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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS July 2022

Veteran's Memorial Park will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Victoria Hall, Bass River on July 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Community support is needed and they are looking for new members to join the Board.

Wentworth Recreation Centre is hiring a returning post secondary student for an administrative position this summer, 8 wks/40hrs Please contact Joanne for further details: jferdinandca@yahoo.ca

Beth MacMichael has been appointed secretary of the Debert Legion Branch #106 and is sharing the Public Relations role. Her first PR role was to issue a statement on behalf of Legion executive to thank all those who volunteered, attended or otherwise supported various events this spring. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and each issue of the Shoreline Journal to see some regular events to return in the fall!

Parrsboro Food Bank Benefit Concert presented by The Culture & Community Center in Parrsboro, The Band Hall, will be held August 6th. The show runs from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. David Brown, concert organizer, noted that those who manage and volunteer at the food bank provide an essential service, *especially in these difficult times*. It is hoped that having the concert in early August will provide the food bank with additional support for the seasonal demands ahead.

With Pandemic restrictions being eased the Wentworth Recreation Centre is slowing adding new events to get back to being the hub of the Valley. On July 9 they will hold a Bluegrass concert: "Open mike" 2 pm at Wentworth Recreation Centre. Concert starting at 7pm. Their famous Turkey burgers will be served from 12-5pm.

Friends of Hank Snow will be holding a two day Summer Festival in Liverpool, NS July 22-23rd. Festival to be held outdoors at the Hank Snow Gazebo and Park area across from Museum at 17 Hank Snow Drive, Liverpool. We welcome RVs and walk-ins and are hoping to raise monies to keep our Hank Snow Museum alive. In August they will host a Mini Tribute Festival which will be a four day outdoor event and again outdoors. The Mini Tribute is jam packed with events Thursday evening to Sunday morning.

'Solar & Cozy Colchester' Paused

By **Maurice Rees & Joanna Burris**

Activity on two popular programs - Solar Colchester and Cozy Colchester ground to a screeching halt on June 10th until payments from Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) are received. The Municipality of Colchester has been approved for a loan in

the amount of \$5,565,400 and a grant of \$2,782,700 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; however, due to delays at FCM and the NS Municipal Finance Corporation, the Municipality has not yet received its first loan disbursement. Only \$500,000 in grant funding has been received to date. Programs

were suspended on June 10 primarily for cashflow reasons. About \$1,215,000 has been paid to contractors to date for completed projects.

Putting the programs on hold will send ripples through all facets - homeowner disappointment; contractors not being able to continue work, etc. •

Staff initially projected about 350 projects over 3-4 years, however since October 1, 2021 over 500 homeowners have enrolled in the Solar and Cozy programs. 110 agreements have been signed with homeowners, and 54 projects have been completed.

The information on the programs was presented to Colchester Council at its meeting on June 23rd, by Joanna Burris, the county's solar and cozy program administrator.

(The update on Solar Colchester and Cozy Colchester is full of very detailed information and financial data, we have decided to print the entire report as presented to council).

Here's the report as presented by Joanna Burris.

PURPOSE: To update Council on recent changes to the Solar Colchester &

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The conceptual drawing above shows a gazebo / shelter being considered for Fundy Discovery Site. It is anticipated the pavilion will be dedicated in the name of former councillor Bill Masters, who was an avid proponent of the Fundy site. The family is contributing to the construction costs. The municipality is also accepting donations in memory of former councillor Bill Masters. Contact the municipal office for details. (Contributed)

Shelter to be Named After "Masters"

By **Maurice Rees**

A request for an interim budget to construct a picnic / shade shelter at the Fundy Discovery Site was the subject of a request by Paul Smith at the June 23rd council meeting. Approval for interim budget was approved by council.

When construction is completed the shelter will be named in honour of former, now deceased Councillor Bill Masters, who was a strong advocate of the discovery site. The one proposed would be similar to the types found at the Municipality's other parks. Staff are considering a cedar shake roof, rather than traditional roofing or steel.

In Smith's report it stated: "Given former Councillor Master's contributions to Colchester and particularly, his involvement with the Fundy Discovery Site, dedicating the structure to his memory is fitting, especially given that friends, family and colleagues have donated funds to this cause".

Estimated to cost \$73,800 it would be a Timber Frame Structure. Cost to the municipi-



Bill Masters

ality would be reduced because the Masters family and friends have donated \$3,200 to go toward the cost. Within the last week, the family has indicated it would match the donations bringing contributed funds up to \$6,400.

Costs are estimated at: timber frame structure, \$46,800; 30" by 16" concrete pad, \$14,000; roof, \$13,000 for Total Cost of \$73,800. Offsetting revenues would be Private Donations: \$ 6,400; Provincial program, \$25,000, leaving Municipality with cost of \$41,800.

Completed projects over the last year include the installation of solar powered waste management receptacles, an entrance sign and additional landscaping.

Receiving federal / provincial funding for the pedestrian / active transportation bridge over the next several months is eminent. The bridge has been identified as a priority project for the Site, especially given its alignment with the ICIP funding initiative. The project has received the support of the Provincial government and a great deal of background work has been completed over the last several months in preparation for the federal approval process. While the bridge will be the most significant infrastructure improvement to date, a start date is unknown and contingent on federal funding approval.

The municipality is still accepting funds, to be held in trust solely for this project, for those who would like to recognize Councillor Master's 20+ contribution to the Municipality.

By **Maurice Rees**

Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River will hold its Annual General Meeting at Victoria Hall, July 10th commencing at 6 pm. This is much more than a traditional AGM.

Organizers are seeking several new members to join the board and assist with ongoing and expanded role of the park to serve veteran's organizations, individual veterans and family and the general public.

With the park maturing, it takes more maintenance input from volunteers, and with an aging membership, organizers hope numerous younger residents will step forward to volunteer their services.

A few months ago park organizers made a presentation to Colchester Council seeking a partnership with both the council and Dalhousie Agriculture Department for assistance in the maintenance of the park.

Upon completion of the budgeting process, council agreed to some funding for this year, and the Agriculture College agreed to the working

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