

## Colchester Seeking Funding to Upgrade Airport

Council committee has authorized staff to apply for funding to initiate \$6-Million in infrastructure upgrades at Debert Airport. Previously council asked staff to investigate the magnitude and potential costs of major upgrades at Debert. The four part staff report was presented to council committee on May 9th by Crawford MacPherson, Director of Community Development.

In December 2016 council asked for a report and cost estimates of: upgrades to the GPS approach for aircraft; automated weather station, AWOS and repaving the runways, including taxi and apron.

Upgrades to the GPS approach is underway and in year one will cost \$23,000 and will be completed this fall. A modular and scalable Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) entry level would cost approximately \$100,000 with the full AWOS program costing \$300,000. Adopting AWOS I phase is a limited investment that improves the level of service for aircraft and also demonstrates to existing or potential users, the Municipality's commitment to maintaining and improving in-

frastructure at Debert.

Repaving of Runway and Taxi ways would cost in the vicinity of \$6.15-Million and would include a 50mm mill and overlay for two of three runways as well as one of the taxiways and a portion of the main apron. The work would have an estimated service life of 15 years.

In making the presentation to council committee, Crawford MacPherson, Directory Community Development stated in going forward council either had to invest in the Debert Airfield to bring it up to standard, or abandon the facility as an airport. A master plan is expected to cost \$60,000.

The 2016/2017 capital budget had included \$375,000 for fencing, but the project did not proceed. Going forward the 2018/2019 budget includes \$6-Million for airport upgrades. On motion by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh, council committee asked staff to make application to ACOA, Transport Canada and any other identifiable funding agency for the AWOS system, runway Upgrades, Fencing and Master Plan.



Colchester Tre-Foil Guild member, Dorene Matheson shown with bags of refundable donations collected by members. (Submitted)

## Colchester Council Committee May 9th Briefs

**Council committee** on May 9th approved issuing a letter of support to the Colchester Historical Society (CHS) to support its \$10,000 application to Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for a marketing strategy and fund development project design the improve CHS's to attract and process new donation revenues.

**Council is in the process** of making amendments to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises procedures. Changes involve the scheduling of hearings that must be held within 14 days, unless otherwise determined by the chair, or vice-chair.

**Paving and installation** of street lights in Hub Centre Business Park will move ahead with a letter being sent to all property owners fronting on Hub Centre Drive outlining the costs of paving and street lights, including a cost recovery mechanism and council would consider the project pending written support from a majority of property owners.

**Council committee** decided to recommend council not to proceed with a request from the Bayhead Community Association for council to implement a property tax and then return the funds to the association to maintain the road and common land.

**Councillor Cavanaugh** asked council to consider installation of sidewalks on Dickson Drive to Molly's Dairy Bar in North River. The matter has been forwarded to staff to investigate and report back to council.

Truro within an hour of learning of the disaster. It arrived at the edge of the devastated area shortly after noon. A train loaded with victims and injured arrived back from Halifax by 3:30 later the same afternoon.

Since her presentation on May 2nd, the Shoreline Journal has agreed to assist collecting data and photos which may exist in attics and family heirlooms throughout Colchester and Town of Truro. In the coming months Maybee will author a monthly column to raise the profile of efforts by area residents 100 years ago. The new data and existing information at the Colchester History Museum will form part of a special feature in the December issue of the Shoreline Journal.

If area families have copies of letters, photos or stories which have been passed down through the family for the decades, please contact Maurice Rees, publisher at 902-647-2968 or email: [maurice@theshorelinejournal.com](mailto:maurice@theshorelinejournal.com)

The property is situated on Dumromin Avenue in Bible Hill, south of Pictou Road which is a designated collector road. This site, which is 76,704 sq. ft. (1.76 acres) in size, has approximately 96' of frontage along Dunromin Avenue.

Councillor Parker and a local resident raised concerns about storm water drainage, as there is already serious problems on nearby Teakwood. The matter was referred to the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), which will work with staff to address the concerns and ensure there is no increased runoff and it there is opportunity to solve other problems at the same time.

The Deadline for the July issue of **Shoreline Journal** is June 20

## Maybee seeks Colchester Council's Participation

By Maurice Rees

Colchester municipal councillors and staff listened intently to Janet Maybee outline several of the many activities involving Colchester professionals and residents as they worked frantically to help during the Halifax Explosion nearly 100 years ago. Ms Maybee participated in a Presentation meeting to council on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Maybee was asking council to consider what it might do, or assist doing to recognize

the valiant efforts of those from Colchester and Town of Truro at upcoming 100th anniversary events this December. She acknowledged the important role Boston played in assisting during the disaster which killed more than 2,000, which was more than the number of Nova Scotians who lost their lives during World War I.

She cited the real problem regarding Boston is that the annual Christmas tree celebrations which started in 1971

are constantly erasing local heroism by the myth that Boston saved the city. Boston's relief contingent did not arrive until two days later. Meanwhile, NS doctors and nurses and volunteers of all sorts left Truro were working without rest or food to deal with the casualties in terrible conditions.

As part of her presentation she outlined the very first trainload of medical people, firemen and equipment from outside Halifax departed from

## Development Agreement Under Consideration

By Maurice Rees

Colchester's monthly April meeting on April 27th opened with a public hearing regarding a development agreement from Janet and Stephen Bagnell. The Bagnell's have made an application to Colchester County Council for a Development Agreement on lands located off of Dunromin Avenue, in Bible Hill.

They are seeking permission to establish three (3), multiple unit townhouse-style apartment buildings, each containing three (3) units. There is an existing duplex on this property which will form part of this agreement. In total, there will be eleven (11), two bedroom units.



Laura Sharpe, Great Village, recently thanked the North Star Masonic Lodge, Londonderry, for a Bursary she received to assist her in her first year at Acadia University. Jack Patriquin, Master of the Lodge (right), and Jack Johnson (left), Chair of the Bursary Committee welcomed her and thanked her for her visit to the Lodge. (Submitted)

## THANK YOU

We wish to thank family, friends, neighbours and co-workers for visits, cards, food, emails, condolences, monetary donations etc. in memory of WENDALL following his passing on March 29, 2017.

We would also like to express thanks to Rev. Glenn MacLean, Wayne Elliott, Susan Richard, Bob Prest, Verdell Longstaff, Colchester Community Funeral Home and Colchester Legion Auxiliary.

Wife Marilyn, Children Don, Doug and Tracy. Siblings Chester, Dale, Glen, Pam and families.

## Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

Our grade six students have been busy baking and using their math skills while raising funds for another very worthwhile cause. As a result of some very talented individuals and a school of hungry munchkins over \$150 was raised this week for the SPCA. The students have had fun raising monies for their local efforts as part of the WE Day challenge and we await new and exciting efforts on their part to address their global initiative.

The library has been a place of excitement as most of our books are now back from the cataloguer and shelved allowing lots of new choices each Thursday. I have applied to the Indigo Adopt-A-school Program again as we want to continue to increase our book selection and encourage all children to read on a daily basis.

Debi Rushton and Steve Caudle are preparing for our annual Picnic Lunch and Field Day. We will be hosting this event on June 20th. We also have a group of students travelling to Pictou on June 1st to experience a variety of sports that may peak their interest.

We are very excited to have approximately 60 students sign up for our Running Club. Mrs Barnhill has started training with this group but due to the weather it will be a shortened training schedule this year. We have the "Run this Town" scheduled for June 16th with all hopes that we have nice weather for both the runners and the community who have supported us each year.

**I saw stars**  
(home is here)

Raindrops kept falling in my room  
Both my computers went boom  
Went two years without heat  
Furnace fumes were really neat

I saw stars

Spider webs began to grow  
Then winter winds would blow  
A comfort quilt kept me warm  
Freezing from a blizzard storm

I saw stars

Wondering would spring return  
Churn that butter oh must churn  
A robin came for goodness sake  
Get out that rake oh must rake

I saw stars

Ceiling dropped on my head  
On my floor and on my bed  
When i rose to my feet  
Thought the lord i would greet

I saw stars

In the end all was well  
I really hadn't gone to hell  
Walked out the door headed west  
Love my lady she's the best!

I saw stars

God bless and thank-you  
Thomas a. Marshall (Ex-Navy)

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