



John Ward says he and his girlfriend got quite a surprise when they looked out the window to where they had been feeding the birds and squirrels and saw this young bear having breakfast. His home is just past Erskine United Church on the Little Dyke Rd. and the bear was only about 20 feet from his back door. Bears have been spotted near the lake at Little Dyke in previous years. (Submitted)



The 37th Annual Radical Speed Sport Show in Moncton attracted plenty of exhibitors and thousands of visitors. Stephen Henderson, centre, of R&D Performance Ltd., Onslow, has been exhibiting at the show for many years. (Rees Photo)

Illegal dumps endangered

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A source has told this writer another site was located on East Mountain Road, and some of the garbage was being traced to a business from the Bible Hill area.

The decision not to recycle residential garbage may be causing some people to go to a lot of expense and put themselves in legal jeopardy as they decide it is easier to simply dump full garbage bags in the woods. Although it's not proven, but many of those who were opposed to the municipality's introduction of a clear garbage bag policy, which specifies five clear pages and one non-transparent privacy bag on each scheduled pick-up.

Municipal officials are not deterred with the apparent increase of illegal dumping. They are offering education sessions and will increase investigations and are inviting residents to call and identify additional illegal sites.

To assist in keeping West Colchester clean, the Shoreline Journal, elsewhere in this issue, has announced a photo contest, with monthly prize to be awarded for submission of illegal dumping photos. Photos will be published each month.

The new clear bag policy will come into effect on September 1, with municipal

staff conducting public education sessions in September. Upon request from residents, private sessions will be held in June, July and August. Enforcement of the clear bag recycling guidelines will be enforced commencing January 2012.

In a report to council, it was identified that Municipalities which have gone clear bag have noticed a significant decrease in garbage tonnages averaging around 30%. Decreasing tonnage sent to landfills is a win-win situation for taxpayers, because the life-span of landfills will be extended thus deferring costs of new landfills into the future.

In the Nova Scotia, a waste disposal target of 300 kg per person by the year 2015 was set. This target includes all waste disposed by residents and businesses at municipal facilities and the waste materials disposed at private construction and demolition sites.

Here's an outline on the current status for Municipality of Colchester. The last published values in the 2009-2010 Nova Scotian's disposed an average of 401 kg per person of waste. Colchester County has a rate of 600 kg per person, the third highest in the province.

Colchester's disposal tonnages are affected by it's commercial sector which is 70

percent of the total weight going to the landfill and by private construction and demolition disposal facilities (C&D). Presently there are no incentives for the private C&D sites to divert wastes. As outlined in Table 1 some waste disposal comparisons are made with the two largest cities in Nova Scotia and with other communities that have similar populations and programs.

Colchester residents are disposing less than the Provincial average but the construction and demolition values are the second highest per person in the province and the commercial waste disposed is the third highest. Since the 2009-2010 data was collected over 5,800 residents have received green carts. The upcoming year should show a greater increase in organics diversion.

Safety is always a concern. Not only do clear bags offer direct benefits for diversion it is also very important for generators, collectors, employees and landfill safety. Problem materials such as needles, broken glass, chemicals, ammunition, explosives and other hazardous materials can be more easily identified. When a person can see what type of materials is in a bag they can incorporate the proper lifting technique for the weight and the contents of the bag.

Table 1 - Values obtained from the Nova Scotia Environment 2009/10 Datacall

Municipality Population	Total Waste Disposed/PP	Residential/PP	IC&I/PP Industrial,co mmercial & Institutional	C&D/PP Construction & Demolition
Percentage comparison (+/- Provincial Weighted Average)				
Colchester 51,902	600 kg 50%	131 kg (-12%)	291 kg 63%	178 kg 141%
Pictou 46,216	485 kg 21%	84 kg (-43%)	230 kg 28%	171 kg 131%
Valley 83,474	367 kg (-9%)	152 kg 2%	123 kg (-32%)	92 kg 24%
CBRM 104,928	390 kg (-3%)	177 kg 19%	136 kg (-24%)	77 kg 4%
HRM 398,049	400 kg (-0.25%)	141 kg (-5%)	212 kg 18%	47 kg (-36%)
Weighted Avg. of the Province	401 kg	148 kg	179 kg	74 kg

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