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ing sexual services in public places where a child could reasonably be present; and, Increase existing penalties relating to child prostitution. These measures will be supported by \$20 million in new funding, including to support grassroots organizations dealing with the most vulnerable prostitutes. Recognizing that the overwhelming majority of prostitutes are looking to leave this dangerous and harmful line of work, there will be an emphasis on funding programs with a proven record of helping prostitutes exit the sex trade.

We have introduced this legislation now, well ahead of December 19, 2014, in an effort to ensure that it is adopted and starts protecting those

who are most vulnerable and at risk of the exploitation inherent in prostitution as soon as possible, while ensuring Canadian streets and communities remain safe.

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; add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong MP.

Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Social Development
MP Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley.

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ments, gym improvements, paving, upgrades to a skilled trades classroom, and creating community resource spaces. All capital repairs projects must represent improvements being made to school infrastructure and must have a budget between \$150,000 and \$1 million to be eligible.

This investment is separate from major Additions and Alterations and new School Construction.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North

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Next, I listen to a lot of talk radio as I drive and there is all this discussion about the RCMP murders. Every now and then some half-wit would call in and criticize police forces, (they abuse their power, this officer did a bad thing etc). Now there is no question there are probably some bad apples in any organization but we all know for the most part this is not true.

This leads me to think about our own local police force. As your councillor I have some interaction with them. I have always had respect, how-

ever, have been a little critical on things like charging illegal dumping or maybe a bit impatient when there is a rash of thefts. That sort of thing. However when I really reflect on the big picture, thank God we have them.

Once again I know this is a bit off from my usual column. However when reflecting on this I realize how lucky we really are.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

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Municipality of Edmundston and the Madawaska Maliseet First Nation in New Brunswick. Mayor Taylor and I recently had an opportunity to sit in on an information session on the CEDI program. Two of the guest speakers were Mayor Cyrille Simard of Edmundston and Chief Patricia Bernard of the Madwaska Maliseet First Nation.

As Mayor Taylor and I sat and listened to the relationship these communities are building, we couldn't help but realize the similarities between their communities and Colchester County and Millbrook First Nation. The Madawaska First Nation has a commercial park very similar to Millbrook's Power Centre.

The Municipality of Edmundston has an Airport and Industrial Park very similar to Colchester's. One thing they don't have though is a 13,000 year old Paleo Indian site to share.

This relationship is very new and not everything is coming up roses. One point I found interesting is the fact Mayor Simard's council is made up of all men, while Chief Bernard's is all woman. The point is you have two very unique and diverse councils who have opened lines of communication and are moving forward together for the betterment of all their peoples. They talked about working together organizing a local hockey tournament; coming together through art, music and culture. Most importantly they talk proudly of the trust they are building together. Through the relationship building process, they are able to start and build the most important part - trust.

It was interesting to hear them say many times it's not about getting

a majority agreement on an issue. They are almost always looked for a consensus: in other words the question is "can we all live with this solution together".

The first thing these two councils did together was sign a Friendship Accord. This is really just an understanding to work closer to build a strong, trusting relationship together. From this they can celebrate the diverse cultures sharing the prosperity which will come from such a friendship.

At our June 12, 2014 council meeting I made a motion to have staff investigate the CEDI program in greater detail and to bring back information and recommendations on how we can move forward with a similar program between the Millbrook First Nation and the County of Colchester. This motion was passed unanimously.

There are numerous projects that Colchester County and the Millbrook First Nation could be working on together. All of which will benefit the residents in every community.

I would also like to send my condolences to the family of Chief Lawrence Paul. Lawrence was one of a few who could think outside of the box. He will be remembered for his contribution to economic development within many First Nation communities for a very long time to come.

In closing I'd like to say congratulations to all of the 2014 Graduates in Colchester County this year. I wish you the best in all of your future endeavours.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Direct Sellers Act Being Amended

By Maurice Rees

The Direct Sellers' Regulation Act was introduced in 1975 and has not been amended since 1999. Legislative changes introduced on April 8, provide

more protection for seniors and other consumers from misleading or aggressive door-to-door sales.

The amendments will increase penalties to a minimum of \$500 and a maxi-

mum of \$25,000 for individuals, and \$300,000 for corporations; limit continuous service contracts to two years; allow government to disclose those breaking the rules to quickly address emerging and unforeseen issues; allow

consumers to cancel continuing-service contracts at any time and modernize and align the act with legislation in other provinces

The amended legislation provides rights to consumers who make direct-sale purchases and

provides consumers with a 10-day "cooling off" period which allows them to cancel a contract for a refund. People should always ask for proof that salespeople have a permit, or contact the Better Business Bureau.

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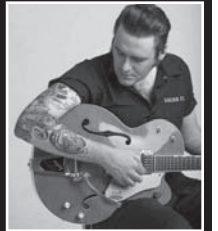
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