

## Millbrook Building Strong Economy & Rich Cultural Legacy



Millbrook Fisheries live lobster facility for storing lobsters year-round, offering new sales opportunities and expecting to create new jobs for the community. (Contributed)

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of-the-art display cases, some of which offer audio capabilities in multiple languages. Two new wireless projectors and projection screens will be installed for presentations and workshops.

A deep freezer will be purchased for traditional cooking demonstrations. LED lighting, foldable workshop tables and an intercom will also make the

Centre more comfortable and accessible.

Heather Stevens, Manager, Millbrook Culture and Heritage Centre, said: "Wela'liq (thank you to all involved). With the help that we've received, we can modernize our display cabinets and have additional ones made for a collection that we are soon having displayed, and it allowed us to have environmen-

tally friendly lighting. New amenities such as a projector, screen, and freezer will improve our ability to host workshops and other events. Additionally, we are going to improve our curb appeal for guests with new landscaping."

The June 23rd announcement further demonstrates The Government of Canada's commitment to fostering collaborative partnerships with Indigenous communities, creating new business and job opportunities and strengthening cultural preservation efforts, while advancing reconciliation.

Millbrook First Nation is one of 13 First Nations located within Nova Scotia. It includes the communities of Millbrook, Beaver Dam, Cole Harbour, Tufts Cove and Sheet Harbour. The Millbrook Fisheries live lobster holding facility will be in Sheet Harbour.

Since 2015, The Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre has been actively working to highlight the rich culture and history of Mi'kmaq people through creative programming for all ages. The Centre is also focused on growing and promoting indigenous tourism opportunities.



Taking time for a group photo at the breakfast in which Minister of Economic Development, Susan Corkum-Greek was the guest speaker were Dave Ritcey, MLA; Sherry Martell, Chamber Executive Director; Minister Corkum-Greek and Larry Harrison, MLA. Event sponsors were Royal Bank, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Payworks (Contributed)

## Brookfield Sidewalk to cost \$2,003,661

By Maurice Rees

Cumberland Paving has been awarded a \$2,003,661 tender for the construction of a new sidewalk on Highway 2 in Brookfield from the existing sidewalk at Highway 289 to Whidden Road.

A total of 7 companies requested the tender documents and 3 tenders were received by the closing time of 3:00pm on May 23, 2023. Results, excluding HST are summarized as follows:

Cumberland Paving, \$2,003,661; Dexter Construction, \$2,465,000 and S.W.Weeks Construction, \$2,860,000.

During analysis of tender bids, The low bidder was Cumberland Paving and their tender was deemed to be complete. Cumberland Paving has previously worked for the County, completing Phase 2 of the Hilden Sidewalk project in



2022. Work is to begin on July 3 and will take approximately 12 weeks.

As a matter of interest, the unit cost for Phase 2 of the Hilden Sidewalk (2022) was \$1,527/metre, while the cost for Brookfield is \$2,109 per metre, which illustrates the current impact of inflation and fuel costs. The capital budget estimate was prepared using a cost of \$1,750 per metre.

The project is funded 50% from the Active Transportation Area Rate and 50% from Gas Tax. A total of approximately \$12,000 has already been committed to the project for design fees and \$25,000 was spent on a survey.

Total anticipated project commitment for full award of the tender is \$2,151,537 plus contingencies. Staff recommends that an internal contingency of \$150,000 be carried for the construction project.

Staff recently elected not to award a tender for repairs to the sewer lines in Brookfield due high tender pricing. This sewer repair project was budgeted at \$400,000, with 50% of funding from Gas Tax and 50% from Sewer Capital. Deferral of this sewer project will help offset some of the budget exceedance for the Brookfield Sidewalk Project.

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**The North Nova Physician Event** is an upcoming health-care event organized by Truro Colchester Partnership and the North Nova Medicine Program. The North Nova Physician Event, an annual gathering, will be held Tuesday, July 4, 2023, for our new cohort of North Nova Family Medicine Residents where we aim to provide them with welcome bags that will not only make them feel valued but also familiarize them with the local community. It will bring together community, health-care professionals, experts, and leaders from various organizations to welcome the new 7 Doctor's who will be practicing in Northern Nova Scotia for the next 2-years.

**The Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity**, also known as TCPEP, held its annual general meeting at the Marigold Centre, 605 Prince Street, Truro. At 11 am on June 22. The AGM featured a keynote address from CEO David Phillips. The featured guest speaker was Giles Crouch, who talked about the Opportunities and Risks of Artificial Intelligence in Small Business. Gilles is a digital anthropologist, and innovation architect. He's focused on helping small to medium sized business navigate and innovate the digital world. All from a human-centric approach. He has extensive experience working with emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, blockchain and digital products. Giles has been featured in Forbes, Wired and National Geographic, Arab News and is regularly interviewed by news media around the world regarding technology, culture, and society. He writes regularly on the intersection of culture and digital technologies on "Medium", where he has over 47,000 followers.



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