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Premier Stephen McNeil announced a by-election will be held in the constituency of Sackville-Cobequid on Tuesday, June 18 to replace Dave Wilson, who resigned last November.

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

Cookbook in top three

Nova Scotia Cookery - Then and Now, has been named a top three finalist at the Gourmand International Culinary Awards in Macao, China. Books from 170 countries and regions are participating in the awards. Nova Scotia's book will represent Canada as the best cookbook in the world in the Culinary History category. The book takes old recipes and pairs them with top chefs around the province who have recreated them into modern dishes. The awards ceremony will take place on July 3.

Film Production Assistance announced

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) announced four newly approved productions through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. Documentary TV series, *Psychic Kelley Season 2*, produced by Beyond3 Productions Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$386,315 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$1,207,235; Documentary TV series, *Slainte Season 2*, produced by Winter Light Productions Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$227,200 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$710,000; Feature film, *Night Blooms*, produced by Midnight Blue Pictures Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$140,717 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$485,231 and Television series, *Locke and Key Season 1*, produced by 3324021 Nova Scotia Limited, has been approved for a funding commitment of \$520,690 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$2,082,759.

Avoiding Wildlife Encounters in Your Yard

People can reduce the risks of wildlife encounters in their neighbourhoods by following advice from experts at the Department of Lands and Forestry. To avoid attracting bears and other wildlife to residential properties: store green compost bins and garbage containers in a shed until the morning of pickup; turn garden compost piles often and add lime to reduce odour; freeze odorous food waste, such as lobster shells and fish, and put them in the compost bin on collection day; avoid using bird feeders from April to October; burn off barbecue grills at high temperatures after every use and clean them often; keep pet food bowls indoors and pick fruit from trees as soon as it ripens.

Homeowners should also limit places that could make attractive dens for wildlife by blocking access points under doorsteps, sheds and attics. To learn more about living with wildlife and other topics, visit <http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/>

Broadcast Partnership Improves Truro Raceway Live Stream
Production company Universum Media of Charlottetown has taken on the broadcasting of Truro Raceway's live racing on Friday nights this season. The first official broadcast took place on May 3rd for an 8-dash card. Racing fans were excited to see the upgrades including: graphic overlays between races with horse and odds information; live numbers during the race showing the leaders; and Winners' Circle updates with driver, trainer, and owner names. An important constant, though, was the voice of long-time track announcer, Joe Kelly. Universum has blended the new with the familiar to make watching the live stream an improved experience. More information and the live stream will be available every week via www.TruroRaceway.ca/watch-live for racing fans around the world. Replays for those who miss the races will still be available via the track's website. Truro Raceway is one of the oldest racetracks in Canada. Today, the half-mile track features live Harness Racing April through December and hosts Simulcast Racing (live streams and wagering on top tracks around North America) at three locations: Truro Raceway in Truro, NS; Brewsters Bar & Grill in Bedford, NS; and at the Poker & Ponies Room of Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax.

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 - Status of Women - Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North**

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So please continue to recycle. Staff will continue to ensure we ship a high quality product and work the markets to ensure we can sell. If you wish additional info please go to the following site <https://www.colchester.ca/recycling-in-colchester>

From Recycling to Garbage. I spent 2 days last week at what was referred to as a "Thermal Energy Summit" in Dartmouth. Thermal Energy is just a nicer way of saying Waste to Energy. Day one was presented by Divert Nova Scotia and focused mostly on the different potential products, process and technology.

Speakers were mostly academics and engineers, folks who have been involved in just plain burning for heating plants, (cleanly in modern low or no emission furnaces) to those who are creating steam to run turbines to create electricity.

Others talked about evolving technology that are, as I have mentioned before, breaking down the molecules and creating a syngas. One professor from Western University in Ontario even talked about turning into a Char that was then turned into Pharmaceuticals.

You got that right, turning GARBAGE into MEDICINES. The second day was presented by the Solid Waste Association of North

America and we had six different companies in promoting or trying to sell their product or new best technology. You may ask why six different North American Companies would be interested in Nova Scotia?

It is because Nova Scotia is recognized as leaders in Solid Waste Management, not just across Canada, but across North America. As much as I have been a long time supporter of waste to energy, it is overwhelming. Often causes more questions than answers and needs to be fully understood before making any long term commitment.

There is a new plant built and ready to start up in Chester, which claims they are turning municipal waste into a renewable fuel and heating pellets. I hope to get down and tour the plant once its operating.

Sorry to bore you all with this stuff, but believe me this is the future of Municipal Solid Waste. Municipal Solid Waste is a very large bill to you the taxpayer.

The rain will end soon!!

Tom

Tom Taggart is Colchester Municipal Councillor for District 10.



30+ cadets camped out for two nights on the lawn at Cobequid Interpretive Centre in Economy in insulated domed tents. This is a yearly event - generally twice in May. They spend their day bicycling on back roads to Thomas' Cove, Economy Falls and beyond and this year a stop at The Dutchman's Cheese Farm. They perform clean-up duties along the way and attempt to fix things they find broken. The Interpretive Centre administration is happy to see them come and learn more and more about our area. (MacLellan Photo)

WCCDA sets June 26 for AGM

West Colchester Development Association will hold its AGM on June 26th at the Great Village community gym commencing at 7:00 pm, followed by a meeting of the new board of directors. In the meantime a general meeting of membership will be held Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 pm at Economy Recreation Centre to discuss community grants, followed by Director's meeting. This meeting will permit new members to vote at the AGM.

The following summarizes notes from Director's Meeting on May 22 held at the Londonderry Community Hall. Notes at follows were prepared by Rebecca Taylor, President: Rebecca will pay our renewal fee at Joint Stocks and file the 2017-18 financial statement tomorrow.

Once our status with Joint Stocks is in

good standing, Maurice Rees, Bob Smith and Rebecca Taylor will be set up as signing officers at the Community Credit Union.

Maurice has paid our commercial liability insurance and directors insurance and we will reimburse him in June, once signing authority is updated.

We will have an AGM on June 26, with election of officers and directors at that time. Notices will be sent in the newspaper, by email, and on Facebook.

A motion was made to transfer \$2,500 from our "signage" account to our operating account on motion by Maurice Rees and Bob Smith.

A motion was made to transfer all of the remaining funds in the River Philip Road account (approx \$5,489.24) to our operating

account so a cheque can be issued for repairs to the road.

We have \$50,000 in our "signage" account that was given to WCCDA in 2008 for a trail project that was never done. The Bass River Heritage Society needs \$5,000 to complete their trail project. There was discussion about how to disburse the remaining funds to the community and it was agreed that the money should be dispersed this year. We are waiting for confirmation from provincial government that we can disburse funds for projects by other organizations. Any proposed use of the money must fit with the provincial government's Culture Action Plan: <https://novascotia.ca/culture/Culture-Action-Plan-English.pdf>

The Cobequid Interpretive Centre building needs repairs and maintenance. With potentially \$4,000-\$5,000 in expenses for that building, we might want to use some of our \$50,000 to fix what needs to be done.

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