend. Payout ratios should be examined to determine whether growth is possible within the existing business model. If companies are able to fund their growth initiatives internally, they are less likely to cut dividends. The strength of the balance sheet is another key ingredient. A company may be unable to deal with a cash shortfall or take advantage of a strategic acquisition if it is already facing high levels of debt.

Given the current market volatility, a continued defensive approach is warranted. When assessing dividend investments look for quality and take advantage of market dips to add to positions.

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## Church Services for July

**By Christine Urquhart**

Church services for the month of July will all be at 10am, rotating as always between the three Churches.



**July 7 - Debert**

**July 14 - Glenholme**

**July 21 - Masstown**

**July 28 - Debert**

Sunday School is over for the summer months but will start up again in the fall. This does not mean that the children can't come to Church, they will be more than welcome!

Our minister is Carol Gillard M.Div. and if you need her you can reach her at the manse at 662-2617.

Come and join us each and any Sunday.