

Jennings to Open Gas Bar



Laurie Jennings joins Ron Smith atop the Lighthouse as they view the location for the new gas bar. Ron will oversee development of Old Fletcher Farm Property Ltd., a division of Masstown Market, encompassing the former Masstown Motel property.

The decision has been made...Petro Canada will be the nationally recognized petroleum supplier for the new gas bar across from Masstown Market. The Jennings family has spent a few months considering different brands and the pros and cons of each. "In the end Petro Canada seemed like the best fit, and the fact they already have an established customer base in the area makes the decision seem like the right one," says Laurie Jennings.

The new gas bar will feature a convenience store, "but not your basic convenience store," says Jennings. "It will be just over 4000 sq. ft., which is about 2 to 3 times the normal size. We are still in the planning stages but there will be some food service element for sure. Ideally we want to offer something unique for customers and then hope they decide to buy gas while they are here, not the other way around."

The gas bar will feature 8 lanes, with 4 pumps, including diesel. The self-service pumps will be operated from 6AM until 10 or 11 at night. "We will see what the demand is once we are open," says Jennings. "The pumps will be self-service but if anyone requires assis-

tance, staff will be more than happy to help."

Construction is expected to begin as soon as the weather co-operates, with local contractors and area businesses used as much as possible including Masstown Hardware, Dalrymple Electric, Davie Green Contracting and many more.

Ron Smith has recently been hired to oversee the growth and expansion of Old Fletcher Farm Property Limited, a division of Masstown Market, encompassing the former Masstown Motel property. "I am looking forward to being part of something exceptionally positive, involving local people, local business



Finishing touches are being applied to the interior of the new Captain Cob's Corn Maze Visitor's Centre. (Harrington Photo)

NS Government Seizes Control of NSPE

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mortgage effectively giving the province control of the entire facility.

In its deliberations, the municipality hired Grant Thornton to look into the matter and provide guidance. Following the second written request from NSPE and many hours of negotiations the municipality developed a proposal. The agreement was approved by council and by the NSPE board of directors, however before it could be signed the mortgage was called. The municipality had specified in order for it to invest approximately \$500,000, of tax-payers money, they needed to take control of the assets. The NSPE board agreed.

In speaking with minister Colwell he insisted the facility which includes the Truro Raceway, the provincial exhibition, the agriculture museum and the agri-dome is a very important community

and helping them grow," says Smith, the former Executive Director, Colchester Regional Development Association (CoRDA). "I have had the same vision for the last decade and it is exciting to now be a part of this truly rural success story."

As work begins on the gas bar, finishing touches are being applied to the Visitor's Centre at Captain Cob's Corn Maze and renovation work will begin at the house still located on the former Motel property, as well. "We will start with a couple offices in the house for our own use, and then see if anyone may have interest in the additional office space," says Laurie Jennings. "It has lots of potential. Maybe it will be of interest to a rural doctor...who knows?"

Potential for growth is what the new property provides. "It is sad to see so many businesses leaving the rural communities," says Jennings. "I would like to see more entrepreneurs doing more things. Ron Smith's wealth of experience will be huge as this property develops. Of course, I would like to see people stop here but then they should continue their way up the shore, so not only Masstown benefits, but the entire Fundy Shore."



Bass River Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

Well February has arrived at the hall. How do I know this, well a few give aways are present, first the calendar has been ripped off and it says February on the new page, and you can feel the difference in the air round the hall. Spring is coming. And you can feel the love at the hall. And I suppose, it may be due to the fact that Valentine Day brings the feeling of love.

Training is continuing at the hall every Monday night from seven pm until about nine pm.

Some nights are used for Medical First Responder training, while the other evenings will revolve around fire apparatus such as trucks, pumps, ladders, and breathing apparatus, which if you stop and think about it, they all become integrated into one another, at some point in the training systems. Thanks to Dave McFarlane, Don

Conrad, and Martha Brown, for the continued training sessions. The sun, if you have not noticed, has more heat in it on the clear days and the days are getting longer as well.

Yes, that is great, but when you live in Bass River or area, the sun staying up longer sometimes makes for drives home from work, with sunshine in your eyes. Be aware of the roads and where the sun makes it hard to see, and maybe drive slower at these areas.

This week has been a busy week for our fire fighting brothers and sisters down the shore. A house fire in Economy and another in Five Islands kept them busy and brought disaster to two families. I have decided one of the best ideas our fire chiefs before us have done was to put in the Mutual Aid System. That is where if a fire call comes in to a station, then it is in the system to

request the nearest fire station to send tankers or manpower to that fire call and then the next nearest fire station will send a truck to cover the area of the second fire hall while that team is helping the first fire station. A very good system, where help is only a pager call away.

And do not forget to check your pipes for soot buildup, and be careful with your ash removal as well. With spring around the corner, which I am sure it will be here soon, or when spring comes, would be a good time to start getting your next winters wood supply ready and cut up and started drying.

Which I think is a great idea, maybe I will begin this weekend.

All for now folks, here is hoping by the March session, we will have less snow and ice. Drive safely.

And keep your pipes clean.

GV Brigade Truck #4 Being Refurbished

By Crystal Slack

The Great Village Fire Brigade Truck #4, the equipment unit, has been sent off to Lantz Truck Bodies, Port Williams to be restored. The work will include a new chassis as well as refurbishing the truck body. Because this will take a while, we will use this column to keep area residents updated on the progress.

The Brigade's annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Londonderry Community Hall on March 22, 2014.

sion that will, hopefully, be offered again to other Medical personnel who we unable to attend this session.

A reminder to maintain your wood stove safety as well as your flu's.

We would like to offer our sympathies to the families who have lost their homes and/or pets to fire in the past few weeks. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

The Shoreline Journal

May 10TH Concert Cancelled

The May 10th concert announced last month by the Shoreline Journal as a fund raiser for the Economy Interpretive Centre starring Stan Carew and John Campbelljohn has been cancelled. Maurice Rees, publisher, said there were too many other conflicting events on the same day making it almost impossible to draw a large crowd.

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