

PHOTO FEATURE

The first Portapique Market opened for the season on June 4th with a lovely assortment of vendors including fresh veggies, tea, books and baked goods. The Market will continue for the summer months.



Sherry Turner was tempting her customer's sweet tooth with a delicious looking assortment of Too Tall Fudge.



Sydney and Graedyn Shannon of Montrose Morsels sold out their supply of tasty baked goods very fast on opening day.



Charlee Winter was helping sell fresh produce at the Market Green table.

Funding for 12 Innovative Seniors Initiatives

The government is providing funding for 12 innovative projects to support seniors in their homes and communities. Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Barbara Adams announced an investment of more than \$8.6 million in new models of home care delivery, day programs, supportive equipment and more.

The Canadian Red Cross is one of the organizations that has received funding, for its Health Equipment Loan Program, which has newly purchased equipment plus items that have been donated and refurbished. The Red Cross will use \$725,000 to purchase hundreds more of the highest-demand items like wheelchairs, walkers, beds and bathroom safety equipment.

In 2021-22, almost 32,000 Nova Scotians received home care, including home support and nursing services and last year, more than 5,600 people received direct funding for care through provincial programs, including the Caregiver Benefit,

Supportive Care, Self-Managed Care and Personal Alert Assistance

Funded initiatives included: six demonstration projects for new models of home care delivery in four areas of the province that include low-income seniors housing, in partnership with Housing Nova Scotia - \$3 million; four Adult Day Program demonstration projects with added support for clients with dementia and other more complex care needs; these will complement in-home supports and respite in a group setting - \$2 million; workplace safety pilot projects to employ occupational therapists in each of the four health zones to support worker safety and safe mobility of home support clients - \$900,000.

Funding for three Community Links projects: establish a distribution network to provide micro-grants to senior-serving organizations and low-income seniors, targeting urgent community needs - \$745,000; conduct an assessment of seniors' centres



Barbara Adams
Seniors & Long-Term Care Minister

and groups throughout the province to better understand their scope, distribution and impact on overall health - \$250,000; and establish a "Seniors Centre Without Walls" demonstration project by connecting senior-serving organizations to provide older Nova Scotians with opportunities to participate in virtual (including phone-based) social and educational activities - \$150,000

Red Cross equipment loan program funding to buy more assistive devices - \$725,000. Funding for Caregivers Nova Scotia to understand and assess unpaid caregiver support needs and develop a caregiver strategy in partnership with the Department - \$300,000; and assess training needs and co-ordination of existing resources for caregivers - \$250,000.

Funding for Independent Living Nova Scotia to develop a co-ordinated payroll and human resources program to make the Self-managed Care Program more accessible for participants - \$200,000; support for the ALS Society of Nova Scotia to purchase specialized equipment for loan - \$50,000 and funding for the Victorian Order of Nurses to buy digital medication dispensers - \$50,000.

Great Village Playground Receives \$32,912.24

By Maurice Rees

Great Village Elementary Playground Committee Fundy has received \$32,912.24 from the Community ACCESS-Ability Program as one of 43 community facilities across the province as announced on June 1st. Three other Colchester facilities received funding: Colchester Food Bank Fundy \$2,287.74; Municipality of Colchester Fundy \$22,533.78 and Truro Curling Club, \$6,438.47. Total funding for the 43 projects is \$997,202.

The Community ACCESS-

Ability Program helps fund capital improvements at not-for-profit facilities. Examples of projects at other facilities include the installation of lifts, walkway paving and washroom upgrades.

The Province also offers the Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program, which helps businesses make accessibility-related improvements for clients, customers and employees. The program is open for applications until July 29: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/business-accessibility-grant-program>



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Colchester Unites with Municipalities to Drive Recovery

Several Council members from the Municipality of Colchester recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan. During the conference, Delegates passed resolutions calling for national action on four issues reflecting their local community needs: modernizing the Canada Community Building Fund; addressing period poverty in Canada; implementing the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee relating to missing children and unmarked graves; and streamlining support for those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

Themed Together for Recovery, the conference allowed thousands of municipal leaders from across the country to gear up for recovery and focus on building stronger, more inclusive, and resilient communities—together. During the conference Colchester's Deputy Mayor, Geoff Stewart was elected as 2nd Vice President on FCM's Board of Directors and Mayor, Christine Blair was re-elected as one of four Nova Scotia representatives on the Board and will become the new Atlantic Caucus Chair.

"After two years of working tirelessly on the frontlines to support Canadians

during the pandemic, there's still much work to do to tackle our country's greatest challenges, like the housing crisis and protecting our communities from climate extremes. We must also resolve the RCMP retroactive pay municipalities are now faced with," said Stewart. "Municipal leaders were loud and clear in Regina: we're eager to continue working with our federal partners to take these issues head on, because when our orders of government work together, we move this country forward."

In his role as 2nd Vice President and FCM Board member, Stewart will help set policy priorities that reflect the concerns of municipal governments and affiliate members from coast to coast.

"If we want to get this recovery moving, we need to be in touch with what is happening every day in our communities and make sure that local issues are brought to Ottawa," said Stewart. "We know that our country's recovery starts in our communities—where people live, work, and raise families—and as frontline governments, we understand the challenges people face in their daily lives. That makes us key to Canada's recovery and we're coming back home from this confer-

ence energized and eager to work with our federal and provincial partners to get the job done."

"Our Council values being involved in the conversation at the national level, and we benefit greatly learning from and networking with our fellow Canadian municipal leaders," said Blair. "We look forward to contributing to work that we know will not only benefit Colchester County, Nova Scotia, but municipalities all over the Country."

Over four days, more than 2,200 participants took part in Canada's fullest gathering of municipal leaders since 2019, where they had the opportunity to connect with their federal counterparts through a series of keynote addresses and meetings featuring Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities Dominic LeBlanc, Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Communities Andrew Scheer, and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh. Attendees also prepared for the coming recovery through a trade show and numerous workshops focused on crucial municipal issues like housing affordability and rural growth—among others.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**VICTORIA HALL
JULY 10TH
6:00 PM**

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US

Meeting will take place at Victoria Hall in Bass River at 6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2022