

Debert a Bee-Hive of Activity

By Maurice Rees

Atlantic Road Construction was awarded a \$969,000, excluding taxes, tender for replacement of Pumping Station 30 and Forcemain in Debert. In addition to the tender value, other project costs will include materials testing (\$5,000), staff time (\$20,000) and rebated tax (\$41,531). A total of approximately \$31,500 has already been committed to the project for electrical design fees (\$1,500), survey (\$20,000) and staff time to date (\$10,000).

Total anticipated project commitment is \$1,067,031 plus contingencies. Council approved a staff recommended an internal contingency of \$100,000 be carried for the construction project. If things go as planned, Debert will be the bee-hive of infrastructure activity for the next year or so. Under discussion is approximately 6.5-Million for the airport a new roundabout, archaeological studies on certain lots, not to mention the new water tower, in addition to the tender awarded to Atlantic Road Construction for water main improvements, and a new pumping station.

During an in-camera committee session on May 9th, council finalized and approved the Mayor and CAO to execute a purchase and sale agreement for a parcel of land located at Anita Crescent, Truro Heights, PID #20291183, at a purchase price of \$4,000, with source of funds being the Parkland Reserve. The property will be used for a Truro Heights Playground. Approval was unanimous on motions by Councillors Master and MacInnes.

An Airport Operator Agreement will soon be signed with the Truro Flying Club with termination date of March 31, 2021 with an option for a one year extension, based on satisfactory performance.

The municipality owns the airport and the flying club owns the terminal building. The contract can be cancelled upon 90 days notice by either party. The flying club will receive 10 cents per litre of Jet A1 fuel dispensed on behalf of the municipality. In terms of other compensation, the municipality will pay an annual

Airport Operator Fee of \$20,000, plus HST for (2017-18); and \$17,000, plus HST for each of the next three years.

At the Executive and Audit committee level discussions have been held regarding the issue of biosolids was discussed with a detailed breakdown of events that lead to trucking the biosolids to New Brunswick, which costs \$200,000 per year. Staff are still exploring options and costing for the best business plan to deal with the biosolids in the future.

Staff provided a briefing on flows and BOD levels in discharge being received at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. A detailed report is being prepared for Council on this matter.

An Asset Management Initiative is currently underway. Crystal Deuville has been reallocated to undertake a lifecycle analysis of all municipal facilities and assets.

Council will receive the draft of audited financial statements in advance to allow opportunity to review and prepare for the presentation by the Auditors.

The CAO advised a review of the Council Proceedings and Committees will be completed by September or October. The intent is to bring forth possible changes to the Nominating Committee as well as other changes deemed necessary. All changes would be brought forward to consideration and approval of Council.

Councillor Cooper and Deputy Mayor Masters raised the need for future discussion on pensions, specifically on defined contribution vs. defined benefits. It was suggested, however, that existing staff should be honoured under the defined benefits plan.

The director of corporate services has been tasked to report to council on federal tax implications, specific to Council Honourariums. Currently one third of the honourarium to councillors has been tax exempt to compensate for travel within their district. However changed in the recent Federal budget eliminated this possibility. Staff will look into the federal tax implications and report to the Executive and Audit Committee.

Great Village to Celebrate Heritage Day

By Steve Mazur

Come join the celebration of our heritage in Great Village! On Monday, August 7, 2017 the Great Village Community Association is partnering with Canada 150 to present three informative speakers providing insight into parts of the heritage along the northern shore of the Bay of Fundy.

The event occurs at the Great Village Elementary School gymnasium and runs from 10 am to 2 pm. A light lunch will be provided. The day kicks off with Garrett Gloade of the Millbrook Cultural Heritage Centre providing an overview of the 11,000 year old Mi'kmaw history in the area, including one of the oldest archaeological sites in Canada located in nearby Debert.

MP Bill Casey will discuss the Acadian Expulsion along the shore and ends with local historian Richard Akerman giving us a peek at what went on during the Iron Mine era in

Londonderry/Great Village where the population mushroomed to over 5000 residents.

The Heritage Day is made possible by participation by: Canada 150, Great Village Historical Society, Elizabeth Bishop Society of NS and Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre

The best part is that admission is FREE!! So mark Monday August 7 in your calendar for Great Village Heritage Day! Should you require more information please contact Steve Mazur, Ph: 902-655-2033 or e-mail stmazur51@gmail.com or visit the GVCA Facebook site.

Steve Mazur is chair, Great Village Community Association



Debert Military Museum Fundraising to Erect Monument

By Susan Taylor, Vice President Debert Military Museum

The Debert Military Museum Board of Directors have been working over the past few months to design, order and fundraise to install a monument fitting to recognize all those who passed through the gates of Camp Debert.

Camp Debert was one of the largest staging units during World War II with over 10,000 soldiers passing through on their way to serve overseas during the war. After the war, Camp Debert changed names to CFS Debert and was active until 1996, when the Department of National Defence deemed the Station was no longer of valuable use.

The Debert Military Museum is housed in its largest artifact, one of very few original H-huts standing in the country.

In celebration of Canada 150, the museum applied for funding under the Canada 150 funding for the project. The total cost of the project is

\$8,000.00, which the museum must provide for half of the funding. Our fundraising goals to date have raised just over \$2500.00 of our portion of the project and we are currently still seeking donations and holding fundraising events to raise the remainder of our portion of the project.

The monument will stand 8 feet long and 4 feet high and will be engraved on both sides so that it is readable in both directions to those travelling on Plains Road in Debert.

For those interested in making a donation to the project, donations will be accepted at the Museum, Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 am to 4 pm or they can be mailed to the Museum at PO Box 154 Debert NS B0M 1G0 (please make cheques payable to Debert Military History Society). Thank you for your support!

The monument will be installed this summer and will be officially dedicated at a special ceremony on Aug 19th at 11 am.

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July 8th from 5pm to 9pm at the Give Back Café on Prince Street
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