



Facilitators of the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Councils five watersheds project were on hand at a community engagement session held at The Peg, Masstown on June 14th. (L-R): Chesley Whalen, Lead Project Technician; Abbie Martyn, Project Researcher; Jamie Knill, Project Manager and Jade Robinson, Project Technician. (Harrington Photo)

Coastal Restoration in Five Watersheds along the Bay of Fundy

By Linda Harrington

A community engagement session was held at The Peg, Masstown on June 14th for the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Councils five watersheds project. The project area includes the Chiganois, Debert, Folly, Great Village and Portapique watersheds located along the Bay of Fundy. Four of these systems are considered critical habitat for Atlantic salmon.

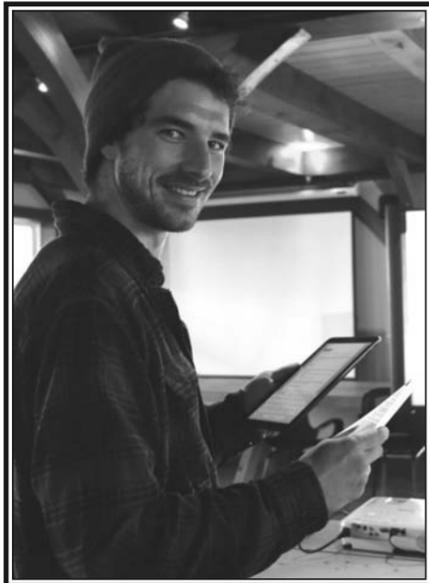
The five-year project, approved in October 2017, is funded through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Coastal Restoration Fund. Through reconnaissance and surveys, planning, engineering, physical labour and community support, the project is expected to restore fish habitat by enhancing coastal entry points and removing obstructions from migration routes for iBoF Atlantic salmon and other migratory fish.

Project Manager, Jamie Knill says the first year was spent doing a lot of field work in the watersheds, and now they are reaching out to the community to not only share information about the project but to gather knowledge about how the watersheds have been used.

"It would be a big help to us if people would share their knowledge with us by filling out our survey, either online through our website or by filling out a paper copy at one of our engagement sessions," says Jamie. "We are also looking for people to report sightings of Atlantic salmon and areas of habitat concern."

The Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council (MAPC) is a regional body working in co-operation with the Native Council of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council, and Native Council of Prince Edward Island. They work together to promote and advance Aboriginal Rights, Treaty Rights and Other Rights of Aboriginal Peoples for the off-reserve status and non-status Aboriginal Peoples continuing on their Traditional Ancestral Homeland in the Maritime Provinces. Their website is www.mapc.org.ca.

A second engagement session will be held in mid to late July further down the shore. Email Jamie at jknill@mapcorp.ca for more information on the exact date and location.



Wesley Weatherbee of Belmont was pleased to fill out the Five Watershed Project Community Knowledge Survey, to help project leaders better understand the local fish habitats. (Harrington Photo)

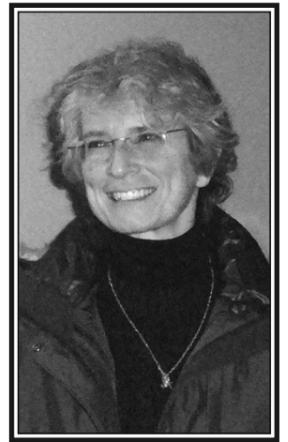
Dr. Karen Ewing Presented Shirley Farlinger Award

Dr. Karen Ewing, Bass River's family physician, was presented the Shirley Farlinger Award for Peace Writings by the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace during their annual International Womens' Day Awards Banquet in Toronto. Ewing was one of five individual peace awards presented to "women who make a difference".

Shirley Farlinger was a peace activist, a feminist and a writer whose ambition and passion was to build a culture of peace. She worked tirelessly to better the cause for women, for the environment

and to help create a peaceful world. Believing in the power of the pen, much of Ms. Farlinger's work was done through her writing.

Dr. Ewing had the opportunity to meet with Shirley Farlinger's daughter, Pamela Earle, prior to the Awards ceremony. Ms. Earle commended Karen for her work with The Veterans Memorial Park and the Blue Marble Initiative noting the similarities between Karen's passions and that of her mother and said she was delighted that Dr. Ewing was the recipient of the Award named in her mother's honour.



Dr. Karen Ewing (file photo)

First Reading Denied: Solid Waste By-law

By Maurice Rees

At the May meeting Colchester Council refused first reading for amendments to the Solid Waste By-law sending it back to staff for revision and a subsequent report at a later date. Some of the options presented to council included:

Council could approve amendments to Chapter 33 - Solid Waste By-law, by way of First Reading, to reflect that recyclables be placed in blue bags only and allow up to six paper bags for leaf yard and waste for curbside collection. Could opt to amend Chapter 33 - Solid Waste By-law by way of First Reading, to reflect that recyclables be placed in blue bags only. Could opt to amend Chapter 33 - Solid Waste By-law by way of First Reading, to reflect that residents can place up to six paper bags for leaf and yard waste out for curbside collection. Council could opt for no change to the Chapter 33 - Solid Waste By-law and remain status quo. Council voted not to approve First reading, sending the matter back to staff.

On the matter of setting area rates for the forthcoming year, staff recommending no changes in Area rates except for the following street light area rates: Debert Street light from \$0.05 down to \$0.04; Debert Park down from \$0.07 to \$0.06; Londonderry down from \$40 to \$38; Masstown Rd

down from \$0.08 to \$0.07; Onslow down from \$48 to \$47 and Campbell Rd down from \$0.05 to \$0.04.

All other area rates for a variety of services throughout the municipality will remain unchanged for 2018/19.

At the request of Councillor Gibbs council reviewed the priority of sidewalk construction of Highway 311 versus Harmony Rd. Michelle Newell, director of Public Works, explained the options, and stressed regardless of council's wishes here department did not have the resources to construct the planned sidewalks in both area during the same year.

The Harmony Road project is a distance of 450 metres, servicing 71 homes on Deuille's Park (19), Blainedale Drive (36) and Harmony Rd (16). Highway 311 sidewalk is planned for 1,500 metres, servicing 117 homes on Dickson Dr Subdivision (60), on Glendale Dr (15) and on Highway 311 (42).

At the end of discussion council voted not to make any changes and to follow the plan as outlined in the capital budget. Councillor Gibbs was the single Nay vote.

Council's approved 5-year capital budget for 2017/18 included \$800,000 in fiscal 2018/19 for the construction of a new sidewalk on Village Line Avenue. The cost of con-



struction is to be shared 50/50 with the Village of Bible Hill. Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will need to approve the work prior to construction. This section of sidewalk is listed as a priority in Council's Active Transportation Strategy, with construction scheduled for 2018. Staff recommended and council approved June Council Committee be authorized to award the tender.

Colchester must have an Audit Committee as a requirement under the MGA. On motion of council it was approved the committee would comprise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alternate Chair of Council Committee, the Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee to the Audit Committee for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Hollis ford was awarded a \$53,777.46, excluding HST, tender for a 1 1/2 ton truck with dump body and plow for wastewater Collection operations. The price includes a 2013 Ford F550 and plow as a trade-in. The only other tender received was from Bruce Auto Group for 460,978.91, excluding HST.

Need Something to tide you over?

By Christine Urquhart

On the go? Need something to tide you over until your next meal? Healthy snacks are just the thing to satisfy your hunger and supply your body with energy.

Try these quick and easy snack ideas: baby carrots, air-popped popcorn or an apple. Travel-

ing with children? Snacks can be made up ahead of time and placed in a sealed container or baggie and kept on hand as needed.

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