

# REES' Pieces

## Just Where Do I Start...

There are so many topics in the news recently, that I am passionate about, and on each one could almost write a book. However, I don't have enough time or space so that thought was tossed out quickly.

Among the topics at the top of the list: Move of Dept of Agriculture staff to Truro; reaction of labour leaders concerning the de-centralization of various departments to smaller communities; request for another rate hike by Nova Scotia Power; opposition to wind turbines to generate green energy; over \$300 million pledged to Halifax Shipyards and I'm sure there were a couple of others.

Perhaps first off the list would be the comments from Union Leader Joan Jessome, whose did not speak kindly about Truro, Glace Bay, Shelburne and Digby. First out of the starting gate, she mentioned union members would not want to transfer, because of where they would be "going to". She gave the impression these communities were on the undesirable list. Intentionally, or accidentally, she left the impression that Halifax is the utopia of the province and nothing else matters.

I wonder how NSGEU members located throughout the province actually feel about her attitude, not that they would dare say anything. Maybe if enough government departments are dotted around the province, NSGEU might be pressured to relocate their office as well.

As Tom Taggart points out in his column, the Department of Agriculture move to Truro is a good thing as is fisheries office to Shelburne and Digby and more jobs going to Glace Bay. These moves are even more important in light of the Conference Board of Canada about the importance of Halifax to regional prosperity. The report profiling Halifax as the financial centre of Atlantic Canada was nothing new. People have recognized and been saying that for years. What is good for the region or the province is good for Halifax and vice versa.

However, what was new, at least to me, was the report saying Halifax would have a more positive impact on Fredericton, Moncton or Charlottetown, than it would on another area within the province. No wonder those outside Halifax get irritated when there are discussions relating to Halifax Vs the rest of the province.

A good example is the over \$300-million pledged to Halifax Shipyards, when many areas of the province are fighting for their economic survival, and feel serious attention paid to their request and investment of a few million would go a long way to improving their livelihood.

I read an interesting piece in the Globe and Mail a couple of weeks ago, when they published an in-depth profile of Denmark regarding wind turbines, exporting turbine technology, how Denmark generates its electricity and how it has achieved its high rate of reductions in emissions. A few days later news broke that Nova Scotia Power will be filing for another rate increase.

Nova Scotia power will have a hard job convincing the public it needs a rate increase, when it's executives are among the highest paid in the country. It's hard to believe some of them can face the public when they are making well over \$1-million per year and in some cases the salary and benefit package exceeds \$2-million. For shareholders the guaranteed rate of return is several times what government bonds pay. If the guaranteed return was approximately 7.5% instead of 9+, and the top executive compensation was \$500-\$750,000, we as the public might be a bit more understanding.

Back to the profile of Denmark. It is the world leader in wind turbine technology. Export of turbine technology represents 18% of its GDP. Wind turbines generate 20% of the country electricity. The remainder of the energy comes from, guess what, coal. Electricity cost is \$.30 per kWh about three times what we pay here.

The Danes pay so much for electricity; they have been forced to reduce consumption in order to have electrical service at home and are very frugal when it comes to consumption in commercial environments. The domestic forced reduction has resulted in drastic decreases in its level of emissions.

Has Nova Scotia Power taken several pages out of the Danish book of how to do things?

Maurice

# Letters to the editor

*This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.*

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Dear Maurice & Dorothy:

I wish to thank you for inviting me to the 90 & 90+ birthday party on May 19th held in the Economy Hall. This is the second year, I was invited and it was simply wonderful.

I had a wonderful time and my granddaughter who drove and accompanied me as my care giver enjoyed it also. A very sincere thank you to you and Dorothy for organizing and sponsoring this event for all those from the area who are 90 years or older.

Sincerely  
Hazel Hill, Great Village.

Dear Mr. Rees,

I have read the last issue of the Shoreline many times and each time I wonder at the successes in our community. For such a small community, we have 2 family businesses that are celebrating great successes~ Masstown Market and Masstown Hardware.

Kudos to you both....you provide valued services and employment to many.

I hope the citizens in our area realize the hard work and many hours you have put into these businesses to get them where they are today... and to you, the

Shoreline, thank you for covering all the events in a large area, your small, but invaluable paper gives me more enjoyment and information than the 3 larger news sources I read.

Keep up the good work. I only wish it was more frequent.

Joann Michelin

*(Editor's Note: We've thought about, analyzed it and determined as much as we would like greater frequency, we're concerned the quality might suffer as the potential advertising base at this time does not justify the risk).*

## Great Village Community Association News

By Linda Shears

The application for grants for summer students was successful and two students will be employed to oversee summer programs and events. Some of these summer programs being planned include: tutoring of elementary students, provision of computer classes and of a supervised internet access site, Blueberry Festival event, a Terry Fox Run and a series of interviews for a second book of "Telling our Stories". Looking ahead to the fall, the annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held in November.

Every Saturday this summer, there will be an Open Market at the Great Village Community Centre. All vendors are welcome to sell yard sale items, home-made crafts, baking, preserves, pickles and vegetables. Tables will be \$10.

Call Heather McKay, 668-2501, to book your table.

The celebration on April 28 drew an appreciative audience who mingled with the senior storytellers. There were speeches, readings from the first draft of the book and some delicious food. The final draft of "Telling Our Stories" is ready for printing and copies will be available soon for \$15.

The "Healthy Eating on a Budget" with Kathie Sutherland from Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre and Andrea Kennedy, dietetic intern, provided lots of good ideas. An interesting variety of foods and smoothies were sampled at the end of the presentation.

The children's dance classes taught by Candice Smith are being enjoyed by numerous young people aged 4 to 14.

The receipt of a grant from the Municipality of Colchester will make it possible to purchase a much-needed new laser printer for the Community Centre. Once the new copier is bought, photocopying services will be available to the public in black and in colour.

Charlene Lannon reports that CALA (Colchester Adult Learning Association) is planning programs for the upcoming fall and winter seasons in Great Village. Some of these include three sessions of the popular Alphabet Soup program, a Halloween party and a Christmas party. Other possible presentations are on the following topics: bullying, cyber safety, genealogy, family budgeting, composting/gardening. Both Charlene and Heather would welcome suggestions for new learning sessions which you would like to see offered here. Notify Heather McKay at gylearningnetwork@gmail.com or at 668-2501.

The next meeting of the Community Association will be on Monday, June 18, at 7:00 PM.

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## MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

On April 19th Jason Ryan, his wife, Jennifer, and little daughter, Brittany Ryan, visited Jason's grandmother, Shirley Ryan, Dian Millen and Tammy Garnham, Shirley's daughter visited with them also. Jason and his family had been spending a few days visiting family and friends. They have since returned to Calgary, where Jason is an RCMP officer there.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bernice Kaulback on the loss of her son, Earle Kaulback, who was living in Ontario. His sister Inez and brother, Fred came home to attend the graveside service. They have since returned, Inez to Calgary and Fred to Ontario. Sympathy to the family of Allen Rouliston, who lived here at the villa for twenty years. All of us will miss him. He always enjoyed the social times, the folks who

came to have music, the pot luck suppers and the choir when they came to sing. We extend our sympathy to his brother, Paul and sister, Betty.

We wish happy birthday to Shannon MacAloney and Shirley Ryan, who are celebrating birthday's this month. George Cook and friends were her on Wednesday night for music.

On Saturday, May 19th, I was invited to the birthday party held in the Economy Hall for the 90 & 90+ years, hosted by Maurice and Dorothy Rees, publishers of the Shoreline Journal. Certificates were given by the federal, provincial and municipal governments to those who turn 90 in 2012. The Shoreline Journal gave certificates of appreciation to those of us who attended the first party last year.

The UCW ladies from Economy served a delicious

meal, followed by a hugh birthday cake, which was donated by Masstown Market. Members of government were there along with other volunteers, who passed out certificates, and served the meal.

It really was a great time. Maurice, Dorothy and her son, Bradley, brought some cake to the folks here at the villa. In the evening everyone in the villa was called to the lounge to have a piece of the cake and tea. All of us at the villa thank Maurice and Dorothy for bringing the cake. It was very much appreciated.

Visiting with me were Joan Mitchell and her cousin, Jean Donaldal MacKay, Dartmouth, Carleton MacLean, Dartmouth, and Lee Simpson, Great Village. Lee is retired from the VON Home Support team and he called on friends here.

Our sympathy to Rev. Dan Gunn and Lori on the passing of his mother.

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