



Several members of the Five Islands and Economy UCW recently ventured to Parrsboro for a tea at Sunshine Inn. Pictured above are: Seated: Rev. Florence Anatle-Brison and Joyce Canning. Standing First Row: Ruth Thompson, Carole Dibbon, Dorothy Carson, Colleen Newton, Mina Berry and Linda Field. Back Row: Brenda Moore, Lynn MacIntosh and Marilyn Cock. (Submitted)

## Solid Waste Amendments for By-Law

By Maurice Rees

The urgency to issue a tender for solid waste collection caused Colchester Council to hold a special meeting in advance of the regularly scheduled council meeting on June 14th. At its May meeting council sent suggested amendments to the solid waste by-law for revisions by staff.

Contentious issues in the previous submission included specification of the amount of yard and leaf waste which could be put out curbside in large paper bags, and if pickers would be permitted to pick up certain items from roadside. Staff were able to answer the concerns, which permitted council to hold first reading for amendments to the by-law.

Wayne Wamboldt, Director Solid waste, wanted to include a separate pricing option for bidders to specify what additional charge might be incurred for picking up large paper bags of yard and leaf waste, without disrupting the overall tender submission. He said the current contract holder has been doing a favour by collecting the yard waste without additional cost. 37% of 16,351 homes comprising 6,044 single residences and 281 duplex are in the urban areas and susceptible to using the bags.

Council settled on one privacy bag, recyclables in blue bags, remainder in clear bags, with up to three large paper bags for yard and leaf waste. Minor alterations will be made to the proposed by-law amendments and will be discussed in greater detail during second reading.

Being the only item on the special meeting agenda, the meeting adjourned after brief discussion, permitting council to then proceed to its council committee meeting.

Council Committee approved up to \$2,500 to be spent on purchasing and cre-

ating a display case for a Colchester Nova Scotia Tartan Kilt to on display for the public in the municipal office.

Following up on the North Nova Forestry Co-operative Ltd presentation in early May, council approved staff recommendation to explore membership in the forestry co-operative with the intention to improve forest management of municipally owned lands and to explore the potential for commercial scale, wood heating system for municipal buildings including the possibility of a wood fired district heating system at Debert Business Park. Staff will report back to council with findings after discussion with the forestry co-operative.

During discussion on what to do with the Old Salmon River School Property, councillor Gibbs mentioned local residents feel usage should include options for walking trails and parks. He also mentioned when there were discussions on demolition of the school, the Salmon River Fire Department had expressed interest in part of the property for a potential new fire hall.

The property comprises an area of 16 acres, has a well and other infrastructure. Council asked staff to prepare an RFD with notations if any community interest, those request will be considered in final negotiations.

In February 2015 council passed Chapter 20, Taxi by-law, approving taxi business fees, metered fare rate and surcharges policy, which would be administered by the Town of Truro. Negotiations between the Town and County were never completed, because the taxi business based in the county ceased operation. However, a new company is anticipated to set up operations within the county. Council asked staff to proceed with discussions with the town.

## Have You Tripped Recently?

By Christine Urqubart

Have you ever tripped down the stairs? Slipped on a rug? It may sound silly, but falls are nothing to take lightly. Here are tips to fall-proof your home:

1. Keep electrical cords out of walking paths.
2. Securely fasten rugs, carpets and carpet runners to the floor.
3. Keep walkways and stairways free of clutter.
4. Use nonslip mats in the bathtub or shower.

## Casey's Bill C-391 Gets Unanimous Support

By Maurice Rees

After a visit to the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre where he saw a reproduction of a Mi'kmaq ceremonial robe, Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland Colchester decided to try to get the ceremonial robe back in Nova Scotia. He became determined to do something about it when he learned the original robe is in a museum in Australia. It didn't sit well with him something as culturally important as the robe was not in Nova Scotia.

He started his effort by writing one of his monthly columns published in the Shoreline Journal on the robe and sent along a photo he had taken at the Heritage Centre in Millbrook.

Casey then drafted a private members bill which passed second reading with a unanimous vote on June 6th. Bill C-391 The Aboriginal Cultural Property Repatriation Act will now go to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) for study, a step forward that is gratifying to Casey.

"From talking with many Indigenous stakeholders, I know that this strategy that would obtain artifacts being held in foreign museums and bring them back to Canada is long overdue," said Casey after the vote in the House of Commons. "For many Indigenous communities, the ceremonial artifacts that were removed by explorers over the centuries are a keenly missed part of their cultural heritage and identity."



Bill Casey

"Mi'kmaq people shouldn't have to look at a reproduction of one of their ceremonial robes because someone took the real thing to Australia and then donated it to a museum there. It belongs here and there needed to be a strategy in place that the federal government follow to assist all Indigenous Peoples bring back their artifacts."

Now that C-391 has been referred to INAN for study, Casey is hopeful the committee will begin work on it as soon as possible. Once the committee completes its study and tables its report in the House of Commons, the proposed legislation will be slated for third reading, debate and a vote. Should C-391 pass third vote, it then is passed along to the Senate of Canada for more study and input.

"It's a lengthy process, but it is worthwhile if we can get it passed into law and continue to carry on with the repatriation of indigenous cultural artifacts as part of our reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples," added Casey.

## The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

### Positive Aging Directory Now Available

Older Nova Scotians and their families now have better access to up-to-date information about programs and services for seniors in the 2018 Positive Aging Directory. The directory features information about active living, caregiving and support, employment and entrepreneurship, finances, health and wellness, housing, safety and security and transportation. "The Positive Aging Directory has become a staple in households throughout the province," said Seniors Minister Leo Glavine. "We are pleased to make this important resource available online and in print for older Nova Scotians and their families." The directory is available online. To request a free print copy, visit [www.novascotia.ca/seniors/directory/](http://www.novascotia.ca/seniors/directory/) or call 211.

### Adult students earn high school diplomas

Close to 500 adults received their high school diploma in nineteen graduation ceremonies hosted by the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning. The initiative helps connect them to higher education and better job opportunities. The school provides free learning programs to Nova Scotian adults 19 years and over who have been out of high school for more than one year. The programs are offered in English and French in most communities across the province. They include the Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults, General Educational Development prep courses, among many others. In the Northern Region ceremonies were held at: NSCC Truro Campus - Rath Eastlink Community Centre, 625 Abenaki Rd., Truro and NSCC Cumberland Campus - Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre, 6 Main St., Springhill on June 15.

continued on page 11

**"THE FARM GATE"**  
7693 Highway No. 2 OPEN DAILY 902-668-2494

**JULY SPECIAL**  
*We have the following for the BBQ:*  
**Beef, Chicken, Lamb, Pork, and Veal. Most off the products are home grown!**

Historic and local ties to your community and a full range of legal services

**Truro**  
10 Church St, PO Box 1068  
Truro, NS B2N 5B9  
Tel 902.897.2000  
Fax 902.893.3071

**Halifax**  
1801 Hollis Street  
Suite 2100, Halifax, NS B3J 3N4  
Tel: 902.405.8000  
Fax: 902.405.8001

**New Glasgow**  
47 Riverside St, PO Box 697  
New Glasgow, NS B2H 5G2  
Tel 902.752.5090  
Fax 902.755.3545

1.888.897.2001  
contactus@pattersonlaw.ca  
www.pattersonlaw.ca

LAW  
**Patterson**



"Express Lane is more than just an oil change"

- No appointment oil changes •
- Courtesy shuttle available •
- All makes and models •
- Open Saturday mornings and Thursdays until 7pm •

**Blaikies**

**HOURS:**  
Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 5:50pm  
Thursdays we are open until 7pm for our late night.  
Saturday 8am – 1pm. Sunday closed.

**BLAIKIES DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP LTD.**

28 Waddell Street, Truro, NS B2N 5C5  
902-893-4381 [www.blaikies.com](http://www.blaikies.com)

