



## DEBERT ELEMENTARY GRADUATES



Debert Elementary Grade 6 Graduating Class. Front: Jaten Graham, Charles Densmore, Drew McCully, AJ McNutt, Heath Morrissey; Middle- Andrea Chater, Alexis Tonery, Paul Meredith Mrs. McCully, Georja Alexander; Top Row: Brianna Griffiths, Lexi Turner, Chansé Brown, Trinity McLellan. Missing from photo were Grayson Spencer and Trinity Graham. (Harrington Photo)

## Council Denies Historical Society Request

By Maurice Rees

Colchester council at its May 30th meeting denied a request from the Colchester Historical Society (CHS) for an increase in their annual funding from \$10,000 to \$25,000. CHS had requested an increase in annual funding from \$10,000 to \$25,000. During budget deliberations, Council deferred the request until such time the CHS had opportunity to make a presentation to Council which was held on May 1st. During the presentation it was noted the request from CHS would be referred to Council for consideration. During the presentation, CHS confirmed that the Town of Truro approved the funding and it was also noted that the Town of Stewiacke more than doubled their contribution.

The funding increase would be used to hire an employee to foster and manage the anticipated increase in financial activity resulting from CHS's implementation of a

five-year Fund Development Strategy and to provide the administrative support needed to allow the two full time staff to focus on their curatorial and archival duties.

To bring the matter to the floor, the motion was made by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Gregory. During the vote, the application for increased funding was defeated with five NAY votes from Councillors Gregory, Pash, Stewart, Cooper and Boutillier.

Council directed staff to write a letter to the Nature Conservancy of Canada in support of their application to have the Cobequid Bay added to the Bay of Fundy Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network.

On May 1, 2018 Council received a presentation from Kerry Lee Morris-Cormier of the Nature Conservancy of Canada on the Bay of Fundy Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN). In the Fall of 2018

the Nature Conservancy of Canada will submit a formal application to the WHSRN Hemispheric Council to designate the Bay of Fundy as a landscape of hemispheric importance including the Cobequid Bay.

During her presentation Morris-Cormier stated, The WHSRN is non-regulatory. It is an agreement to help shorebirds through a network of key sites across the Americas. It helps to develop science and management tools that lead to long-term conservation; raises public awareness and generates conservation funding opportunities; and supports community engagement and local economic sustainability. Migratory shorebird populations have declined by almost 70% since 1973. Intertidal mudflats and beaches in the upper Bay of Fundy provide migratory stopover habitat for approximately 30 per cent of the global population of semipalmated sandpipers.

## PARRSBORO ELEMENTARY GRADUATES



Pictured above is the Grade 6 class at Parrsboro Regional Elementary School. Front Row (L to R): Grayson Welton, Isaac Durant, Joshua Lunn-Donnelle, Nirvana Pettigrew, Jessie-Rae Wheaton and Daniel Anderson. Middle Row: Keisha Stultz, Ava Flecknell, Karter Lewis, Edwynn Burke, Cheyenne Wood, Liam Currie and Teacher, Wendy Brown. Back Row: Emeril Leights, Seth Lake, Dylan Lake and Joseph Williams. Missing when photo was taken Jayden Dowe and Michael Fenton. (Submitted)

## WEST COLCHESTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL GRADUATES



West Colchester Consolidated School (WCCS) grade 9 students and their teacher posed for this class photo for Pridham's Studio. Pictured above are: Back row (L-R): left to right: Mr. C. Peck, Chloe Faulkner, Claire Carroll Maya Warman, Cecelia McLaughlin, Dawson Liboon, William Eisses, Traiten Adams, Ethan Smith, Damien George and Bradley Osborne. Front Row (L-R): Kaelyn Beazley, Ava Gould, Renae Cutler, Sierra McLellan, Carly Fielding, Alexis Viczian and Jared Phinney. In front: Cole Farnell. (Pridhams Studio)

## Historical Society Seeking Photos

By Linda Shears

The Historical Society is concluding the year with a trip to the Nova Scotia Tattoo in Halifax. Programs at our monthly meetings this year included a presentation by Janet Maybee on her recently published book about the Halifax Explosion. Other topics of presentations included: a New England pioneer experience from the book, The Unredeemed Captive, the 16th century Basque whaling at Red Bay, Labrador, the Beothuck People of Newfoundland; the Fundy GeoPark proposal and Great Village Wharf Construction.

A committee made up of Historical Society members is working to complete the update to

the History of Great Village, which was published in 1960 by the Women's Institute. This update will cover the past 55 years as well as reveal some historical photos and information which have "come to light" since 1960. The 1960s print technology did not readily re-produce photographs; hence there are few photos in the previous history book. We are hoping to remedy that lack of photos in our updated history.

If our Shoreline readers have any good quality old Great Village photos of historical interest which you would be willing to share, we'd appreciate hearing from you. The Society's e-mail is: [gvhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:gvhistorical@gmail.com)

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