



CCRSB employees with 25 years service were recognized at an awards ceremony on May 23. (Submitted)

## CCRSB Honours Employees at Annual 25-Year Service Awards Ceremony

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) paid tribute to its dedicated employees on May 23 at the annual 25-Year Service Awards Ceremony. Gary Adams, CCRSB Superintendent and CEO, thanked the employees for their dedicated service and commitment to students.

The 25-Year Service Award recipients are: Kim MacGillivray, Advocate District; Heather Fitzgerald, Central Colchester Junior High; Susan Smith, Central Colchester Junior High; Steven MacBurnie, Central Office; Angela Porter, Central Office; Dave Richards, Central Office; James Foster, Cobequid Educational Centre; Linda Murray, Cobequid Family; Rose O'Hagan, Dr. W A

MacLeod Elementary 2; Alice Fraser, Enfield District Elementary; Paula Horne, Enfield District Elementary; Allan MacQueen, G R Saunders; Steven Wiseman, Hants North Area; Darrell Fitzgerald, Harmony Heights; Andrew Bell, North Nova Education Centre; Angela Gagnon, Northumberland Regional; Kathleen Reid, Northumberland Regional; Ethel Slaunwhite, Pictou Elementary; Mary Bond, Rawdon District Elementary; Elizabeth Craig, Scotsburn Elementary; Jane Layden, South Colchester Academy; Judy Crouse, South Colchester Area; Faye Arnfast, Truro Junior High; Mucky Crosby, Valley Elementary; Heather Arbuckle, Walter Duggan Consolidated and Erin Cormier, Westville Road Office.

## Londonderry – Canada's Oldest Pastoral Charge

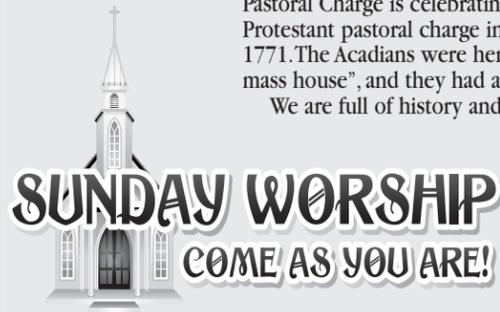
By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of July are: starting at 10am - July 2 - Debert, July 9 - Glenholme, July 16 - Masstown, July 23 - Debert and July 30 - Glenholme.

Our Presbytery appointed minister is Rev. Carolyn Rushton. If you need her you can leave a message at our Church office - 902-662-2617.

For those of you who don't know this, our Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge is celebrating 246 years this August!! As the oldest Protestant pastoral charge in Canada, we had a settled minister in 1771. The Acadians were here first, Masstown was the "home of the mass house", and they had a traveling priest who was based here.

We are full of history and you should take the time to stop at the Masstown United Church and read the cairn which stands there.



We welcome you to each or any of our services.

## Erin Creighton Welcomed to Truro Office

Patterson Law is welcoming three highly accomplished associates this June. Erin Creighton will be practicing corporate commercial law from the Truro office. Matt Wallace will focus on corporate commercial law in the Halifax office. Paul Niefer will concentrate his work on commercial litigation and criminal law in the Halifax office.

Creighton received Dalhousie's Stewart Lockie Gibson Memorial Prize in 2010 and was awarded the Hon. Richard B. Hanson scholarship for achieving the highest overall mark in Constitutional Law. Niefer received the Harold G. Fox Education Award for showing exceptional promise, the Alistair Fraser Award for the second high-

est standing in second year, the William A. Tomblin Memorial Prize for highest standing in Bankruptcy Law, and was named to the Dean's Honour List each year of law school. Wallace received the New Brunswick Law Foundation Scholarship for academic excellence and the Harry Scott Scholarship for high academic achievement and focus on corporate law. He has also excelled in his community work that includes being a member of Pro Bono Students Canada, a UNB Law Peer Mentor and a volunteer with the Student Legal Information Center.

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## Solicitor to Assist Drafting Letter on OSCO

By Maurice Rees

In an item added by Councillor Tom Taggart to Colchester Committee meeting on June 15th council admitted it did not have any jurisdiction, but they do have a voice. The matter was dealing with the plans by Irving-owned OSCO to expand its quarry / gravel pit from 7 acres to approximately 73 and at certain times would operate 20-22 hours a day.

On suggestion of Dennis James, solicitor, it was decided staff and the solicitor's office would review the matter and prepare a letter to be presented to council at its monthly meeting on June 29th. In its discussion council wanted to emphasize they are not against commercial development, but there could be quality of life issues. Councillor Taggart stated he wanted to ensure there was responsible resource development and it was done properly and regulations were followed.

None of the discussion included claims by the Little Dyke Residents Association concerning several species at risk and endangered species, which formed part of their concerns outlined in the headline story published in the June issue.

Council gave first reading to amendments to the Central Colchester Land Use by-law. The mat-

ter will continue with a public meeting and second reading at an upcoming council meeting. On motions by councillors Stewart and Boutiller the Forest Glen Bible Camp property has been added to the tax exemption by-law starting with the 2017-2018 taxation year.

On motions by councillors MacInnes and Stewart a \$20,723 contract was awarded to Nova Communications for maintenance service for the fire repeater sites for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. Nova Communications is the only company in Atlantic Canada who provides the service.

The United Way of Colchester will receive \$2,500 from council for its Vital Signs Project and council is to participate on the project's steering committee. The entire project will cost \$21,500 with half from the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia. The local United Way will contribute \$2,750 with Truro confirmed at \$2,500 and Town of Stewiacke, pending for \$600.00. A private undisclosed contributor will round out the required funding.

Council will use its presentation meeting night of August 8th starting at 6:00 pm to start its Capital Budget Meetings to review the 2017/18 five year capital budget.

## St James United Being Maintained and Re-purposed

By Maurice Rees

There's a new spot to browse and shop in Great Village, thanks to Cees Van den Hoek and Clair Peers. The two business owners who have been instrumental in making Great Village the antique shop destination in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes have partnered to fill the basement and part of the sanctuary of the former St James United Church with antiques.

When the society which owns and manages the property decided it could not continue with the summer café leaving the historical building empty they formulated a plan to rent part of the building, but still leaving the Marine Room and Elizabeth Bishop museums accessible to the public. Their rental also helps provide cash flow to the society and will help with annual maintenance costs.

Cees Van den Hoek owns and operates Great Village Antique Exchange is Atlantic Canada's largest multi-dealer antique shop with over 30 dealers in the former Layton General Store, Great Village. Having become an iconic destination the facility is the showcase and retail arm for many of the provinces prominent antique dealers. Its jammed packed facility is open nine months of the year, closing for January February and March.

The other part of the initiative to re-purpose the former historic church is Clair Peers, who operates Onslow Trading Co and Clair's Classic Antiques. Peers and Van den Hoek have found that by working together their combined efforts have been instrumental positioning Great Village as the "antique shop capital of the Maritimes", which attracts hundreds of treasure hunters on any given weekend and over the season from early spring until late fall thousands of people make a special trip to the historic shipbuilding community at least once a year.

When touring the former church, Van den Hoek, Peers, and myself were joined by Meredith Layton who has been active on Great Village for decades, during which she and her husband operated the Layton General Store, which is now home to Great Village Antiques Exchange. In her community activities she was instrumental, several years ago, as a member of the historical society, to develop the Marine Room display, which was housed in the building for many years prior to de-commissioning and closing St James United Church. She has also been active in the society which now owns the former church.

Although she would have preferred is the church had been able to continue as a religious icon in the community, she is appreciative Van den Hoek and Peers have stepped up to rent the space, providing some cash flow for ongoing maintenance, and also to keep the Marine Room Museum open to the public.

In her comments to the antique dealers, she expressed appreciation they value the importance of work being done by the Elizabeth Society



Cees Van den Hoek, Clare Peers and Meredith Layton discuss a variety of oil lamps in the basement of the former St James United Church which is open daily as another antique shop in Great Village. (Rees Photo)

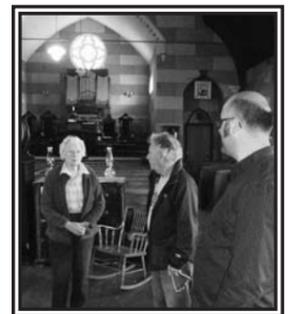
and the display which is still being arranged can form part of the public forum for visitors to the area.

In the wings of the sanctuary, some pews have been removed, permitting relocation of the Marine Room on one side and a new Elizabeth Bishop display on the other side. The Marine Room, opened several years ago, was organized and operated by the Great Village Historical Society to preserve some of the community's shipbuilding history. The room has been relocated from its own private room to the main sanctuary a more prominent place is more readily accessible to visitors.

The Elizabeth Bishop Society has followed suite and is in the process of completing its display of artifacts on the opposite wing of the sanctuary. It too occupies a prominent place and easily accessible. Some of the pews and the elevated pulpit and choir loft remain intact again as a measure to preserve the ambiance of the facility as a place of worship with the community had a larger population and churches were "the heart of

the community".

Area residents, who spoke privately, expressed their appreciation the historic value of the church is being helped through rental of space for the display of a large variety of antiques, and perhaps even as important the Marine Room and Elizabeth Bishop displays have been given larger prominence and are available to tourists and visitors.



The pulpit and choir loft and approximately one third of the pews have been retained at the former St James United Church. Other areas have been set aside for the Marine Room, Elizabeth Bishop display and a large area to display larger antique items. (Rees Photo)



The Marine Room in St James is adorned with three large stained glass windows, bordered by original pews, while permitting many of the historical shipbuilding items to be displayed. (Rees Photo)



Collectors of Coca Cola memorabilia will be impressed with the separate room which contains many items. (Rees Photo)

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