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July 2024

Detailed coverage of the Mayors & Chief Breakfast sponsored by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce will be delayed until the August issue. The tight deadline between Mayors heading to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg and our deadline was next to impossible.

Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart has been appointed Federation of Canadian Municipalities president. Photo and details on page 9 in this issue.

The centre pages of this issue contain several colourful pages with lots of photos on the Official Opening of the Portaupique Community Centre and Debert Fire Brigade holding its 52nd annual Meeting and an awards banquet.



Kayaks on the Parrsboro River are popular in summer. On June 12 with the weather and water warming, the season for Kayaks arrived. Around supertime each day this gentleman appears on the Parrsboro River heading for the wharf. I, personally enjoy every second of his journey. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

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"Save Little Dyke" Responds

By Linda Harrington

Close to fifty people turned out on June 18th at The Peg in Masstown, to discuss the implications to the community from the recent Environmental Assessment Registration by OSCO Aggregates Pit 4 Extension Project.

Present to listen to concerns were Colchester District 10 Councillor Victoria Lomond, MLA Tom Taggart and Councillor District 4 Geoff

Stewart (also candidate for Colchester Mayor).

Meeting chair Barry Hutt noted land proposed for future expansion in Little Dyke are some of the best farmlands around but are also very attractive to OSCO because the gravel is easy to access, and the company owns their own concrete plant. The current EA is for 30 hectares, expanding the current Pit 4 to the south, east and north.

The proposed Project as per the registered EA will also include the addition of an electric washing/ screening/ crushing plant, installation of a settling pond, development of a water source, addition of an access road and a fuel storage area.

Residents made their frustrations known about the lack of compliance and accountability they say has gone on in the area since the last approval

for an expansion back in 2017. The latest Environmental Assessment is an opportunity to once again put their concerns in front of government officials and hope someone will listen.

Harvey MacEachern presented several areas of greatest concern:

1) Traffic Impact- increased heavy truck traffic will strain rural roads leading to safety hazards and road degradation. Residents spoke about current rocks left on the road and speed of the trucks throughout their community and worried this expansion will mean many more trucks.

2) Environmental Impact- threatening local aquifers and habitats for at-risk species. Residents worry about their ground water also being impacted.

3) Noise & Air Quality- increased noise from equipment and vehicles at extended hours and dust pollution which may not only degrade living conditions but could affect health. Residents have been concerned about the presence of crystalline silica and would like more studies done on the amount present in the air and its lasting health

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A beautiful cake was enjoyed by all at the Portaupique Community Centre grand opening. The centre was filled with invited guests on May 31st. Guests for the event included Honorable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia, Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and Colchester Mayor Christine Blair. An additional surprise was an appearance and performance by six-time JUNO Award winning signer-songwriter Johnny Reid. The Shoreline Journal's coverage of the event can be found on pages 12 and 13.

Don Henderson Complex to get \$750,000 Upgrade

Communities in Colchester County and the Musquodoboit Valley will see major improvements to several facilities thanks to provincial grants announced June 20 by MLA Larry Harrison.

"A thriving community is dependent on access to spaces for recreation, culture, worship and socialization," said Larry Harrison, MLA for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, on behalf of Allan MacMaster, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "Each of these facilities contributes to the general quality of life in communities, and we are proud to support their initiatives that serve residents."

The Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, located in Brookfield, is home to a full-size hockey arena, four-sheet curling rink, preschool and other community amenities. The

sportsplex's board received funding to expand the facility with additional dressing rooms, washrooms and storage. The new addition will be heated with heat pumps, minimizing the facility's carbon footprint and decreasing operational costs. The intent is to have a barrier-free, inclusive and accessible environment for all.

"The sportsplex has been the heart of the South Colchester community for nearly 50 years. Funding will benefit all user groups of the hockey rink. Over the last two decades, enrolment of female hockey players has jumped significantly, putting constraints on the facility with only four dressing rooms. More dressing rooms will be added, and improved accessibility will allow all patrons to comfortably attend the rink." Jack Roop, President, Don Henderson

Memorial Sportsplex.

Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex will receive \$750,000 for the upgrades.

Other community facilities will also be upgraded through provincial grants: Truro Alliance Church will receive \$65,000 for addition of a playground on the property for community use; Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall will receive just over \$23,000 for kitchen renovations and updates and Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Centre in Middle Musquodoboit gets for just over \$3,700 for renovations to the dressing rooms.

Additional Resources: Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage grants and programs: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-in-our-future>

This fall, a new directive limiting the use of cell phones and other personal mobile devices in public schools provincewide will help students stay focused and support teachers. Starting in the 2024-25 school year, all students will be required to turn off their personal mobile devices and store them out of sight during instructional time. Limited exceptions, like junior high and high school teachers allowing cell phone use in class for instructional purposes, will be available.

Under the directive, elementary school students must have their phones stored during the entire school day. Older students may have the option to use cell phones during lunch and other breaks depending on individual school rules.

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