



It's always a good time at the Sharky Washer Toss in Five Islands. Above photo is from 2017 event. This year the day of fun will be held on June 16th. (Submitted)

## “Sharky” Washer Toss Tournament – June 16

By Carole Fisher

The 14th Annual Andrew Yorke “Sharky” Washer Toss Tournament will be held Saturday, June 16th at 37 Beaverbrook Road, Five Islands. Registration starts at 9:30 am. Proceeds raised go towards an educational scholarship fund.

In previous years, the day has been enjoyable, with many

friendships developed over the years. You are encouraged to come out and enjoy a great day with friends and family of Andrew. There is something for everyone including: BBQ on-site; silent auction and door prizes. Call Bonnie at 902-254-2995 to register. Registration fee is \$10, per two person team.

## Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Spring is really here! The hummingbirds are back so I hope you have your feeders out. Not a lot of flowers in bloom just yet, but they enjoy all those that are. They especially like the colors purple and red, so any flowers you can have that bloom in early spring which have blossoms that are purple or red are sure to attract hummingbirds!

Azaleas, rhododendrons, tulips, crocus are just a few flowers that come in these colors. You can also plant flowers, such as nasturtiums, that hummingbirds love! They will be ready once the others are done blooming.

It is also time to put out

your bird baths if they haven't been up all winter. Be sure to clean them with a solution of bleach and water, then rinse very well. Let's keep our birds happy and healthy! You can still put out your seed feeders, many folks feed all summer. You don't know who will come to your feeders and surprise you over the summer months!

With June on the horizon, things are starting to slow down for the summer. Masstown UCW will hold their closing meeting on Wednesday June 6th at Rhona Gomez-Murray's cottage on Mattatall Lake. We are meeting at the senior's complex on G. Porter Road for

# Correspondence at April 26 Council Meeting

By Maurice Rees

A total of 8 correspondence items were handled at Colchester Council's April 26th monthly meeting. The following are details about the items.

### Huntington Disease Awareness

On motions by Deputy Mayor Masters and councillor Gregory council approved declaring May as the Huntington Disease Awareness Month on letter from Theresa Hill, Huntington Society of Canada, with the stipulation a special flag will not be flown.

### Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

Acting on a letter from Randy Delorey, MLA, Minister of Gaelic Affairs council approved Gaelic Month proclamation on motions by Councillors Gibbs and Cooper.

### RECC Board of Directors

On motions by Deputy Mayor Masters and Councillor Parker, council referred to the nominating committee a request from Matt Moore, General Manager RECC to re-appoint Duane Rath to the RECC board. While not objecting to the request, both Masters and Parker expressed opinion things need to be done right and there might be others wishing an opportunity to serve on the board.

### RECC Operational Reserve Fund

A second request from Matt Moore, GM, RECC was approved on motions by Councillor Boutillier and Deputy Mayor Masters requested approval from Truro and Colchester for a \$50,000 operational reserve fund be established within the existing maximum \$400,000 capital allocation and to be held separately. The fund would be maintained by the Board of Directors to be used for unexpected operational challenges. Truro had already approved the transfer of funds.

### Land Use By-law Amendment

Correspondence from Pam MacIntosh, county planner, concerning a by-law amendment for a property located at 36 Jennifer Drive, Bible Hill was referred by majority vote to Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on motions by Councillors Taggart and Gibbs.

### Intersection at College Road and Homestead Drive

A letter from Kimberley Wall, Principal, Valley Elementary expressing a safety concern at the lack of a crosswalk at College Road and Homestead Drive will get a reply letter from council explaining previous NS Transportation Infrastructure Renewal (NS TIR) refusing establishment of a crosswalk. Council's reply will include what is needed from the school and community for the matter to be taken to TIR for further discussion.

### Improvements to Hub Centre Drive

Ongoing request for improvements, maintenance and possible paving of Hub Center Drive in Upper Onslow was back before council with an April 23rd letter signed by five property owners comprising 10 lots on Hub Centre Drive. The letter contained five requests which included paving, street lights, ensuring farming manure loads are secure as per D.O.T. requirements; appropriate highway signage is erected for the new business park, and until paving is completed dust prevention with calcium chloride is implemented after pot holes are eliminated. Council had dealt with similar requests on at least two occasions, but property owners declined to pay for the improvements on a pro-rata basis. Council asked staff to prepare an outline of costs be sent to property owners.

### UNSM Board Report

A detailed three page report to UNSM membership across the province from Colchester Councillor Geoff Stewart, who is also UNSM president was received for information.

3:30 to follow someone who knows how to get there! First, though, we have been invited to join Debert UCW for 11 am at the Debert United Church to enjoy a lunch from Taco Stiles! Then they will join us to go down to the cottage for some great fellowship, fun and food! We will start up again come September.

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday June 2nd, 8 am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men are welcome. I believe that this is their last meeting until September as well.

Want to lower your blood pressure? Consume less sodium and more potassium.

Sodium increases your blood pressure. Potassium can lessen the effects of sodium on blood pressure. Many fruits and vegetables are good sources of potassium, including bananas, strawberries, cantaloupe, spinach, peas and tomatoes.

I apologize for a mistake in last month's Masstown Community News column: it was not Colin Jennings but Ian Jennings who was the father of Owen Jennings and the husband of Alison (ne MacLean) Jennings. Believe me, face book is not always with it! I am very sorry if this caused Colin and his girlfriend Allison any problems.

Condolences go out this month to Lynda Stevenson and family on the death of her partner, Bob Warning; Bev Covey and family on the death of her partner, Robert Murray - also condolences to Robert's family: Wade & Rhona Murray, Krista and Greg Marsh, Robert and Cara Murray and Garth Murray.

Traveling this month - Darrell and Margaret Currie spent



Colchester council was given the opportunity to learn about how Wood for heat could help reduce the dependence on fossil fuels, and simultaneously help improve the rural economy during a presentation session on May 1st. Making the presentation were (L-R): General Managers, Greg Watson, North Nova Forestry Co-op; Ed MacDonell, Conform Ltd and Ian Ripley, Athol Forestry Co-operative Ltd. (Rees Photo)

a week in Cuba! Bill and Shirley Leeming drove down to Boston for a few days! Doug and Tracey Jardine spent a week in Cuba!

Many folks also opened up their cottages or travel trailers

on the long weekend. We have our cottage open for the season - Yeah!

The apple blossoms are in bloom and spring is here. Enjoy each day, winter seems to last for ever!

## Nova Scotia to Play Leadership Role

By Maurice Rees

On May 8th Premier Stephen McNeil proclaimed the International Decade for People of African Descent in Nova Scotia. The United Nations declared 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent to strengthen global co-operation in support of people of African descent so they can enjoy social, cultural, political and civil rights for full inclusion in all aspects of society. The theme is recognition, justice and development.

"I am proud to stand here today, as the minister representing African Nova Scotians, to say we stand committed to

responding to the United Nations' call to work towards ensuring the full inclusion of people of African descent," said Tony Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs. "As the birthplace of African Canadian heritage, Nova Scotia should play a leadership role in bringing people together to ensure all Nova Scotians are treated with dignity and respect while having equitable access to the opportunities our province has to offer.

The Government of Nova Scotia, led by the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs, is developing an action plan for the decade to further advance government's work addressing

systemic racism and discrimination. The action plan will be launched later this year. The 2018-19 provincial budget committed an additional \$710,000 to African Nova Scotia Affairs to help the office expand its important work support and to support the decade action plan.

A significant portion of the new funding - \$500,000 - will be spent directly in communities on programming and services. The funding will also be used to create two new Community Outreach positions.

To learn more about the decade visit <http://www.un.org/en/events/afriandescentdecade/>

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