

ON SLOW ROCKS 2015

Renovations are needed at the Lower Onslow Community Centre to make the building fully accessible. A chairlift and new floor for the preschool, plus a wheelchair ramp and a new door will be installed on one side of the building to make the upstairs fully accessible, as well. The renovations are expected to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000. (Harrington Photos)



Onslow Rock's organizers Jennifer MacKay, Jonathan Torrens and Doug MacInnes were thrilled with the turnout for the event on June 20th.



Miniature Ponies, with front man Jonathan Torrens (who is also a member of the community centre board) donated their time and talents to the Onslow Rocks fund raising event for the Lower Onslow Community Centre. (Harrington Photo)



No Curfew had the dance floor hopping at the Onslow Rocks community fundraiser on June 20th. The one night event raised approximately \$13,000.



Lower Onslow Pre-school teacher Joann Michelin gets ready to sell baskets of eggs at Onslow Rocks to raise money for renovations to the Community Centre that houses the pre-school. Each egg sold for ten dollars and contained at least \$10 in prize value. Hundreds of prizes were donated from local businesses to the silent auction and egg sales at the event.

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through infrastructure investments, build community-based partnerships and modernize existing community facilities.

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will complement the \$53 billion invested in infrastructure by our Government through the New Building Canada Plan, which is focused on generating economic growth, job creation and long-term prosperity. The New Building Canada Plan, which is the largest and longest federal infrastructure plan in Canada's history, will generate benefits for the province and its citizens for years to come. The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will also complement the recently announced Canada 150 Fund, managed by the Department of Canadian Heritage, which will create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride

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they need to succeed in school and life.

The streamlined curriculum is one of the more than 20 new initiatives coming to schools in the province this September as

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than such a massive operation which they are challenged with.

One other comment on garbage. You would think that it would be much more cost effective and efficient to collect garbage in a big city than it would be to collect over a very rural and wide spread Municipality. Apparently not. We pay \$110 per year and they pay \$480 per year.

Another very interesting workshop I attended was on Municipal first responders, Police, fire and medical. It would take a full page to really get to the heart of this, but I will be brief. I was expecting this to be mostly about the first responders, need to be properly trained and equipped and ways to protect themselves and citizens. That was where it started, but it quickly turned to the root causes the costs and what they felt was spiralling out of control. It became quite clear those of us who live in smaller rural communities are very fortunate and perhaps a bit naive.

The monetary and social cost of poverty, homelessness and mental health which large and small urban centres face is very concerning and one that thankfully has very little effect on rural Colchester but I am sure is a challenge to Truro and such urban centres we are closely tied to.

No one seemed to be able to have a solution, but it was abundantly clear just adding additional Police and other first responders was not the answer. The only apparent solution was to work to solve the root causes by trying to identify and help those at risk. My opinion is this will not be solved strictly by spending money.

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brought this issue forward for discussion at our June 11th Council meeting.

The organic components in dairy processing wastewater are highly biodegradable. In waterways, bacteria will consume the organic components of the waste. The long and the short of it is when these organic loads enter a wastewater treatment facility at high levels it throws the treatment process off kilter. This allows the odours to get out of control and takes days to bring the plant back under control. Meanwhile depending on the direction and strength of the wind area residents are left smelling the resolute.

When I first came on Council over two and a half years ago one of the first issues I was contacted on was these odours. When I first started investigating what was causing the odours I soon discovered the real issue behind them was education and enforcement of a by-law that didn't yet exist.

Quite honestly, I chalk this up to the fact we have two municipalities which collaborate on so many projects together sometimes it takes awhile to get things the way they should be. In order to control what is entering your sewer system you have to have a control mechanism in place and a way to enforce it. More importantly you have to educate the user.

Recently the Town of Truro passed a Sewer Use by-law very similar too if not mirroring the County's Sewer Use by-law. Now that this is in place and all of the stockholders understand the seriousness of the situation, the education process can begin. Not only for Scotsburn, but for all industry's discharging wastewater into the Lower Truro Treatment Plant.

Once companies and more importantly employees are educated on what can and cannot go down the drain then you can start and enforce the by-law.

Another recent development which will help this situation

and attachment to Canada.

For more related Product Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program Associated Links Canada 150 Fund New Building Canada Plan - See more at: <http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2015/05/15/pm-announces-canada-150-community-infrastructure-program#sthash.LnFHWHg6.dpuf>

I would like to also wish you a 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; add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong MP.

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part of the five-year action plan.

The entire P-to-12 curriculum will be reviewed and streamlined during that time.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development

It will require the support and participation of communities.

I think about growing up in my generation, in a small community and how those communities in a sense raised the whole community and looked after each other. Nobody really fell by the wayside.

For me this was one of those moments that truly opened my eyes and made me realize how serious this is and what is truly missing and a danger to our society today. This is something that I as a person need to become more educated and actively involved in.

I am proud to say while at the Conference, I was elected as one of 4 representatives from Nova Scotia to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. For me this is truly an honour and a challenge I am very excited about taking on. This board sets policy and direction and works with the Federal Government to enhance, and support all Municipalities across Canada.

In a recent article the Huffington Post reported that the FCM is the most influential lobby organization in Canada. For me this is a great opportunity to learn, to be involved and it is my hope that as I get comfortable in this situation I will in some small way make a difference.

This is once again a privilege for me and another opportunity for me to learn. I have said this before, but want to repeat it. The opportunity you have given me when you supported me as your councillor is unbelievable.

I am very grateful and hope that at least most of the time I can repay your confidence. Thanks Tom.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

enormously, in my opinion, is the authorization by the Town of Truro to allow County staff to install monitoring devices on sewer lines within the town's jurisdiction. This will allow the staff to determine much more accurately where a certain substance may be coming from. I want to reassure those residents living in the vicinity of the treatment plant, we are doing everything we can to eliminate these odours. With the Town of Truro, County staff and industry working together we will find a solution to the issue. It is also very important we document the times and dates the odours are occurring. Please continue to call me with this information. (Home 902-895-2242) It is very helpful to staff to be able to pin point the times of occurrences.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County



David Boehm, CALA Family Learning Co-ordinator leads a group of bikers on the final Making Tracks Cycling Program ride in Debert. The program wrapped up on Thursday, May 28th. (Submitted)



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