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Environmental Racism Panel Members Appointed

Angie Gillis, Executive Director, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq is one of seven new members appointed to the Environmental Racism Panel, who have significant expertise in Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian history, law, environmental racism, policy and community engagement, and health and environmental sciences. They join Agassou (Augy) Jones, who was appointed as the first panel member and designated Chair in December.

The other six new appointees are: Desiree Jones-Matthias, lawyer, African Nova Scotian Justice Institute; Gaynor Watson-Creed, Associate Dean, Dalhousie University faculty of medicine; Karen Hudson, Principal, Auburn Drive High School; Lisa Young, Executive Director, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources; Mike Davis, President and CEO, Davis Pier Consulting and Thomas Johnson, Executive Director, Eskasoni, Fisheries and Wildlife.

Chair to Support Mass Casualty Recommendations

The provincial and federal governments have appointed a Founding Chair of the committee that will monitor and report on the implementation of the recommendations from the final report of the Mass Casualty Commission.

Brad Johns, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Nova Scotia, and Marco Mendicino, federal Minister of Public Safety, announced on May 31, that retired appeals court justice Linda Lee Oland will assume the role. The Founding Chair will play a key role in establishing the Progress Monitoring Committee.

Former justice Oland is a distinguished member of the legal profession with a record of pioneering service to the community. Her experience dealing with complex issues and multiple stakeholders will help ensure the monitoring body fulfills its goal of reporting on progress and creating accountability. She will serve in the new position for one year and assist governments in identifying a long-term chair.

Man charged with firearms offences

Sipekne'katik RCMP has charged a man with firearms offences. At approximately 3:55 a.m. this morning, Sipekne'katik RCMP responded to a report of a man brandishing a firearm and threatening to kill someone on Burma Rd. in Sipekne'katik. Colchester County District RCMP members also responded to the scene to assist. The man was located at a nearby home on Poplar St. RCMP officers secured the area around the home and began negotiating with the man. After a short time, he surrendered and was safely arrested.

RCMP officers conducted a search of the home and located a rifle and ammunition. A second man obstructed officers by impeding their search of the home, which resulted in his arrest. James Morris, 33, of Sipekne'katik, has been charged with Pointing a Firearm, Unsafe Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited, Possession of a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number and Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose.

The second man has since been released from custody and will be charged with Obstructing a Peace Officer. He will appear in court at a later date.

IWK Foundation Reschedules Annual IWK Telethon

Due to the devastation of the wildfires our region is experiencing, the IWK Foundation has made the decision to reschedule its annual IWK Telethon for Children on CTV until later this summer.

The IWK Telethon for Children is a 39-year Maritime tradition that takes place the first weekend of June every year. This year the theme of the Telethon is Stronger Than You Know highlighting the sheer strength and resilience of patients and families. When we chose this theme months ago, we had no way of knowing how relevant and meaningful these words would be for our region.

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PHOTO FEATURE

The Debert Elementary Kids Run Club were very excited to hold their 4K Fun Run on Wednesday, June 21st. Special guests from The Bluenose Marathon were on hand this year, including Myles the mascot. (Harrington Photos)



Infrastructure Capacity Study Could Cost \$200,000

By Maurice Rees

With applications due on June 7, 2023, Colchester public works staff asked council to approve submitting an application to fund the water and sewer capacities studies for serviced areas of the County. The request to council read: "That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to make an application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the completion of water and sewer capacity studies for serviced communities within the County, with a total anticipated project cost of \$200,000."

The PCAP is administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing and offers up to 50% funding for water, sewer and solid waste projects. Work can include new infrastructure, improvements to existing infrastructure and engineering studies.

Growth of many areas of the county is resulting in development pressures occur-

ring in many communities across the County, there is a need to assess remaining capacity to accommodate new development within our existing water and sewer systems.

Recognizing capacity limitations might be a problem

in the near future, public works staff pushed to have council approve an operating budget which includes funds for water and sewer capacity studies in our serviced areas. Both water and sewer systems will be assessed.

Council's approved operating budget for fiscal 2023/24 included the amount of \$200,000 was included carried in the budget. If successful the PCAP application could fund up to 50% of these costs.

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Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface.

Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

For more information, visit NovaScotia.ca/Blue-Green-Algae

