

# Solid Waste in Colchester

News from Colchester's

## Balefill Facility

By Maurice Rees

Colchester's Battery Recycling Program continues to be successful and continues to divert over 500 Kg of hazardous material from the landfill on a monthly basis. As efforts continue to divert more waste from the landfill, the provincial Dept of Environment (DOE) is considering banning more materials from landfills, as DOE struggles to achieve their goal of 300Kg.

As of yet, it is not known as to what will be banned and how DOE proposes handling of the newly banned materials. It is understood DOE is looking at a model used in British Columbia, but solid waste professionals from around the province see many flaws in the BC model. Since they will be responsible to enforce the new bans, solid waste managers and directors from around the province are attempting to be involved as "Stakeholders" in developing the new regulations.

The compost "giveaway" at the Colchester Balefill Facility has been cancelled this year

due to a lack of suitable material. A new compost facility is under construction and it should be commissioned in late August.

May 14 was the cut-off for submissions to a "Request for Quotations" for a new construction and demolition cell which is needed because the volume of material received has nearly tripled in the past year, because Miller Waste closed their C&D site in March 2013.

In his report to council, Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, reported the leachate treatment / transport system is working well, and if the leachate was still being transported by truck, the cost would have been more than \$1-Million for the last 12 month period. Average daily flow of leachate is 95,000 litres.

Scrap metal prices are very low, so the facility is stockpiling inventory until prices improve.

A new cell is under construction, which is the fourth cell since the facility opened in 1995. Volumes received at the site are consistent with the same period last year. A new scale, which was installed in February, has eliminated the need of "split-weighting". The change of

scheduled pickup to a four day week - Tuesday to Friday worked well during the winter, and permitted pickups to be done on Mondays if storms had cancelled regular pick up.

Stokdijk Greenhouses are saving the municipality a lot of money, because they are accepting wood waste as hog fuel for their greenhouse operations. Previously the municipalities cost was \$20-\$39 per tonne, but with Stokdijk's arrangement the cost is \$2 per tonne. Using \$30 per tonne as the average cost, Stokdijk's acceptance of 1,251 tonnes has saved the municipality approximately \$35,000.

In a new arrangement Vermeer Ltd will set up a wood grinder as a demonstration unit and will grind all the wood waste at no charge to the municipality. The chipped wood can then be sold or possibly used as a bulking agent for the new compost facility.

To determine if chipped wood can be used as a bulking agent, Dr Paul Arnold, Acadia University is conducting a test. If results prove suitability as a composting bulking agent, sorting of wood waste will be eliminated. Currently the waste includes clean, painted, pressure treated

# Andrew Younger Visits FORCE

Continued from page 1

Accompanying Minister Younger on his tour was FORCE general manager Tony Wright.

"Parrsboro will see more and more activity this year, as marine operations ramp up as well as the international conference on ocean energy, coming this November," said Mr. Wright. "That will bring a lot of traffic to our site and to the town."

The minister continues to meet with representatives of companies who are interested in deploying turbines or participating in the development of tidal power the FORCE site.

At press time, Younger was overseas meeting with numerous energy officials. Later this fall Nova Scotia is hosting the

International Conference on Marine Renewable Energy, the first time held outside Europe.

He continues to place a

high priority on the project because he believes it offers great opportunities for employment in rural Nova Scotia during the development and production stages.



Energy Minister Andrew Younger talks to staff in front of the FORCE visitor centre during a recent visit. (L-R): Hanna Doyle (student assistant), Anne-Marie Belliveau (director of operations), Tony Wright (general manager), Jessie Ross (administration), Mary McPhee (site manager) and Minister Younger. (Submitted)



Andrew Younger, Energy Minister, right, listens while being briefed on his tour of the electrical sub-station where tidal power transferred by sub-sea cables will start to enter the above-ground grid. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

ed material, as well as plywood and OSB which contains adhesives.

Over 5,322 tonnes of contaminated soil has been used as daily cover in the cell. Not only has this saved the municipality money, the contaminated soil contractor, Tervita has paid a tipping fee of \$53,224 for the material. Tervita has also paid a fee of \$4,545 to the municipality for accepting 151 tonnes of asbestos.

## PHOTO FEATURE Earth Rangers Visit Debert Elementary School

(Harrington Photos)



Debert Elementary students Andrea Muise and Adam Newman got a close look at a South American lizard called a tegu when the Earth Ranger's visited their school bringing an interactive program focusing on endangered animals.



Debert Elementary students enjoyed participating in an Earth Ranger activity demonstrating the consequences of habitat loss on animals and discovering ways they can take action to help protect animals.



Earth Ranger Educator, Mandy Corbett, displays one of the Animal Ambassadors, an American Kestrel named Maverick. Canada Lafarge, Toronto Zoo and TD Friends of Environment Foundation sponsored Earth Ranger's visit to Debert Elementary School recently.

## Next Economy Hall Session Scheduled for July 13

By Natalie Elliott

The Economy Hall Sessions are back this year with a full line-up of wonderful artists. We regret the Ron Hynes Show had to be cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales but he will be around again and hopefully we can rebook him for another show.

On July 13th we welcome The James King Bluegrass Band from Virginia. A multi-award winning Bluegrass Band that will have your toes tapping. This is a Sunday afternoon show and the advanced ticket price is \$20.00 and \$22.50 at the door.

On September 27th, Frank MacKay and his 8 piece band will be taking the stage for a Saturday night dance. The tick-

et price is \$20.00 and \$22.50 at the door and already 50 of the available tickets are already sold. Advanced tickets would be the way to ensure you don't miss this event.

On October 26th, Matt Minglewood is back for another Sunday afternoon show. Matt brought the house down last year and we are confident he will do it again. Ticket prices \$20.00 and \$22.50 at the door.

Due to new regulations in the liquor laws we will be working hand in hand with the Economy Recreation Centre Committee. Therefore, attendees must be 19 years of age to participate in the shows for this year.

Thanks and hope to see everyone there.

**Seniors...**  
*Live Well. Live Independently.  
Live In Your Own Home.*

**TIDY LAWNS  
& PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
**Derek Clattenburg**  
[dwclattenburg@hotmail.com](mailto:dwclattenburg@hotmail.com)  
**1 (902) 897-8192**

## Visit Bass River Museum's Heritage Day on Saturday, August 9, 2014, beginning at 10am, RAIN OR SHINE!

There will be lots to see, do, and eat (steamed local clams will be available!)  
**You won't want to miss it!**

Visit our Facebook page for more details, a complete schedule will be released soon on our page.  
Or contact us at: [bassrivermuseumsocial@gmail.com](mailto:bassrivermuseumsocial@gmail.com)

Lots of new events this year, including:

- ▷ Plowing Contest
- ▷ Quilt Show
- ▷ Tour of the Island Cemetery
- ▷ Buy/Swap/Sell Dominion Chair Furniture and Other Antiques
- ▷ And Many More!

**Look forward to seeing you there!!**

