



Reach for the Top Team Finishes 8TH

CEC's Reach for the Top team headed to Toronto Friday evening to compete in National's. Fourteen teams from seven Provinces were involved from all across Canada. On Saturday, the Cougars played everybody in continuous 17 minute games. They

won 6 of these games. Starting Sunday they won their first game against New Brunswick to advance to the top eight and allow them to play against the first place team from Ontario. CEC's Reach for the Top team was defeated by Westmount to fin-

ish in eighth place. A great time was had by all in Toronto. A highlight for some of the team was to be able to attend Jurassic Park, the outdoor viewing of the Toronto Raptors Game Saturday evening. We also wish to thank The Shoreline Journal and tshirt-

srus.ca for again sponsoring the team with special CEC - Reach for the Top t-shirts. A special thanks to Mr. Hans Budgey for making the trips to Toronto (and so much more) a great success and coach, Mr. Ryan Terry for all his help this year and last.



5 Things you need to know - or not!

- 1) Every odd number has the letter 'e' in it!
- 2) There's enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America in one foot of water.
- 3) 'umop apisdn' is 'upside down' spelled upside down.
- 4) And, the word 'swims' upside down is still 'swims'.
- 5) Not once, in the poem Humpty Dumpty does it mention he is an egg.

Onslow Rocks for Charity Supporting Lundie Family

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is a way our community can come together to reward such honorable people".

The board of directors and other volunteers, who are helping organize the event are looking to community members and businesses to help out with donations for the silent auction. They are asking, "If you have anything we

could auction off, it would be greatly appreciated".

Questions or information about donations should be directed to: Doug McInnes, President, Lower Onslow Community Centre, 902-986-3182, or Jennifer McKay, Vice President, Lower Onslow Community Centre, 902-986-0677.



A large crowd attended the 19 Annual Community Fair hosted by Wilson's Heating on Friday May 17th. (Debbie Brown Photo)

Council Adjusts Pay Scale

By Maurice Rees

Colchester council has finally come to a decision on adjusting their pay scale, which was necessary when Revenue Canada deemed the 1/3 portion previously allowed tax-free in lieu of expense was eliminated on January 1st. Council had hired Halifax-based Walsh Consulting to provide direction their report was unsatisfactory.

Council decided on three aspects: adjusting for the elimination of the tax-free statuses; raised the remuneration, which had not been adjusted since 2012, plus annual adjustment would be based on GPI

and a method to ensure gaps did not increase based on different rates of remuneration.

In an earlier meeting council asked Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services to study the matter and bring forth a recommendation for remuneration adjustment. Fraser's report was presented to Council at its committee meeting on May 7th.

Using \$70,336 as the media income in Canada, Fraser suggested a councillors rate should increase from \$25,006 to \$31,423; Deputy Mayor from \$30,596 to \$36,451 and mayor from \$49,060 to \$61,651. This would provide

each council member with the same "take-home" pay as existed prior to CRA changes on January 1. Payroll cost will increase by \$84,614.

Once the CRA claw-back was approved, Councillor Cooper moved and seconded by Councillor Gibbs, since remuneration had not changed since 2012, the rates should be increased to \$36,316 for councillors; \$43,394 for deputy mayor and Mayor remained unchanged at \$61,651. Cooper's motion further increases annual payroll cost by \$55,873. The motion was approved with councillor Taggart voting against.

Total 2019 payroll for councillors, deputy mayor and

mayor will increase by \$150,487. Future increases will be based on average of GPI applied to all 12 members.

In moving forward considerable discussion was given to annual indexing of remuneration, council decided the average of the GPI would be applied. This motion was introduced by Councillor Boutillier. Staff and legal counsel will combine the changes into a document and present for First reading of a new by-law.

Subsequently staff will review the Expanse policy.

Brookfield Sewer Improvements to Cost \$78,215

By Maurice Rees

At council committee meeting on May 16th Colchester council gave approval to several applications and services for a variety of programs. First on the list was Council Committee recommends that staff's 2019 application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) program for the Inflow and Infiltration project for the Brookfield Sewer System, valued at \$78,215, be approved. The Provincial Capital Assistance Program provides 50% funding for capital construction projects or studies related to sanitary sewer systems, storm water systems or water systems. Remaining 50% of the cost will be funded through the area rate.

On another matter, Council Committee approved County Flood Advisory Committee's 2019 application to the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIP) program for the work along the Franklin Property on the North River, valued at \$78,215 and the Joint Flood Advisory Committee's application for the Salt Marsh Pre-Design, Waterline Removal and Lepper Brook Cleanup, valued at \$114,715.

Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIP) has been in place since 2013 and offers 50% funding for flood mitigation projects.

4-H Nova Scotia requested and was granted

\$10,000 to support the 2019 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show, being held in Bible Hill on September 27 - 29, 2019. 4-H has been facing financial challenges for the show, due primarily to significant rental increases. Current rental costs for the facility is \$25,000, plus HST. Funding will be provided through council's Community Event Grant Program.

Truro-North River 4-H Club submitted an application for \$2,500 in support of the 2019 Youth Exchange, being held July 4 - July 12, 2019. The youth are heading out to British Columbia (BC) and then the BC group will be attending Nova Scotia in July 2019. Motion was approved on motion by Councillors Cavanaugh and Gregory.

On motion from Councillor Taggart, a \$1000 grant was approved for People First Nova Scotia - Truro

Chapter in support of the "Homes in our Community" - 30th Annual Provincial Conference, being

held in Truro May 24 - 26, 2019. Funds would be used to help offset costs associated with hosting the annual conference anticipated to attract 80-100 registrants. This the first request from this Association.

Ed Sealy

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When:
Friday & Saturday
June 21 & 22 - 7PM
Sunday
June 23 - 11AM

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