

# Culgin Construction Celebrating 50 Years

By Linda Harrington

Culgin Construction Ltd. has been providing excavation and trucking services to the local area for 50 years. After working for several local businesses and learning the trade, Reg Culgin purchased a brand-new backhoe in 1972 and struck out on his own. "The first year or two I travelled the hoe around from job to job" says Culgin. "Then I bought a small two-ton truck. I towed the hoe behind that to get it to job sites. That was our start."



Culgin Construction has been providing excavation and trucking services to the community for 50 Years. Employees past & present include (left to right)- Isaac Culgin, Randy Culgin, Reg Culgin (founder and now semi-retired), Tony Morrisey (recently retired after 40 years with the company) and Shawn Densmore. (Harrington Photo)

Reg began installing septic systems in the early 1970's and by the late 1970's he began doing ditching and dyke work for the Department of Agriculture. He and his small team worked the marshes around Truro, Windsor, Kentville, Lawrencetown, Amherst and Minudie. Reg's wife, Dorothy, kept the books for him over the years.

Reg's son, Randy started working for the company in 1979 at the age of 16 years. Since that time, they have continued to grow their business in the local area, operating excavators, dozers, a mini excavator and dump trucks. Reg is now retired, although he still enjoys operating the excavator and the screener and spending time in the shop with the guys.

Today, Culgin Construction employs five full time employees. Longtime employee, Tony Morrisey, retired this year after more than 40 years with the company. Randy's wife, Stacey, is the company's Office administrator and bookkeeper. Their son, Isaac, began working in the summers with the company when he was 14 years old. Isaac completed his heavy equipment operator course in 2015 and has worked full time for the company ever since.

After 50 years in the industry, the reputation of quality work and fair pricing remains their top priority. The industry has seen many changes in regulations and structure in how job sites are approached. The team at Culgin Construction prides themselves on their ability to offer sound advice, with many years of experience, about any ground work required.

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### More Seats to Train Rural Doctors

The Province is partnering with post-secondary institutions to train more rural family doctors. Cape Breton University (CBU) has partnered with Dalhousie University in Halifax to create five new medical school seats this September through the provincially funded strategic health initiative at CBU. To be accepted into the pilot program, students must: meet Dalhousie Medical School admission requirements; be a Nova Scotian living in a rural area (including anywhere in Cape Breton); be willing to train full-time at Dalhousie and commit to a five-year return of service to practice family medicine in a rural Nova Scotia community (including anywhere in Cape Breton) once their training is complete.

CBU's strategic health initiative received \$5 million from the Province in March to research and explore new ways to recruit, train and retain more healthcare workers in rural areas of the province, including in Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian communities. The medical school seats account for a \$1.5-million investment over four years.

CBU will collaborate with Dalhousie to choose students from the Dalhousie Medical School wait-list for the 2022-23 academic year to fill the new seats.

### Services Enhanced for Former Children in Care

People who were in permanent care as children can now access the Province's Disclosure Program online to request their personal information and documents that may be needed by post-secondary institutions and other organizations.

This means people will be able to get information faster, and those seeking information will be able to access culturally relevant supports. Previously, requests for information or documents were handled on an individual basis by a social worker assigned through the Department of Community Services.

Some post-secondary institutions waive tuition and mandatory program fees or offer bursary programs for former children in care. People who received youth services via a signed agreement when they were between the ages of 16 and 18 may also be eligible for these supports. Disclosure Program staff are available to discuss individual circumstances and the options that may be available.

## OBITUARIES

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**GOODWIN**, Annie Elizabeth (Johnson) – 86, Millbrook First Nation, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Dorts Cove, Guysborough Co., she was the daughter of the late Andrew Bernard Johnson and Mary (Sylliboy) Johnson. She is survived by daughter, Anne-Marie Goodwin Stevenson (Jim), Fredericton, NB; son, George Goodwin, Lunenburg and daughters, Loretta, Angela and Tammy, Millbrook, Colleen, Membertou and Carolyn, BC; sons, Bernie and Timmy, Millbrook; sisters, Florence Walsh, Lyons Brook, Dorothy Bohez, Millbrook; brothers, Jim Johnson and Lloyd Johnson, Millbrook; several grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Annie was predeceased by her husband Lawrence Goodwin; children, Noreen, Timmy, Lawrence Jr. and Carman; sisters, Bridget, Jean and Lena; brothers, Stanley and Robert. A private service will be held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Millbrook. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)



Culgin construction has been a family owned and operated business for 50 Years, with three generations employed in the business. Left to right- Stacey McCully Culgin, Randy Culgin and son Isaac Culgin, along with founding employees Reg and Dorothy Culgin. (Harrington Photo)



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