



Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72 Great Village attended their annual Grave Decoration Day Service at The Thirsty Church - Londonderry Station Community Church on June 2. (Submitted)

Graves Decorated by Cobequid Branch Legion

Great Village Branch #72, held a Church Parade at the Thirsty Church, Londonderry on June 2nd. Over the years, members of the branch have been diligent and spend a lot of time decorating graves of veterans buried in local cemeteries.

The cemeteries and number of veterans buried in each cemetery are listed below: Folly Village Cemetery, Glenholme, 69; Folly Mountain Cemetery, Folly Mountain, 19; Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry, 63; St Ambrose Catholic Cemetery, Londonderry, 9; Anglican Cemetery, Upper Road Londonderry, 1; Mahon Cemetery, Great Village, 119; Portapique Beach Cemetery, 30; Portapique Mountain Cemetery, 1; Castlereagh Cemetery, 1; Baptist Cemetery, Bass River,

45; Riverside United Church Cemetery, Bass River, 66; Economy Cemetery, 105; United Cemetery, Five Islands, 43; Baptist Cemetery, Five Islands, 7; Methodist Cemetery, Lower Five Island, 29 and Moose River Cemetery, 7.



Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

The Virtue Assembly was held on June 3rd. Virtue of the Month was Citizenship. "I behave in a way that is positive, follow the expectations and try my best to contribute to my school community."

Grade 4 and 5 students had the privilege of taking part in the 2nd Annual Chiganois Rap Battle. Working collaboratively, student wrote their own songs with the support of actor/songwriter, Jonathan Torrens. Students were free to write whatever style of song they chose; country, rap, spoken-word, etc., as long as they incorporate the theme of self-esteem into their song. The performances took place in front of three judges: Mrs. Saunders, as well as two guest judges Grace Tompkins and Max Jennings. Everyone was supportive of each other as students showed their swag! Congratulations to all students for displaying the self-confidence to perform their song! The winning group will have the opportunity to record a video of their song. Top finishers were: 1st - Nate Sangster and Harley Gorman, 2nd -

Sarah McSwain, Madelyn Smith, Claire McMullen and 3rd - Sugar-Daisy Torrens, Jacqueline Upham, Amyla Doyle.

The Grade 4 Class Trip was held on June 7th.

The September 2019 Primary Class came for a visit on Friday June 7th. Mrs. Phillips & Ms. Bartlett are looking very forward to seeing all the sweet faces again in the fall!

Congratulations to Ella Rodgers of Chiganois Elementary School, this year's recipient of the Town of Truro Heritage Fair Award, for her project on Trains, Tracks & Truro!

Pancakes with the Principal for all June and July Birthdays was held on July 13th.

The Grade 1/2, Grade 2 and Grade 3 classes had their class trip on June 14th.

Field day this year was held on Friday, June 21st and much fun was had by everyone. Thank you, Mr. Gunn for organizing this annual event! There was an enjoyable school wide picnic at lunch time.

The opening of the new playground also took place on June 21st.

Only One Change In Area Rates

By Maurice Rees

On May 28th staff presented council with details on various area rates for variety of services. For the 2019/20 staff is recommending no changes in Area rates except for the Tatamagouche Fire Services rate set by the local Brigade, who suggested the rate increase from 0.08 to 0.095 per \$100 assessment.

Sewer Maintenance: During the past year, the sewer maintenance fund ran a small deficit of \$22,683. Accumulated surplus in the fund is now \$809,226. Staff recommends no change in the area rate.

Sewer Capital: The sewer capital area rate was established to fund sewer capital work approved by Council. Accumulated surplus in the fund at March 31, 2019 is 688,818.



Great Village Legion Branch #72 was pleased to welcome 5 new members recently. Left to right: President George Hudson, Alex Smith, Barb Simpson, Jaime Leigh Smith, Bernie Hubbard and Mike Rushton. (Harrington Photo)

No change in the area rate.

Active Transportation Strategy: Based on Council approval of the Active Transportation Strategy in early 2012, rates for 2019/20 are 18.5 cents for the urban area; 18.5 cents for Brookfield and 3 cents (maintenance rate only) for Debert. The fund balance for March 31, 2019 is \$1,821,824. This will be a source of funds for the 5-year capital budget's upcoming active transportation projects. No change in rate.

Urban Street Lights: No rate changes are required for 2019/20.

Water Extensions: The water extension area rate was first implemented in 2008/09. This rate is intended to cover extensions to be built in time in the urban area (excluding Bible Hill). In 2008/09, the

water line was extended into Salmon River to the new elementary school. No water extensions are planned. Maintain the same rate.

Fire Protection Rate: Council has approved implementation of a rate to cover existing and future hydrant charges (fire protection) for the entire urban area. Recommendation: maintain the same rate.

Volunteer Fire Department Rates: One rate change has been requested for 2019/20. Tatamagouche is requesting an increase from \$0.08 to \$0.095.

Fire Hydrant Rates, Street Lights, No changes are recommended.

Solid Waste Area Rate: In 2011/12, Council approved a

single rate to cover all dwellings, replacing separate rates. The rate was set at \$110. No change in the rate for 2019/20. This includes: Garbage Collection, \$38.50; Garbage Disposal, \$29.50 and Compost \$ 42.00 for a total of \$110.00.

Tatamagouche Branch Library: At the April 2011 Council meeting, Council approved the implementation of a 2 cent area rate effective with the 2011/12 calendar year. The area includes the Village of Tatamagouche and the area serviced through assessment to the Tatamagouche Fire Brigade. In 2018/19, the area rate generated a net of \$46,966. It is expected the area rate will be in place for another 4 years to pay for the new library funding.

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