



WCCDA is undergoing revitalization. A new Memorandum of Understanding and by-laws are awaiting approval from the Registry of Joint Stock. Pictured above are the new directors. (L-R): Tiff Ward, Emily Grue, Steve Mazur, Annie Phillips, Rebecca Taylor, Anna Grue, Anita MacLellan, Joelle McLaughlin, Cees Van den Hoek, Jim Wyatt, Maurice Rees and Marlie Leslie. Missing from photo, Victoria Lomond. (Submitted)

Making a living, Tourism, Sense of Community Key Priorities

Young adults, entrepreneurs, and seniors were well-represented at the West Colchester Community Development Association meeting on Wednesday evening in Bass River. The organization's 10 directors reviewed notes from community consultations that took place in Masstown, Great Village, and Debert earlier this year, and established three key priorities for action.

"The consultations were an

essential part of our planning process," said Rebecca Taylor, Chair of the WCCDA. "In every session, we heard that people want more opportunities to thrive in our area. There were many, many ideas on how we can make that happen. The main priorities that emerged were making a living, boosting tourism, and forging stronger connections between the communities along the shore."

The WCCDA, which was

formed in 1980, has recently seen a renewed interest from community members who live along the shore from Five Islands to Masstown. Over the years, the organization has been instrumental in hiking trail development, community signage, and management of the Cobequid Interpretive Centre.

Most recently, a new Facebook page was created by board member Anna Grue to make it easier for people to know what's happening all along the shore. "Every community group has its own page with events," said Grue. "Each week, I look for events and share them in one place." The page, Cobequid Crush, also features businesses and scenic photos. "It's a celebration of everything there is to love about life along the shore."

With a focus on community economic development, the organization's next steps will be setting goals and planning specific projects. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm at the Bass River Fire Hall. All community members are welcome to attend.

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Cumberland's Elections In Review 1993-2013

By Maurice Rees

It was seven elections ago, Cumberland was reorganized into North and South for provincial elections. Prior to the election of 1993, the county for provincial elections comprised three seats, Centre, East and West, even though at that time, the province had 52 seats, as it does today.

To the east Colchester was realigned from a single seat for the entire county including Town of Truro and Millbrook in 1978 to comprise Colchester North, Truro - Bible Hill - Salmon River - Millbrook and Colchester South.

In reviewing several years of Cumberland elections, Roger Bacon's, Progressive Conservative, first appeared in the Cumberland East election results of October 13, 1970 after his 1213 margin win over Leonard J. Dolan, Liberal Candidate. Bacon garnered 4,355 votes to Dolan's 3,142 and James M. MacSwan representing the NDP captured 895 votes.

Another Cumberland stalwart whose name appeared on many winning ballots first showed up after the April 2, 1974 election. Wearing the Liberal colours in Cumberland Centre, Guy A.C. Brown (2283 votes) beat PC, Raymond M. Smith (1601) by a 682 margin, while Elroy Tabor, NDP finished with 493.

Bacon and Brown each continued their winning ways in East and Centre in elections of November 6, 1984 and September 6, 1988. The county was changed from three seats to North and South in time for the May 25, 1993 election.

In 1993, Ross Bragg, Liberal, (5605) edged Ernie Fage (4354) by a margin of 1,251 in the new Cumberland North riding, while Curtis Leland Bird, captured 756 seats for the NDP. In Cumberland South, Guy Brown (6,713) continued his winning ways in the new riding with a 5,143 margin over Marc Bennett, PC (1,570). Doug Meekings, NDP gathered 431 votes, while Independent candidate, Philip T. Donkin finished with 163

votes.

On March 24, 1998 in Cumberland North, PC candidate Ernie Fage (5451) had a 3,013 margin over Liberal Russell Scott (2438) with Peter Stewart, NDP gathering 854 votes. In Cumberland South with Guy Brown not carrying the Liberal banner, Progressive Conservative, Murray Scott (4,714) had a margin of 2,561, over Liberal, Mike Uberoi. Sandy Graham wearing the NDP colours ended up with 1,089 votes while Independent, James Macleod finished with 76.

General Election July 27, 1999 with 52 Seats in Cumberland North, Ernest L. Fage, PC (5936) had a margin of 4,341 over Liberal standard bearer, Kathy Langille (1,595) while Doug Wilson, NDP had 856 in the July 27, 1999 election. PC colleague, Murray Scott in Cumberland South racked up 5,527 votes for a margin of 4,527 over John Harrison, Liberal (1000) with Scott Mackee, NDP 941.

Ernie Fage won his third election in Cumberland North for the PC's August 5, 2003 with a 4,609 votes and a 3,220 margin ahead of Liberal, Marsh G. Fox, 1,389, while Kim Cail for the NDP, raked in 1,105. Jason Blanch, Independent finished fourth with 337.

Murray Scott continued his winning ways in Cumberland South in the 2003 election with 4,898 votes and a 3,709 lead over Harriet McCreedy, Liberal, 1,189 and Scott Mackee with 745 votes for the NDP.

The June 13, 2006 election in Cumberland North saw Ernie Fage, PC, (4,640) have a 3,160 lead over Bruce Fage, Liberal, 1,480. Kim Cail, NDP, 1085 finished ahead of Darryl Whetter, Green Party with 202 votes.

In Cumberland South, Murray Scott, PC, (5082) finished with a 4,329 margin over Andrew Kernohan, NDP, 753 with Mary Dee MacPherson, Liberal, 681 finishing third. James Dessart, Green Party earned 93 votes, while Independent David Amos finished far back

at 13.

On election day June 9, 2009 Brian Skabar (3,170) won Cumberland North for the NDP with a margin of 1,011 votes ahead of Ernie Fage (2,159), who ran as an Independent. Keith Hunter wearing the PC colours (1,359) finished ahead of Brent Nolles, Liberal, 1073 and Aviva Silburt, Green Party, 127.

June 9, 2009 was the last election for Murray Scott (4,334) romping to a 2,675 margin over the NDP's Don Tabor, 1,659; Joey Archibald, Liberal finished at 325, ahead of Daniel Melvin, Green Party, 88.

In the October 26, 2010 by-election, PC leader, Jamie Baillie, replacing Murray Scott entered the Legislature having gathered 3,262 votes compared to Kenny John Jackson, the Liberal Candidate 2,165 votes. Scott McKee NDP candidate finished 276 votes.

On October 9, 2013 Terry Farrell, Liberal, 2,944 (39.81%) edged out Cumberland North's, Judi Giroux, PC, 2,230 (30.15%) and NDP incumbent, Brian Skabar, 1943 (26.27%), with Jason Blanch, Green Party finishing in last place with 279 votes, (3.79%).

In Cumberland South on October 9, 2013, with 7,222 votes cast PC leader Jamie Baillie, captured 50.96% of the vote, finishing with 3,655, beating out Liberal candidate, Kenny John Jackson, 2,884 (40.21%). Larry M. Duchesne, NDP, 486 (6.78%) and Bruce W.

Church Services for December

By Christine Urquhart

It is May and things are coming to a close. Sunday School held their closing on May 14th, Mother's Day and won't start up again until October. Children are still always welcome at our Church services.

Church services for the remainder of May and for all of June are as follows: each service at 10am

May 28 - Glenholme,
June 4 - Masstown,
June 11 - Debert,
June 18 - Glenholme and
June 25 - Masstown.



We welcome you to each or any of our services.

Taggart Focuses on High Speed Internet

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standable reason why governments, federally and provincially, have been unable to direct creation of a high speed service to all areas. Current global initiatives, if developed successfully, would cause the larger players like Bell, Rogers, Eastlink, Seaside High Speed and others to suffer a dramatic loss in internet business.

The race to build global, high-speed, satellite internet is on. Billionaire Richard Branson of Virgin Airlines fame along with the telecommunications company Qualcomm, have tossed about \$500-Million towards former Google Satellite executive Greg Wyler's satellite-internet company OneWeb.

OneWeb, previously called WorldVu, aims to bring internet access to those without it, including third world countries, rural areas in developed countries like the US, and airlines. The service will be powered by a constellation of 648 satellites

OneWeb will launch the 250-pound satellites with the help of Virgin Galactic's LauncherOne, a rocket created to launch cargo into orbit. Originally the plan was to introduce the service in 2017, but the deadly crash of Virgin Galactic's satellite has pushed the launch date back to possibly late 2018, or 2019.

At an altitude of around 1,200 kilometers (745 miles), the satellites should reach a throughput capacity of 8 gigabits per second. If the initial launch is successful Branson says the company could launch up to 2,400 satellites. In other media reports, Branson says, "It's much more efficient than the big rockets of the past. We can literally take off every three or four hours".

McCulloch, Green Party with 147 votes had 2.05% of the popular vote.

The May 30th election pits Jamie Baillie, incumbent facing off against Kenny John Jackson, Liberal; Larry Duchesne, NDP and Thor Lengies, Atlantica Party.

Currently based in Britain's Channel Island, OneWeb is in the process of creating smaller user terminals which will provide internet access at the rate of 50 megabits per second. Branson and Wyler are not the only players. Another initiative under SpaceX is in the running to test low-latency internet broadcast after its billion dollar investment from Google and Fidelity.

Media reports indicate OneWeb will be focusing on development of its satellite technology, as well as stations on the ground for mobile providers to further distribute internet access via LTE, WiFi, etc. The company aims to have its internet services up and running by 2019. The ground stations will be built by Hughes Network, which al-

ready provides high-speed satellite internet to certain markets from satellites in geostationary orbit.

The emerging technologies are part of the reason Canada's larger communications and internet suppliers are loath to make significant investments for smaller and rural markets. The advent of OneWeb or SpaceX satellites will forever change the delivery of extremely high speed internet regardless of your location.

If they are successful the only local component would probably be the installer who comes to your house to set up the service. Local installers would simply point your receiver towards a satellite and you would receive service at the same speed as customers in the largest urban core.



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