

Spencer's Island Boat Launch to get \$28,000 in Upgrades



February 20th wasn't the best day to launch a boat at the Spencer's Island Boat Launch, but it was a great day for Scott Armstrong, MP, to deliver a cheque for \$16,500 for improvements. Pictured above (L-R): Scott Armstrong, MP; Don Fletcher, District 10 Councillor; John Grant, President, Spencer's Island Community Association; and Cumberland Warden Keith Hunter. (Photo: Submitted)

The Spencer's Island Boat Launch has received a total of \$28,000.00 in funding from federal and provincial governments to support upgrades to the existing ramp and extending it using pre-cast cement slabs, which will help facilitate the launching and hauling of boats during low tides.

On February 20th Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong announced \$16,500 support for the Spencer's Island Boat Launch under the Government of Canada's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The facility is operated by County of Cumberland.

The project is also receiving \$6,500 from Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism and \$5,000 from the Nova

Scotia Sportfish Habitat Fund.

"The boat launch is a popular amenity for recreational boaters, tourism operators and community members alike," said Keith Hunter, Warden, Municipality of the County of Cumberland. "This work will provide a safer, higher quality experience for all users and will be beneficial for years to come."

"Enhancing the Spencer's Island Boat Launch will allow residents and visitors to explore and enjoy Nova Scotia's natural beauty," said Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Minister Percy Paris. "Improved experiences help us attract more first-time visitors, like outdoor enthusiasts, and encourage them to stay longer, helping to grow Nova Scotia's economy to benefit all Nova Scotians."

Tucker moves on; Johnson in

By Maurice Rees

After close to five years as Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Tim Tucker is moving on to a new position as Operations Manager with the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation. Alan Johnson, who served as Executive Director of the Chamber from 2004 to 2008, will be returning to the position on a part-time basis on Monday, February 11th.

"For about a month, I will split my time between the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce and my current employer, the Colchester Regional Development Agency," says Johnson. "I will begin full-time work with the Chamber of Commerce on March

11th. I am extremely pleased to be returning."

"I have truly enjoyed my time with the Chamber of Commerce and am grateful for the experience and the people I have had the opportunity to meet over the last five years," said Tucker. "At the same time, I'm really looking forward to new challenges and opportunities with the Health Centre Foundation."

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest Chambers in the province with close to 430 members. Formed in 1890, it has been involved in business advocacy and membership services for close to 125 years.

Eileen Eaton Receives Special Award

By Patti Sharpe

On December 1, 2012, members of the Great Village Garden Club got together to raise and decorate the community Christmas tree in front of St. James United in Great Village. After the tree decorating, we moved inside to enjoy a potluck dinner and social time as we do each December in lieu of a regular monthly meeting.

Following the meal, member Eileen Eaton was presented with the NSAGC (Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs) Outstanding Member Award by our club. During her fifty plus years of membership in the Great Village Garden Club,

on the guest speakers, vendors and facilities available to convention attendees. This

year's convention takes place at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn and runs from May 31-June 2.



Eileen Eaton presented with Outstanding Member of the Year Award by Great Village Garden Club President Linda Giddens and NSAGC Central District North Director Patti Sharpe. (Submitted)



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Eileen has held all the executive positions, assisted with many plant sales and plant shows, attended and helped to orchestrate various club functions and continues to be an active and devoted member of the club. Our club is very fortunate to count Eileen as a member and many generations of aspiring gardeners have benefited from her knowledge.

Our club resumed regular meetings in the New Year, meeting at Faith Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 29. At that time discussion turned to scheduling our annual spring plant sale which has been held each year since 1973. It was agreed that this year's sale will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Great Village School gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. All perennials will be \$2 and a variety of trees, shrubs, and houseplants will also be available.

Following the business meeting, Arthur Haskins gave a power point presentation regarding last year's annual NSAGC convention at the Old Orchard Inn in Wolfville, NS. His presentation included a look at the area tours available to members and touched



Vikki MacLaughlin, Irene Gratto, grandmother Joy Reid and Olivia Joy MacLaughlin are shown attending the baby shower on February 16th. (Christine Urquhart Photo)



Vikki MacLaughlin & Olivia Joy MacLaughlin are shown at the baby shower held at the Masstown United Church on Feb. 16th, 2013. (Christine Urquhart Photo)

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