

Rees' Pieces

Scary Highway Incident

Not often do I write about my own personal experiences, but this one time, I feel it's important to spread the word, so other motorists can beware. I've been driving for 50 years and recently during a rain-storm I experienced the worst driving scare of my life. As I approached the Gosse Bridge over the Shubenacadie River, I reduced my speed to approximately 50 KM (80 Km zone).

Being North America's first cantilever bridge, the structure contains two giant curved girders balanced on two piers. I don't know why, but in recent years, half way across, where the two girders join there is a dip in the surface, almost like the two piers were sinking into the bedrock while the ends fastened to the shore had not moved.

Right there in the dip was a large puddle of water probably 6-8 inches thick and probably 15 feet wide stretching half way across the deck. Yes, you guessed it, I hydro-planed and the van veered toward the railing. Luckily, I was able to get control, and avoided any collision. With knuckles, which turned totally white, I continued home.

Since then, I've become suspicious the bridge is starting to malfunction and that's probably the reason, why every three or four months the caution signs are up and two or three surveyors are peering at each other.

If you've ever been concerned about your vehicle hydro-planing, keep aware it can even happen when you are about 200 feet about a rising tidal river.

Now that I've told you about my harrowing experience, I'll move on to other things which affect the area from Onslow to Advocate.

Nearly every day, some form of media mentions the warnings contained in the Ivany Report and what we all must do to avoid the perils inaction will bring upon us. Perhaps it's a bit too early, but to date, I've not seen much coverage of any level of government, business organizations or community groups grabbing the bull by the horns and demanding action.

Lip service will not get us anywhere near where we need to be. I was however, impressed by the rationalization Councillor Doug MacInnes brought forward on the co-operative relationship being formed between Municipality of Edmundston and the Madawaska Maliseet First Nation in New Brunswick. Councillor MacInnes did start the ball rolling at council's June 12th meeting.

I know if I ask about co-operation between various municipal units, I'll get a response "we are already cooperating in many areas". Yes, we already know that, but my response will be twofold. Give me a list of where you are co-operating and when you started. Now give me a list of additional areas, under discussion and when you anticipate implementation on each one.

MacInnes mentioned one of the important things the two municipal districts in New Brunswick are working on is "trust". As their new CEDI program moves along they are making progress, albeit slow and difficult by times.

Although we call it municipal politics, any municipal unit is like a publicly traded company. The taxpayers are the shareholders, while council and staff are executive and board of directors charged with increasing shareholder value.

The four municipal units contained within the County of Colchester are hindered in their attempt to bring additional value to their shareholders and growing the economy, because they do not have the level of trust to make it work smoothly. In fact "trust" among them probably flies below the radar screen.

The Colchester area of the province has so many assets; it could be the provincial leader in: creating jobs; higher ratio of locally owned successful companies; success spread across many sectors of the provincial economy and a lower taxation base with people clamouring to live and work here.

We will not beat Halifax (HRM) on the affects upon its economy by Halifax International Airport; presence of the Navy and Maritime Command, financial institutions and being the home of the provincial government and many Federal Departments. However, on a proportional basis, Colchester can give Halifax a run for its money, and in many areas we will outperform anyone in the province.

Our ability to be # 1 is totally based on TRUST.

Maurice

Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Dear Sir:

As the volunteer at the Colchester Historical Society Archives in Truro who researches, prepares and submits the monthly item "Historic Sites", it is gratifying to read in the last edition, the letter to the editor from Beryl Nicholson, with her contribution of

Londonderry Mines photos. All of these photos are in our archive, along with many more. We have been submitting these items monthly in the "Shoreline" for nearly four years, and are slowly running out of photographs of the time period, that is, 1900, give or take twenty years, so if any one

has old, interesting photos of Colchester County, we would love to have a copy. Beryl's Aunt Grace lived next door to my family in Great Village, and her grandmother, Maude, played cards with my parents on many winters nights.

Dick Akerman,
Archives Volunteer



Check-In Nova Scotia expires on June 30

On June 30, 2014, the Nova Scotia Tourism Agency (NSTA) will end use of the Check-In Nova Scotia system, which tourism operators have been using less and less frequently over the past number of years, and move to a new system.

As always, novascotia.com will link directly to operators websites. In place of the link to Check-In, operators will also have an option to link to their listing on booking.com.

The new system will offer operators much greater exposure to potential first-time visitors from around the world, who we know stay longer and spend more, and potential for more bookings and higher website traffic.

Booking.com has a slightly higher commission rate (15%), and we will mitigate that cost by encouraging our visitor services staff to make reservations directly with individual accommodations, wherever possible.

Campgrounds and tour operators won't have the option of using booking.com, links to individual campground and tour operator websites will still be available on novascotia.com. Visitor services staff will contact operators directly to make reservations on visitors' behalf. Operators wishing to join booking.com, should go to: join.booking.com or connect April Hannah at (902) 424-6172 or hanannah@gov.ns.ca.

Parrsboro Band Day, Sunday July 27, 2014

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is finalizing plans for their Annual Band Day on Sun. July 27, 2014 at Hill Memorial Bandstand in Parrsboro, NS. Food will be served from 12-5 pm.

There will be bar-b-queued Sausage, hot dogs, pop, juice and water and strawberry shortcake and free coffee all afternoon. Art in the Park will

be back by popular demand. Come and see what our artisans have for sale during the afternoon.

Great music will be provided from 1-5 pm so bring your lawn chairs and sit back and enjoy a wonderful afternoon and at the same time supporting the Parrsboro Band Association. Tickets will be available on a beautiful quilt which will be drawn for Oct.

4, 2014 and 25 lbs lobster which will be drawn at 5 pm that afternoon.

If you had forgotten to renew your membership or would like to become a member, you can do it that afternoon as well. There will be a washroom available at the rear of the Town Hall.

Music Nominations Close July 14th

Music Nova Scotia is now accepting applications for music and industry award nominations for the 2014 Music Nova Scotia Awards until Monday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. ADT. No extensions will be given so all applications must be in on time. To submit an application for an award nomination for any category, please visit: <http://nsmw.ca/nominate>

The cost to submit is \$30, HST included. Music Nova Scotia may present awards in fifty-one (51) categories. The nominees in each category will be announced on September 9, 2014.

Voting for all awards will also open on this date. Only current members are eligible to nominate and vote. Update your Music Nova Scotia membership now - www.musicnovascotia.ca/join.

Winners will be announced during NSMW in Truro Colchester, NS, November 6-9, 2014.

For more information on NSMW, please visit www.nsmw.ca

Bass River Mining Exploration

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Clifford Stanley (Acadia University).

Stakeholder has agreed with Cogonov for rights to purchase a total 70-per-cent interest in the Bass River project pursuant to completing the work required to qualify for a 51-per-cent interest as previously announced on Jan. 22, 2014, and March 31, 2014. If the exploration program is successful, and if Stakeholder wishes to expand interest in the project to 70 per cent, the company may do so by making a cash payment of \$3.5-million to Cogonov within six months of completing the 51-per-cent earned interest and by making a share payment of two million common shares of Stakeholder at a value of \$500,000 by Dec. 31, 2014. This modification to the existing earn-in agreement allows Stakeholder to increase ownership interest in the property to a total of 70 per cent pursuant to completion of the 51-per-cent earn-in. The amendment to the option agreement and the share issuance is subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval.

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