

## PHOTO FEATURE

Lower Onslow Natural Play Space Grand Opening  
(Harrington Photos)



It's more fun racing your friend down slide! The new Natural Play Space provides lots of exciting fun for kids of all ages.



Nick Redden (Masstown Hardware and a friend of the Lower Onslow Community Centre), and his daughter Danielle, give the natural log teeter totter a try after the Grand Opening.



The kids were having a great time playing at the Lower Onslow Community Centre's new Natural Play Space following the Grand Opening.



Colchester County's Mayor Christine Blair did the official ribbon cutting, with the assistance of Doug McInnes, President of the Lower Onslow Community Centre and several of the children present.



After the ribbon cutting on June 3rd, a bbq was enjoyed by all. Cutting the celebration cake were (left to right) Jay Shreve, Jennifer McKay (Lower Onslow Community Centre Vice President), Doug McInnes (Lower Onslow Community Centre President), Hilary Paquet (Parks and Trails Coordinator, County of Colchester).

## Truro Entrepreneurs Selected for Ottawa Event

By Maurice Rees

Two Truro youth entrepreneurs were among 25 Canada-wide youth entrepreneurs participating in a "Youth Can Do It" event in Ottawa on June 10-12. Honourable Bardish Chagger, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister of Small Business and Tourism, kicked off the Youth Can Do It! entrepreneurship event today, welcoming the 25 young entrepreneurs who were selected to take part.

Gabriel Duguay, Truro and Chris Cameron originally from Truro joined Adeline Umwari, Halifax as selected youth representing the province in the Youth Can Do It which showcased the entrepreneurial journeys of ambitious young Canadians between the ages of 18 and 24.

Gabriel, 18, is an ambitious student and entrepreneur from Truro, Nova Scotia. As a high school student, he co-founded and worked with Aquality Solutions through Enactus Saint Mary's University. Aquality Solutions created an aquaponics research prototype to test the feasibility of easy-to-use aquaponics technology in Indigenous communities across Canada. Having been accepted to Princeton University, he plans to continue his work in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability to implement aquaponics in a variety of Indigenous communities in both Canada and the United States. Aside from his entrepreneurship endeavours, Gabriel hopes to pursue a career in international business or international relations.

Adeline Umwari, 24, from

Rwanda, now lives in Halifax. She owns an online clothing and accessories boutique called Wali Boutique, which sells traditional Rwandese-style clothes, jewelry and other fashion items. Adeline started her business in 2017 because she wanted to showcase the many unique and beautiful products Rwanda and Africa have to offer. Her goal was to make these products available to interested consumers around the world, while creating a viable and profitable business. She intends to continue to grow her business online and hopes to be able to open a boutique in Halifax in the near future.

Chris, 23, originally from Truro, Nova Scotia, is graduating from the University of New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Recreation and Sports Studies Degree / Business Minor. However, he has shifted his focus to creative

ventures—first with photography, which led to fashion design and production. Chris is the owner of Tücy, a streetwear company focused on making trendy unisex clothing in the Maritimes. While Chris enjoys designing clothes online and dropshipping via his online store, he is transforming his product offering to a more hands-on production model. He will be looking to scale his pop-up shops and to one day open storefronts across the East Coast. He also envisions a social enterprise angle to Tücy where profits would be reinvested in the community in the area of creative endeavours.

An evening reception was co-hosted by Futurpreneur Canada and BDC, who worked to provide a meaningful learning experience for the participants.

## Lower Onslow Natural Play Space Grand Opening

By Linda Harrington

The weather didn't cooperate for the Grand Opening of the Lower Onslow Community Centre's new Natural Play Space on Sunday, June 3rd but it didn't dampen the community spirit of those involved literally from the ground up.

Colchester County's Mayor Christine Blair did the official ribbon cutting, with the assistance of Doug McInnes, President of the Lower Onslow Community Centre and several of the children present.

The play space was built by Cobequid Consulting and designed to promote children's creativity and exercise using equipment such as a mud kitchen, ropes, logs and earthen mounds.

The play space is located behind the Lower Onslow Community Centre and is available to all ages, 7 days a week.

Thank you is extended to those who donated materials. This list includes: Glenholme Ready Mix, Cobequid Trail Consulting, Friends of the Garden (Darwin Carr), Sherman White, Double C Restaurant, Hill-Macmillan Farm, Merriam family, Classic Rentals, Evan Putnam, Masstown Hardware, Odessa Hennigar, Bruce Currie and Matt MacKay.

Many volunteers put hours of effort into completing the project including John and Hazel McKay, Doug McInnes, Tom Shreve and family, Aaron Crossman, Shannon MacDonald, Margaret Davidson and Sheina and Austin Young.

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