

# PHOTO FEATURE

Cow Patty Bingo on June 5th raised \$15,000 for the Londonderry Community Hall and winner Shay McCully is now \$10,000 richer.

(Photos by Linda Harrington)



Brandy Thompson, feeds her steer Sheldon one last meal to encourage success on the field.



Todd Webb, Aliyah Lewis and winning ticket holder Shay McCully show their appreciation to Sheldon for dropping the winning cow patty on their square.



Londonderry Council Member Dawn Alexander presented Shay McCully with a cheque for \$10,000 on June 5th. Shay had the winning ticket in Cow Patty Bingo.

# \$10,000 Pile of Poop!

By Linda Harrington

It didn't take Sheldon the steer long to get his important job done at the Londonderry Community Centre field recently, making someone \$10,000 richer at the drop of a ...pile of poop!

Ticket sales for Cow Patty Bingo began last November in a creative effort to raise funds for the Londonderry Community Centre. "With Covid, we were unable to hold our usual means of fund raising such as the Hunter's Breakfast and dances," says Community Council member Victoria Lomond, "So we thought Cow Patty Bingo would be a fun event seeing as it used to be part of the Londonderry Days close to 30 years ago."

All 2,500 tickets were sold at \$10 each, with \$15,000 going to the Londonderry Community Centre and \$10,000 to the lucky

winner. The field was marked off in squares and numbers were drawn to represent each ticket sold. No names or numbers were actually marked on the field so no one knew who owned the ticket to each square until the very end.

The event was supposed to be held the first part of May this year. It was hoped people in the community could come out to cheer the cow on but with Covid restrictions still in place the date was "moo-ved" to June 5th and Sheldon the crowd favourite steer had to step up to the task without a cheering section.

Brandy Thompson, Sheldon's owner brought him to the field close to 1:00PM and he was given an encouraging meal of grain before starting his walk-about. An offering of Timbits kept him wandering and in just under an hour the

Bingo was over when an impressive cow patty plopped onto the winning square.

Shay McCully of Economy was very excited to receive a phone call and hear she was \$10,000 richer. She bought her single winning ticket at the Bass River Store and didn't even really know what Cow Patty Bingo was, she just thought she would support the cause.

Shay, her daughter Aliyah Lewis and partner Todd Webb came to Londonderry to pick up the \$10,000 cheque from Londonderry Council Member Dawn

Alexander. "That's the nicest pile of poop," said Todd as they looked over their winning square on the field.

When asked if there were plans for the winnings, Aliyah was hoping for a horse, but Shay laughed and said she had always wanted a cow so maybe now it might happen!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Londonderry Community Centre Cow Patty Bingo either by helping sell tickets or by purchasing tickets. The money will help keep the bills paid up at the Hall.

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# Green Cart Collection Investigated

By Maurice Rees

Colchester staff are continuing to investigate possibilities and projected associated cost for suggested weekly green cart collection. At June 10th Committee meeting, Council directed staff to investigate a weekly green cart collection as a potential solution to animal issues such as bears and rodents.

In an advisory to council, Scott Fraser, said REgroup has advised that they will cost out the additional service but putting this in place would not

likely occur until next year if Council opted to go with weekly service. This is due to equipment and staffing needs.

Staff have been contacting other regions with weekly compost service. These regions advised they moved to weekly due to odor issues. The change was made in typical urban areas. Rural areas which have weekly collection advised animal issues are still a challenge.

A detailed report will be submitted to council once costing is obtained.

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# GeoPark Following Covid Rules

Effective June 2, 2021, the Geopark office re-opened with staff following a hybrid of at home and office work. All Geopark meetings (Board meetings, committee meetings, etc.) will be held by Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Visitors must wear masks as they enter our building and maintain 6-foot social distancing. The Board Room will be limited to 4 people at any one time. Any outdoor Geopark activities and programs will ad-

here to a maximum of 10 people (including tour leaders/staff) and the six-foot distancing policy as prescribed by the Medical Officer of Health.

Anyone with COVID-type symptoms is asked to refrain from visiting the Geopark office. Any staff with COVID-type symptoms will be working from home and be required to take a COVID test and follow the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health.

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