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Repaving Huge Cost – How To Pay?

By *Maurice Rees*

Which is more expensive? Repaving J-class roads or repairs to vehicles travelling the road network in Colchester. Area mechanics are handing motorists repair invoices in varying amounts ranging from \$200 for a tire and used rim; \$350-\$400 for minor repairs; \$600-\$800 for more front end parts and in one case over \$2,500 for a 2015 Tacoma.

It get a better understanding of those comparisons, the Shoreline Journal contacted several auto repair garages for an overview of what mechanics are facing, when motorists bring in their vehicle for much needed repairs. Repair shops

contacted are located in Debert, Onslow, Bible Hill, Truro, Hilden, Brookfield and other areas throughout the county.

Repairs are expensive and some garages are having a problem sourcing the necessary parts to bring a vehicle's front end back to a safe driving level. Taylor MacArthur, 2U Like New Auto, Brookfield said he quotes front end work on a daily basis. Dave Chase, North River, of the company which bears his name says he can't keep up with coil springs and shocks. Over at Dave's Service Centre, Debert, Dave told the Shoreline last week he installed eight springs and customers are coming in every day for

springs, struts and ball joints.

From most of the mechanics contacted it seems the average bill in the vicinity of \$350-400 range with many examples in the \$600-\$800 range. One repair bill was over \$2,500. Many mechanics expressed concern over the blight of motorists, because as one said, "we are seeing them twice a year and these are people who exist on a "shoe-string" budget".

Repaving J-class roads have been a topic of Colchester's council who have not arrived at a decision, because of the massive costs, fearful of increasing the annual tax bill for homeowners, but in their dis-

cussions over the years have failed to discuss the massive auto repair bills. In most cases repair bills are much higher than annual costs of keeping a vehicle roadworthy.

For years Colchester councillors have been wrestling with decisions as how to approach to massive capital cost. Even if the province paid 50% of repaving of the county's 110 Km J-class roads it would cost the County of Colchester and/or taxpayers about \$350,000 per year based on 20 year rotation once a comprehensive program was being implemented. On a 20 year rotation approximately 5.5Km of roads would be paved annually.

During a recent meeting, Councillor Tim Johnson, who has been pressuring for a repaving program said Pictou County takes the J-class road repaving from general tax revenue. Pictou County's CAO, Brian Cullen when contacted by the Shoreline Journal confirmed for over 15 years perhaps 20 years, the municipality has taken the costs from general tax revenues. He confirmed the municipality has 31 Km of J-class roads and each year they spend \$165,000 with the province paying the other 50% under a NSTIR

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Colchester County District RCMP has charged two youths after responding to a report of an armed robbery in Stewiacke at 11:40 p.m. on June 18. During an armed robbery a man was threatened with a knife and assaulted before the suspects stole his vehicle and fled the scene. The victim was uninjured. Police were provided with a description of the stolen vehicle, and it was later located in Dartmouth. A traffic stop was conducted, and two youths were taken into custody without incident. Both were held in custody overnight and released from custody on conditions and will appear in court at a later date.

Jennifer Louise Cox, Truro was one of twelve of the province's lawyers awarded the prestigious Queen's counsel (QC) designation. The QC designation is awarded annually to members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and outstanding contributions to the legal community. The other 11 appointees are: Donald A. MacLeod, Philip S. Gruchy, Joseph Royden Trainor, Jr., Shauna MacDonald, Richard Niedermayer, Suzanne I. Rix, Robert John Scott Hanf, Michelle Marie Kelly all of Halifax; Terrance G. Sheppard, Dartmouth; Angela Doris Caseley and Jeanne Desveaux, both of Bedford.

Nova Scotians who received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine between March 11 and 21 and are scheduled to receive their second dose between June 24 and July 3 can now reschedule their appointments for earlier dates. A notice to reschedule will be sent by email to the account provided at the time of booking. Anyone who did not provide an email must call the toll-free line at 1-833-797-7772 to reschedule or to request an email address be added. When rescheduling the second dose, people will select a new date and time at any clinic across the province that has an available appointment.

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Great job Sheldon! Brandy Thompson gives her steer a friendly rub after he completed his participation in Cow Patty Bingo in just under an hour. See story and pictures on page 2.

Colchester 100 Series Highway Ramp Clean Ups

By *Maurice Rees*

The ongoing problem of highway litter was back before Colchester Council on June 24th when Darlyene Proctor's authored action item was up for discussion. Her report detailed staff's investigation to addressing the litter issue at interchanges in Colchester County, as per the directive of Council.

In earlier discussions the Municipality of Colchester expressed concern over the amount of litter that is found in the natural environment of Colchester County. In part staff discovered the neighbouring Municipality of East Hants has launched a pilot

project where the Municipality has adopted five of the 100 series exit ramps into their community.

To promote the clean up of the exit ramps in East Hants, \$500 would be given to the community group that signs up for the task. Colchester Council requested that a similar program be investigated for potential implementation in Colchester County.

Litter has become a noticeable problem in Nova Scotia. Its most visible effects are impacts to the beauty of the province's natural landscapes, and cityscapes. However, it can also affect industries such as tourism and agriculture, im-

pact public health and safety, and cause harm to wildlife.

Besides its negative aesthetic impact, litter also can have negative consequences for public health, the economy, and our environment. While many positive changes have been made, it appears that greater action needs to be taken to combat the problem of litter. Even though a 2008 Litter Survey, by Nova Scotia Environment and Nova Scotia Environmental Youth Core was done over 13 years ago, the same conversation exists in 2021. It has been a constant plight in communities. Waste Reduction Staff and Councils

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Proposed Bylaw Renamed, "Neighbourhood Nuisance"

By *Maurice Rees*

Colchester's infamous "noise" bylaw renamed "Neighbour Nuisance" By-law came back to council for first reading. Devin Trefry, who has been charged with the by-law's development brought the revised version back to council on June 24th. Noise and nuisance have been a subject of many hours of discussion at the council level. The matter started to come more prominent nearly two years ago, when residents complained again about noises from a Moto-Cross facility in Nutby Mountain area.

After several attempts earlier in the spring, a version of the noise by-law was presented to council, but it was "muted" and sent back for major revisions. Council determined an overall by-law was not enforceable, so focus was changed to "Neighbour Nui-

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July 17 is National Parks Day in Canada. Holy Well Park, Bible Hill is a peaceful spot to enjoy nature. (Submitted)
See Bible Hill's Happenings on page 8.

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