



Fun in the Sun Day Camps Planned

By Paul Smith

(The following is the first of several parts presented elsewhere, in this issue, of an overview of activities in the Community Development Department since January 2024, which was presented to Council committee by Paul Smith, Director of Community Development on May 16. This section includes Smith's analysis of Fundy Discovery Site)

Fundy Discovery Site: The pedestrian / AT bridge at the Fundy Discovery Site was retendered during the second week of January 2024. Although several changes to the design, bid process and engineering assistance options were made, three bids were received ranging from \$17.2 to \$26.5 million, marking a significant overage to the \$11.0 million project budget. Council will be given some options for consideration on the future of the project. A multi-use pathway located parallel to Tidal Bore Road connecting the Site to the Cobequid Trail is also planned estimated costs under the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program.

A tidal viewing platform and Cobequid trail connection is scheduled to be constructed in the late spring / early summer of this year. Much of the preparatory work has been completed and the project will benefit from a \$25,000 grant from the Province. The timber frame picnic shelter is nearing completion with the only some landscaping around the shelter remaining which is scheduled for May-June. The shelter should be ready for public use by the end of June and a dedication in the memory of former Councillor Bill Masters is likely to be organized shortly thereafter.

Two additional Big-belly garbage containers will be installed in early summer of 2024; one in the parking loop and one near the new picnic shelter.

- The family washroom was open during the winter months (December 2, 2023 to April 30, 2024) and the entire facility will re-open May 1.

Tree Planting: The planting of caliper trees and seedlings in several parks is scheduled for May - June 2024 which will be the fifth year for the tree planting program. The Forest Management Plan which will provide additional guidance and direction for future planting within parks and green spaces.

Park signage: New park entrance signs and new road wayfinding signs have been designed and ordered for Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park and Nelson Memorial Park; installation will begin in May/June 2024.

Active Communities/Special Projects: The Recreation Department is preparing for Fun in the Sun Day Camps. Building on the successes of 2023, staff remain optimistic 2024 will be another positive as last year. Staff are currently working with CCRCE to secure facilities for use in several Colchester County communities. Camps are set to begin the 1st week of July and will continue through until the end of August.

- Recreation staff worked with community volunteers and created a successful first year of:

Colchester Ringette: Staff will continue to work with Ringette NS and local volunteers to create a sustainable Ringette program in Colchester County.

Colchester Multisport is nearing the end of the programming year. Once again, the program was a success thanks to several Community Sport Partners and part time recreation staff.

4 on 4 Women's Hockey League and the Women Learn 2 Play Hockey programs are now complete. This year saw the addition of a Learn to Play hockey program in Tatamagouche which had an average of 25 women participating each week. Throughout the past fiscal year, the Municipality worked with school and community groups to provide access to recreation amenities through the Facility Access Program. This program continues to be well received by the community and has had an increase in applications over the 2023/2024 period.

The Department will be restarting the afterschool program in a couple local schools in the Colchester however there have been some hurdles to find some staff willing to work during the afterschool time-period. The Department is also working with a group in Tatamagouche as well as the Village to bring more recreation opportunities with that area.

Paul Smith is Director of Colchester Community Development Department

RCMP Releases Summary Man Charged with Multiple Offences

Colchester County District RCMP has charged a man with several offences, including drug trafficking, following a motor vehicle crash off Hwy 104. On May 19, at approximately 12 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP, Cumberland County District RCMP and Northwest Traffic Services responded to a report of a fuel delivery truck that had been stolen from New Brunswick and was believed to be travelling on Hwy 104 toward Truro.

Responding officers observed the truck on Hwy 104 near the Cobequid Pass Toll Plaza. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the driver refused to stop then pulled into the median and into oncoming traffic. Officers deactivated their lights and sirens, and did not pursue the vehicle in consideration of public safety.

A short time later the truck veered off Exit 10, Hwy 104, near Great Village, rolling onto

its side. The driver exited the truck and was arrested by officers as he attempted to flee. Oil began leaking from the truck and fire services attended to mitigate the spill. As part of the investigation, Colchester County District RCMP searched the truck and seized a quantity of drugs, believed to be heroin.

Brennen Dana Robinson, 40, of Moncton, has been charged with: Possession of Property Obtained by Crime (over \$5,000); Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance; Flight from a Peace Officer; Possession for the Purposes of Trafficking (Heroin); Breach of a Release Order (two counts) and Breach of a Probation Order (six counts)

Robinson has been remanded into custody and appeared in Truro Provincial Court on May 21. Robinson remained in custody and his next court appearance was scheduled for May 28 in Truro Provincial Court.

Masstown Man Arrested for Child Pornography

The RCMP Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has arrested a Masstown man for child pornography offences. May 20th, the RCMP ICE Unit, assisted by Colchester County District RCMP and RCMP Digital Forensic Services, executed a search warrant at a home in Masstown. Investigators were directed to the residence after Lincoln City Police (Oregon, U.S.) advised that a person was communicating with a person believed to be a child online in a sexual manner.

As a result of the search and subsequent investigation, Wayne Missons, 25, has been charged with: Luring a Child; Possession of Child Pornography; Transmitting Child Pornography; Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Child and Inciting Bestiality.

Missons was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Truro Provincial Court on July 10, 2024.

In Nova Scotia, it's mandatory for citizens to report suspected child pornography. Anyone who encounters child pornography material or recordings must report it to the police. Failing to report suspicious activity and materials could result in penalties similar to failure to report child abuse set out in the Child and Family Services Act. The RCMP encourages citizens to be a voice for children who are victims of sexual exploitation by reporting any suspected offences to their local police or by using Canada's National tip line for reporting online sexual exploitation of children at www.cybertip.ca.

Grants Support Equity, Anti-Racism

New community-driven projects that address systemic hate, inequity and racism in the province are receiving support from the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism (OEA). Truro Pride Society received \$25,000 as one of 12 organizations who have been helped to reduce barriers, build stronger networks, empower people to make a difference and spread a message of acceptance.

"We are working across government and with partners and communities to improve the lives of underrepresented and underserved communities by identifying and addressing systemic hate, inequity and racism," said Justice Minister Brad Johns, Minister responsible for the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism. "This funding will help community organizations build a stronger and more equitable Nova Scotia for all our citizens."

Raelee Rath, Chair, Truro Pride Society said "Truro Pride Society is thrilled to have the opportunity to help make crucial services more accessible and safe for members of our local 2SLGBTQIA+ community. This project will be instrumental in fulfilling our organization's goal of improving the well-being of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals in Truro and Colchester County, by working to break down barriers that deter far too many individuals from receiving the services and supports they need."

Funded projects include a web-based tool to connect 2SLGBTQIA+ service providers in Colchester County, land preservation efforts in the historic African Nova Scotian community of Wey-

mouth Falls, Digby County, and workshops on how to address Islamophobia and seek help following incidents of hate. These grants, totalling \$289,200, are through the OEA Community Network Grant program.

Wanted on Province-Wide Warrant

East Hants District RCMP is seeking information on the whereabouts of a man currently wanted on a province-wide arrest warrant. Christian Woods, 22, from Stewiacke, is wanted and currently facing charges of: Mischief and Resist a Peace Officer. Woods is described as 6-foot-2, 150 lbs, black hair and brown eyes. Investigators have made several attempts to locate Woods and are requesting assis-

tance from the public.

Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of Christian Woods is asked to refrain from approaching him and to contact the East Hants District RCMP at 902-883-7077. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

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Thursday, May 30 @ 6pm

Presentations Meeting

Tuesday, June 4 @ 6pm

Council Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 13 @ 6pm

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Tuesday, June 25 @ 6pm

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Date: May 16, 2024

Re: Election called for Village of Bible Hill Commissioner

Results of nomination period:

Following today's 4:30p.m. close of a week-long nomination period for one Village Commission seat, the Returning Officer confirms that two nominations were received and therefore an election is called.

The following candidates have been duly nominated:

- o Kennedy, Kevin
- o MacDonald, Sean

The elected candidate will serve a three-year term ending June 2027.

Voting:

Two polling days will be held at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road, as follows:

- o Advance Poll – Tuesday, June 4, 2024, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- o Election Day – Saturday, June 8, 2024, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

To vote, a person must, as of advance polling day:

- o be a Canadian citizen;
- o be at least 18 years old;
- o have been ordinarily resident in Bible Hill for six months; and
- o be entitled to be registered on the list of electors to vote.

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