

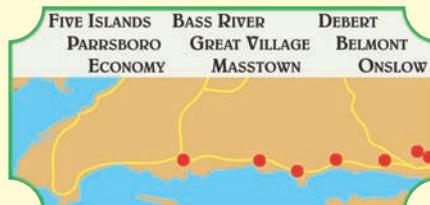


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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2016

**The westbound lane** of Highway 104 from Londonderry to Westchester Station, about 19 kilometers, will be reduced to one lane for paving, patching, widening, installation of rumble strips and guardrail throughout the summer with an estimated completion date of Wednesday, Aug. 31. Work takes place from dawn to dusk.

**Debert Military Museum** is now open for visitors but there will be an Official Opening held on June 4<sup>th</sup> with the Flag Raising at 11:00AM, followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

**China is Nova Scotia's** second largest trading partner. Exports to China totalled \$420 million in 2015, an increase of more than 50 per cent from 2014. In comparison, Nova Scotia exported \$490 million to the entire European Union in 2015.

**By January 1, 2017** Labour Standards Code changes will align the types of employment records employers are required to keep in the three Maritime Provinces. The changes will: align record-keeping requirements among the three Maritime provinces; clarify language around record-keeping requirements and eliminate unnecessary record-keeping requirements. Nova Scotia introduced its changes on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick also introduced changes in their legislatures this spring. Changes will not take effect until Jan. 1, in all three provinces.

**The RCMP is seeking** the public's assistance to identify two men who may have been involved in the theft of a chain saw from a truck in Lower Truro on May 8<sup>th</sup> near 1 p.m. An unknown man took a chain saw from a truck parked at Giant Tiger in Lower Truro. He put it in the back of another truck in the parking lot and walked away. RCMP obtained security footage from the store of the two men who got into the second truck in the hopes that this might help get the chainsaw back to its rightful owner and identify the suspect.

The stolen chain saw is a Stihl chain saw and was in an orange hard plastic case. RCMP are asking anyone who can identify these men to contact Colchester District RCMP at 902-893-6820 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or submit a tip by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca).

**The Credit Union Small Business Loan Guarantee Program** recently passed a significant milestone by disbursing more than \$100 million in loans since 2003. In 2014, government increased the provincial guarantee on term loans from 75 per cent to 90 per cent. The total guarantee amount available for lending also increased from \$25 million to \$50 million. The program has supported almost 2,000 businesses over the past 13 years. About five per cent of loans default. Credit unions

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## Council Awards \$79,100 to Non-Profits

By Maurice Rees

By the end of January approximately 40 applications were submitted to Colchester Municipal Council under its Grants to Non-Profit Organizations program. Total ask from the non-profit organ-

izations throughout the municipality was \$267,569.41. On April 28th, as part of setting the 2016/2017 budget council approved funding totaling \$79,100. Eight applications totaling \$35,400 were transferred

from Grants to Non-Profit to Economic Development Grants. Seven of the eight were awarded \$30,400.

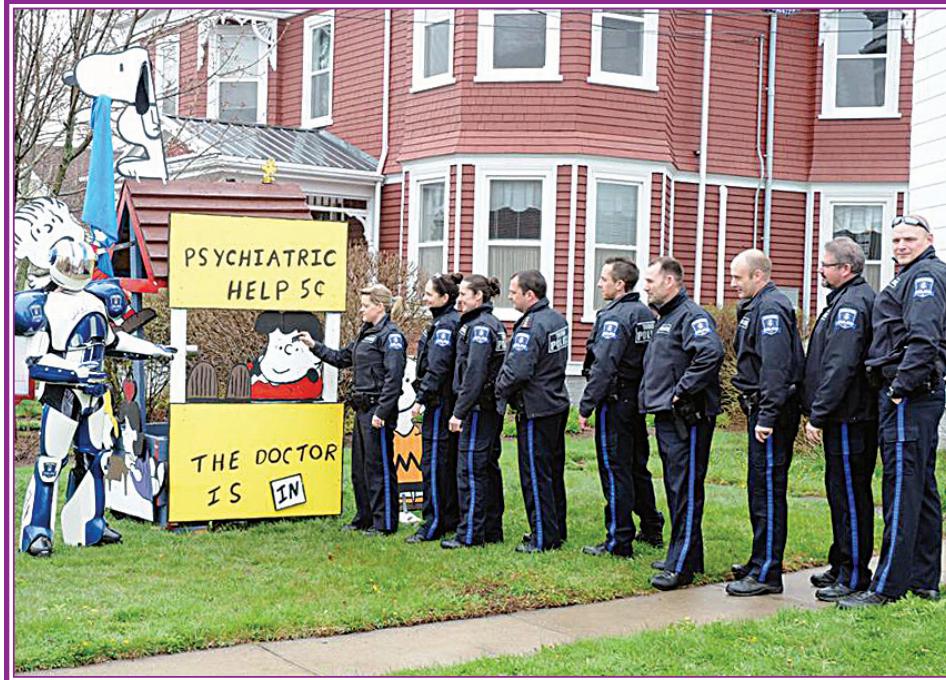
On March 3rd, twenty organizations appeared before council to formally present their requests. The

groups appearing before council included:

**Colchester Community Support Society** (formerly The Food Bank), lead presenter was Barry Johnstone, who asked for \$10,000 in seed funding to initially support the society's need to develop a long-term solution with a new building. (No Funding)

**The New Annan Meeting House Association:** Presented by Joan Jamieson, the group asked for \$2,500.00 assistance to complete installation of metal roofing on the main building. Additional work will be needed to complete repairs on a smaller building at the back of the main building. (Awarded \$1,000)

**Riverside Community Hall Association:** The association serves the areas of Portaupique, Portaupique  
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Cyber and some officers of Truro Police Service lined up today to bring awareness to Mental Health Awareness week from May 2-8. (Submitted)

## 2016 Tattoo: Canada's Best-Kept Secret

Pipes, drums, bands, acrobats, gymnasts, pageantry, historical commemoration, comedy, drill teams! The Tattoo is ready to wow audiences from Canada and beyond with what promises to be yet another amazing week of performances. Performers from Canada, Germany, Kenya, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States are taking the stage from June 30 to July 7 at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax. The June 30, July 4, 5 and 6 performances take place at 7:30 p.m., while those on July 1, 2, 3 and 7 are matinees at 2:30 p.m.

The historical themes of the show include the centennial of the No. 2 Construction Battalion and the centennial of the Battle of the Somme, in particular the Newfoundland Regiment's losses at Beaumont-Hamel in Picardy. As always, the Tattoo's annual theme Bond of Friendship will be woven throughout the show.

In addition to the show, the Tattoo's popular Canada Day Parade, presented by Sobeys, will take place on July 1 at 10:30 a.m. The Tattoo

Festival will take place on July 4, 5 and 6.

The Tattoo is delighted that, for the first time, its Festival will be hosted on the Halifax Waterfront and at select Sobeys locations. The Tattoo Festival, including free, noon-time performances will

take place on July 4, 5 and 6.

The 2016 Tattoo takes place from June 30 - July 7 at the Scotiabank Centre. Tickets are available at the Scotiabank Centre Box Office, at [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com), or by phone at 902-451-1221.



**Here's how it works:**  
Donations of fresh, surplus produce can be made to a registered food bank by an individual or corporation carrying on business as a farm. Farmers will receive a tax credit equal to 25 per cent of the fair market value of the donation. The donations must be distributed free by the food bank to reduce poverty and will also be eligible for the charitable donation tax credit.

The tax credit will be retroactive to January 1 of this year and is estimated to cost approximately \$300,000.

The food bank tax credit will provide some tax relief for farmers while putting good agricultural products on the table of Nova Scotians who need it.

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