



Fundy Discovery Site picnic shelter will be constructed this summer. The facility will be named in honour of the late Bill Masters, who served as a county councillor for over 20 years. Mayor Blair's breakfast report is on page 8. (Colchester Photo)



External Funding has been received for a major portion of the cost for a pedestrian bridge to be constructed over the Salmon River at the Fundy Discovery Site. Tender documents have been prepared. The bridge will be dedicated in the name of Bill Lake, prominent area business owner who passed away recently. Mayor Blair's breakfast report is on page 8. (Colchester Photo)

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United in Local Love GIVING A CARE

By Sarah Flemming

A United Way Day of Caring is an annual event that brings together community members, businesses, and organizations to volunteer their time and resources towards improving their local communities.

Most nonprofits are often very dependent on a small staff and a team of volunteers to run their programs and services for their clients. What often happens is that they build a long wish list of tasks and projects that, even though they are important and would lead to more operational efficiency, are often set aside while they tackle more urgent priorities. They simply do not have the capacity and resources to get these jobs done in a timely manner. As we all find our way out of pandemic mode, we are moving into 2023 with new momentum for a brighter future. That's where our Day of Caring comes in.

Taking part in a United Way Day of Caring is so important for all involved for several reasons:

It allows individuals to give back to their communities in a meaningful way. By volunteering their time and resources, individuals can make a positive impact on their community and help those in need. This can be a rewarding experience for volunteers, as they can see the tangible results of their efforts.

It can help build stronger communities by fostering a sense of unity and cooperation among community members. When individuals come together to work towards a common goal, they can build relationships and create a sense of shared purpose. This

can help build trust and understanding among community members, which can lead to a more cohesive and supportive community.

It can help address pressing social issues in the community. By volunteering their time and resources, individuals can help address issues such as poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity. This can have a significant impact on the lives of those in need, and can help create a more equitable and just community.

It can help raise awareness about important social issues and the work that is being done to address them. By bringing together community members, businesses, and organizations, this event can help educate individuals about the challenges facing their community and the ways in which they can get involved and make a difference.

It can help inspire individuals to continue giving back to their communities throughout the year. By participating in this event, individuals can see the impact that their efforts can have on their community, and may be inspired to continue volunteering and supporting local causes.

This year, we are thrilled to have a total of fifteen projects taking place throughout Colchester and Cumberland counties. By the time you read this, our generous volunteers, sponsors and supporters will have helped to make an impact on community organizations in Truro, Amherst, Portapique, Tatamagouche, Stewiacke, Millbrook, and Great Village.

We couldn't do it if they didn't "give a care."

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Flagship to Install Metal Shingles for \$190,320

By Maurice Rees

Flagship Construction has been awarded a contract of \$190,320, (\$29.28 sq ft) plus HST to supply and install metal slate shingles for the Municipal Building/Courthouse at 1 Church Street, Truro. Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to source metal slate shingles which provide the heritage appropriate appearance of traditional roofing shingles but provide the lasting security of metal roofing. Flagship was the sole respondent to the RFP.

In the last 10 years repairs have been made periodically on the roof due to certain sections of the asphalt shingles degrading faster than others. \$50,421 has been spent on repairs to sections of the roof. One of the challenges with the Courthouse is the height of the roof and the requirement to access it with a boom lift tall enough to reach some points of the building.

Based on material cost, it is estimated the cost to replace the roof with asphalt shingles would cost \$140,000 plus HST. The biggest advantage to the metal shingle is that it provides a 50-year warranty and should eliminate the need for "spot" repairs which are costly due to accessing the roof with a boom lift.

Asphalt shingles typically will last 15 to 20 years at best on this roof. Assuming a 20 year lifespan, the amortized cost for an asphalt roof would be \$7,000 per year and for the metal shingle the amortized cost would be \$3,806 per year. These numbers are strictly for the replacement and do not factor in repairs.

The 2022-2023 capital budget was \$200,000, which was set aside for roofing and window replacement. The Courthouse reserve currently has a balance of \$1.5 million dollars for upgrades to the building.



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