



POW Camp Prisoners Seated

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plans, but the ship is an excellent model. There are many other models of artillery, tanks, wagons, pipe holders, and so on. One of the German prisoners made a cello. It has been refurbished for this event and will be played with the German band for the first time in one hundred years. Visitors will be impressed with the quality of workmanship of all of these POW artifacts. Thirteen German prisoners died while in the camp, and a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the gravestone which marks their original burial site in the Amherst cemetery. The Royal Canadian Legion will have a colour guard present and Canadian

and German officials will lay wreaths. There are many volunteers helping to put this together but it is a wonderful joint effort between the Government of Canada, the Government of Federal Republic of Germany and the Town of Amherst. Doors open at the Armouries on 34 Acadia Street at 10:30, July 2. The concert starts at 11:30. A reception will follow. There will be lots of uniforms and lots to see and learn about our history. Admission is free.

**Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester and has represented the area for over 30 years.**

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something I truly enjoy and proud that a councillor from a small rural community can have influence, in an absolutely non-partisan environment. This will be my fifth year as a member of the board of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities. During our annual meeting held last month in Quebec City I was actually uncontested for this seat. Last year as Atlantic Caucus Chair I automatically became member of the executive committee. Before continuing I would like to congratulate Halifax Councillor Bill Karsten on his election as President of FCM for 2019 - 2020. It is an honour to have a president from Nova Scotia and I know Bill is proud of his accomplishment. Given that 2019 will be a Federal Election year, FCM, which has been referred to as the most influential lobby group in Canada, has for the past 12 months been working on policy that will enable Municipalities big and small to

grow and prosper. Being on the executive committee provided me the opportunity to meet with ministers and leaders from all the main Federal Leaders. In our efforts to lobby and shape policy and election platforms, my role was predominantly Rural. I had the great pleasure of meeting with Bernadette Jordan on four occasions, Andrew Scheer twice, Jagmet Sing twice as well and Elizabeth May once. I hope that our efforts will lead to policy decisions that benefit our Municipality. Once again, this opportunity is one I would not have received without your support as your elected Municipal Representative. I thank you very much.

Tom  
**Tom Taggart is Colchester Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

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**Colin Roche**, Debert has curtailed operating his own electrical business and has joined up with Black River Property Services, who were his largest customer. He will not focus on commercial type work commencing July 1st.

**Concerns about possible closure of Northern Pulp**  
A letter to Premier Stephen McNeil from James Hardiman, who is seeking the Liberal nomination for Cumberland-Colchester in October's Federal Election contains two paragraphs, as follows: "I am writing to you today to express a concern that I am hearing in Cumberland-Colchester concerning the impact of any decision on Northern Pulp that would result in the closure of that facility. I am hearing this concern from those directly involved in the forestry sector, as well as, from many who benefit indirectly from that industry. I believe as do many others, that closure of the Northern Pulp operations in Pictou County will be an economic and social disaster for rural Nova Scotia. In addition to those who work full-time in forestry, many families depend on supplementary incomes derived from their woodlots. Earning even \$5000 per year from a woodlot can mean the difference between warm clothing for their children in the winter or inadequate clothing. It can mean the difference between paying for necessary medications and not being able to pay. The closing paragraph of the letter stated, "You and your government found a way to bring back the important link between Nova Scotia and Maine. You also mitigated the impact of the Film Tax decision by investing more money in the film and television production fund. I would urge you and your government to find a solution that protects our environment and the rural economies in Nova Scotia".

**Sales up 5.8 % to \$662.1 million**  
The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) has released its year-end results for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Total sales were up 5.8 per cent to \$662.1 million, with \$628.9 million in beverage alcohol sales and \$33.2 million in recreational cannabis sales. There were 866,800 cannabis transactions with an average dollar value of \$38.29. The average dollar value of each beverage alcohol transaction grew by 0.9 per cent to \$30.67. The growth in local beverage alcohol product categories continues to be strong. Nova Scotia ready-to-drink sales, which are mostly ciders, were up 80.9 per cent to \$7.8 million while craft beer sales were up 27.3 per cent to \$16.7 million. Nova Scotia spirit sales grew by 28.5 per cent to \$7.8 million while Nova Scotia wine sales, using locally grown grapes, were up by 2.5 per cent to \$11.7 million.

**Innovation rebate for RKO Steel Limited.**  
Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has approved a business development incentive in the form of an innovation rebate for RKO Steel Limited. Based in Burnside Industrial Park, RKO Steel has been manufacturing steel products, coatings and other high quality steel items for over 30 years, for export across Canada, the United States and other international markets. RKO Steel Limited is proceeding with a \$2.9 million capital investment to add specialized stainless and aluminum welding equipment to meet the increased demand for export and help increase efficiency and production levels. The company is eligible to earn a maximum innovation rebate of \$725,000 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending of \$2.9 million. To be considered for an innovation rebate, a company's total project costs must be between \$2 million and \$15 million. An approved rebate is up to 25 per cent against eligible project costs.

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**Letters to the editor**

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**Still No Code of Conduct**

I would like to publicly thank Mayor Blair for recently bringing the issue of a Code of Conduct for Colchester County Council back to the council table after almost two years. Shortly after I resigned from council on July 17th, 2017 over the fact a councillor could go as far as making racist comments in council with no possibility of any type of recourse, Council passed a motion for staff to investigate and report back to council on options for implementing a Code of Conduct. I found this rather strange timing considering this issue had been brought to the council table twice before during my five years on council and both times it took only moments for it to be passed over and council moved on to the next item on the agenda. The conversation around the table was always the same "Why would we need a Code of Conduct we all know how to behave". I personal beg to differ on this statement.

After council made the original motion in early August of 2017 to proceed with investigating what a Code of Conduct would look like for council another very important event took place. On October 19th, 2017 the provincial government passed an amended Bill No. 10 which passed Royal Assent on October 26, 2017. This bill makes it law for every municipality in the province of Nova Scotia to have a Code of Conduct in place for councils to follow. This new law came into affect after several incidents throughout the province where municipal councillors where found to have made derogatory or racist comments. But still no Code of Conduct for Colchester County Councillors twenty months after this became law in our province. I have had people ask me why Colchester County Councillors are so reluctant to implement a Code of Conduct? I can only speak from my own

personal view on this from my five years on council. The days of operating with an "old boy's club" mentality should be long gone unfortunately for Colchester County we're not quite there yet. In my opinion and it's just that, many councillors believe a Code of Conduct will limit them in continuing to operate in such an atmosphere. The thing is even a Code of Conduct is not the end of all ends. For instance the City of Toronto had a Code Of Conduct in place during the entire Mayor Ford fiasco and it sure didn't help them. The fact is all a Code of Conduct can really do is limit the activities of an individual councillor if that councillor decides to behave in a manor in which council find unprofessional or unethical. There are also some councillors who have concerns about what affect a Code of Conduct may have on their personal agendas. Far too often politicians in general forget how and why

they were elected in the first place. Personal ambitions get involved weather it be political ambitions or the one most common "what's in it for me". I'm sure much of this will get sorted out in the next municipal election in the fall of 2020. Till then lets hope this council can get a Code of Conduct adopted before the election of 2020. After two years though I'm starting to have my doubts. We are in a time in which we need successful business minded people and individuals who have the ability to see the whole picture on our municipal councils. Councillors who are forward thinking and aggressive when it comes to supporting economic development within our county. Councillors who show up at the table prepared and well informed on the subjects in front of them. Councillors who are there to represent the constituents who elected them not to supplement their income or retirement. Remember this is the same council who spend in access of \$30,000,000 of your taxes each and ever year. Don't Forget to Vote!  
**Doug MacInnes**  
Former Colchester County Councillor.

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