

Letters to the editor

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Letter to Editor

Lack of funding by County Council

As a long time patron of Scotia Pool, I am very discouraged by the decision of County Council to refuse the request for \$100,000 to enable Scotia Pool to remain open. The warm water pool has been a huge benefit to myself and many others who have issues with their joints. Exercise

is a lubricant for the joints.

The small pool at the RECC is not a suitable replacement. Unless you are very tall and can go to the back, the water is either too deep or too shallow. About five people can exercise at the proper depth. The bottom slopes very sharply. No one should be attempting to exercise on a slope. Scotia Pool also provides swimming lessons for

children. The RECC has not been able to accommodate all the demand. There is an online petition on the Scotia Pool Facebook page. Please sign this and help us keep this wonderful warm water facility open.

Kaye Higgins

Letter to Editor

Scotia Pool

I have a membership at Scotia Pool and usually go 5 times a week. I've been going since I retired in 2018.

I have bad knees and can't walk the 5 to 10 km every day like I used to. The pool

keeps me active and is so much easier on the joints. If it wasn't for the pool I don't know what kind of shape I would be in. I know from being away for 3 months this past winter the benefits of the pool. Noticed a big difference in my mobility.

It's so nice to have the pool in the win-

ter when it's too icy and cold for people to walk outside.

The pool is such a great asset for Colchester County. It keeps we seniors active, swim lessons, summer camps etc. To lose it would be a disaster.

Sheila Wilson

Letter to Editor

Scotia Pool closure

Communities need centrally-located recreational facilities that promote opportunities for its citizens' physical and mental health. Scotia Pool fits this bill because it allows county residents of all ages to engage in regular activity.

One of the main reasons patrons prefer Scotia Pool is the warm water. Many find it more beneficial for their bodies than cold water. People love Scotia Pool's water as evident in busy lane swims, Parent-tot times, Aqua Yoga, Aqua Zumba, Aquafit and Water Therapy classes.

Water safety instruction is necessary for people of all ages. Scotia Pool provides swim lessons, Bronze Medallion/National Lifeguard classes and Swim Instructor courses regularly.

Scotia Pool employs full and part time staff, including countless students, year round. Summer day camps, which are always full, have provided employment for students for years. Moreover, parents de-

pend on these camps for their children in the summer months.

"The pool" provides a welcoming, friendly atmosphere for valuable therapeutic exercise, lane swims, swim lessons, recreation, birthday parties and employment year round.

The warm water therapeutic Scotia Pool posts regularly on Social Media informing the public of its daily schedules. The very popular Parent-tot time is growing weekly. A senior home buses clients to partake in Water Therapy classes three days each week. Friday evening and Saturday Open Swims are sponsored by entities allowing county families and youth valuable recreation times at a lower cost.

The Scotia Pool Board and Staff work tirelessly all year to acquire every grant available. They constantly fundraise and receive generous donations from local businesses (placards of which dot the inside walls). As a not-for-profit organization, donations are also regularly given by county patrons/citizens. Incidentally, the RECC,

also not-for-profit, is given approximately one million dollars (yes: \$1 000 000) per year and run a deficit. Scotia Pool breaks even.

It is really hard to understand the decision to close Scotia Pool when other entities (i.e. rinks and the RECC) never have to 'beg' for funding to stay open. It's just understood that they get their funding. No questions asked. Ever.

In supporting Scotia Pool, County Councillors have a golden opportunity to demonstrate commitment to enhancing and increasing access to recreational programming for its citizens' mental and physical well-being. The support shown by Mayor Blair and councillors Eric Boutillier, Wade Parker, Karen MacKenzie and Victoria Lamond is very much appreciated.

We need all councillors to respect and understand that county citizens (voters) desperately need and depend on "the pool"!

**Karen G MacQuarrie
Valley, NS**

Good morning, Mr Rees,

Colchester Trefoil Guild met on Monday, May 13 and I have cobbled together a piece telling of our activities. Hopefully this is something you will be able to use in the upcoming edition of The Shoreline Journal. Please see the document below and edit as you find necessary. Thank you!

You are to be commended for putting this document to-

gether.

I am hearing from a NUMBER of people who are thrilled to have an actual newspaper in their hands! I know that the paper was one of the things that went in my husband's suitcase when he was leaving for Halifax for a few days.

Thanks again!

**Sheila Stewart
Colchester Trefoil Guild**

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Maurice:

These are my comments on Scotia Pool as requested on Facebook.

I have been a patron of Scotia pool for at least seven years. I attend the Aqua Therapy classes regularly three days a week. I have osteoarthritis, degenerative discs, and have had bursitis in my hip. The warm water temperature really helps with these afflictions. The temperature is set at 85° and often when you get into the pool, it feels like bathwater.

I have just returned home from an Alaska cruise. During that time, I did a lot of walking and then long flights from Van-

couver to home. I was very stiff after getting home and was eager to get to the pool and do my exercises. What a relief when I got out of the pool and could walk more quickly.

Scotia Pool serves the Truro, Bible Hill and surrounding communities with various programs. Not only do we get excellent programs but we make good friends there. If the pool closes for lack of funding from the county, where can its patrons find another pool with water this warm?

**Lois McNutt,
Bible Hill, NS**

Scotia pool

Hey,

I am writing in regards to the shocking news of Scotia pool potentially closing. Needless to say I am extremely shocked and saddened. This pool literally feels like "home", it will forever be a staple in our community. I am 34 years old and I have been going to Scotia Pool ever since I can remember, did swimming lessons as a kid and really enjoy the convenience of the loca-

tion outside the hustle and bussel of Truro. My son is now 9 and he is doing swimming lessons here as well it's great and close to home! When we go to Scotia Pool it is always warm, staff is amazing, everyone that goes is beyond friendly, the parking is plentiful, and I could literally go on FOREVER why this pool deserves the funding to stay open in our community!!

Thanks, Lisa Fletcher

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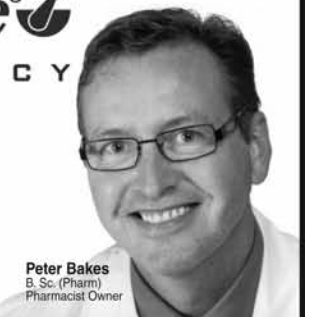
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