

## PHOTO FEATURE

**Guy Lafleur Visits Kohler-** There must not have been any Montreal Canadian jerseys left in the town of Truro! Kohler employees were treated to a meet & greet with hockey legend Guy Lafleur on Jan. 29th. (Harrington Photos)



Brothers Brian and James Rushton shared a photo opportunity with Guy Lafleur.



Robert Avery had Guy Lafleur sign a hockey card from his collection.



Duane McLean, one of Guy Lafleur's greatest fans has a huge smile for the photo.



Carl Ballard, Vice President Manufacturing and Engineering at Peter Kohler Windows and Entrance Systems, welcomes Guy Lafleur to the Debert manufacturing facility.



Jeff McLean had previously won an autographed Guy Lafleur jersey, so he took the opportunity to now have a photo to go with the jersey and one of his Montreal Canadian hockey heroes.



Larry Sharpe was thrilled to meet Guy Lafleur get an autograph on a jersey.



Lafleur signs a hockey puck for Ron Gaudet.



Pete Ellie is all smiles to meet one of the hockey greats.



First in line to meet Guy Lafleur was super fan Phil Clough.



Penny Augustine brought along her father, to celebrate his birthday with one of his favorite hockey players.

## March Church Services

By *Christine Urquhart*

Church services for the month of March will all be at 10am in Debert. There will be a Good Friday service on March 25th at 10am and on Easter Sunday March 27th there will be a Sunrise service at 7am and the regular service at 10am.

Sunday School meets each Sunday and all children of all ages are welcome. At present our Presbytery appointed minister is Rev. Carolyn Rushton. Because she is only part time she can be reached at our Church office on Thursday mornings - 902-662-2617.

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# Guy Lafleur Visits Kohler

By *Linda Harrington*

Hockey Legend Guy Lafleur was an honorary guest at this year's Long Pond Heritage Hockey Classic in Windsor, NS. Debert's Peter Kohler Windows & Entrance Systems was one of two 2016 Presenting Sponsors for the annual Hockey Classic. Kohler employees were treated to a meet & greet with Lafleur on Friday, Jan. 29th as he passed through the area on his way to Windsor.

Dan Boyd, Director for the Windsor Hockey Heritage Society accompanied Lafleur during his visit to Debert. "We are very grateful to Kohler for their past two year's sponsorship. This is our fifth year for the Long Pond Heritage Hockey Classic," said Mr. Boyd, as he went on to explain the challenges of an outdoor event. "Weather has not been kind to us over the years. In 2012 we had to move to an indoor rink, in 2013 we had a blizzard, in 2014 we had ideal conditions, in 2015 we had an ice storm and this year we are getting another snow storm."

Windsor is known as the origin for the game of hockey and the symbolic wooden puck. Several big name hockey players have attended the Long Pond Heritage Hockey Classic over the years including Terry O'Reilly, Glenn Anderson, Dennis Vial and from Women's Hockey, Natalie Spooner and Jennifer Wakefield.

Guy Lafleur's career in the NHL began in 1971, he was instrumental in 5 Stanley Cup Championships, played 1,126 games, scored 560 goals with 793 assists, and racked up 1,353 points. He spent the first 14 years with the Montreal Canadiens, followed by a three-year retirement, and then he came back to skate with the New York Rangers for one season and the Quebec Nordiques for two. He retired at the end of the 90-91 season.

There were plenty of Montreal Canadian jerseys, baseball cards and other memorabilia brought forward by Kohler employees for the hockey legend to autograph, and each posed for a photo with Lafleur. Over 65 employees enjoyed this once in a life time opportunity.

Carl Ballard, Vice President Manufacturing and Engineering at Peter Kohler Windows and Entrance Systems was pleased to host Mr. Lafleur. "It is really great for the employees to have the opportunity to meet Mr. Lafleur. There are a lot of hockey fans working here," he said, adding the company is very happy to offer sponsorship to the Long Pond Heritage Hockey Classic, too. "It is great to celebrate our heritage. Everyone loves hockey!"

This year's Long Pond Classic Event, held on January 30th, included a day of hockey for teams and players on famous Long Pond where hockey was first played circa 1800. The day of games was followed by a celebratory banquet and hot stove night.

## Colchester Approves \$25,000 NS Music Week Sponsorship

By *Maurice Rees*

At the start of February's council meeting Colchester Municipal Council approved the minutes of meeting of January 5th and 28th.

Motions passed at the January 28th meeting included: repealing the existing art purchase policy and to replace by increasing the annual art acquisition from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and any unused portion of the annual \$2,500 be put in an operating reserve for art acquisition.

Council approved the endorsement of the proposed route of the Trans Canada Trail within the geographic area of the Municipality of Colchester, as presented by staff on December 1, 2015. The new Sewer Service Boundary for Onslow was approved as presented.

Other approved motions included: Municipality of Colchester partner with the Town of Truro in hosting the 2016 NS Music Week; funding be approved in the amount of \$25,000 (\$10,000 for licensing fee to Music Nova Scotia, \$5,000 for operating costs for the local host committee, plus a \$10,000 contingency fund), with the source of funds being the 2016/17 Economic Development Grants.

From the committee meeting on January 14th, the following were approved by council and included in the minutes adopted on February 25th: 2016 FCM Conference - Winnipeg, Manitoba Councillors Cavanaugh, MacKenzie and Parker attend the 2016 FCM Conference, in addition to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Taggart (as FCM Board Member) and the CAO; and Councillor Stewart be an alternate in the event that one of the selected members is unable to attend.

For the 2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference council asked the CAO and Councillor Blair attend the 2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference, held in Ottawa February 9-11, 2016. Council approved the creation of a Regional Events Committee, subject to approval of the same by the Town of Truro; and, the Committee be directed to develop an events strategy and budget for presentation to the Councils at a later date. Home Hardware is purchasing Lot 230 in the Debert Industrial Park.

In other items the Planning Advisory Committee will investigate vending permit regulations for County owned properties. Thursday, March 3, 2016 is the meeting date for Grants to Non-Profit Presentations.

Council gave first reading to Amendments to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law Chapter 12 - A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvements of Private Roads. In another mat-

ter relating to roads Council decided not to pursue taking ownership of Broderick Lane, at Five Islands Park and upgrading it to public road standard.

Five firms submitted proposals for Design service for the new Debert Water Tower. The contract was awarded to Engineering Design Services to EXP Services Inc. for a total financial commitment of \$33,973. The contract was conditional upon confirmation of Building Canada Fund, with source of funds being the Debert Sale of Homes and the new Building Canada Fund Program; and, a \$3,000 internal contingency be carried for the work, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.

Councillor Gibbs expressed concern regarding the number of deer in the Princeton Heights area. He has had a number of calls as it is a safety concern. It was agreed an article be placed in the upcoming edition of the newsletter educating the public on the potential safety issues of feeding wildlife/deer.

Deputy Mayor Masters indicated Council recently received a presentation from the Arenas Association regarding their need for financial assistance in 2016/17. Staff were directed to investigate possible solutions to the problems currently being faced by the arenas and the matter of arena funding be referred to budget deliberations with a stipulation to have funding available in the budget, until such time that a comprehensive plan can be developed.

CNTA requested \$31,000.00 in funding for the forthcoming year. The matter was referred to the budget deliberations process with a recommendation to support the request.

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, provided a brief report on the Great Village River Project. The total costs for the project were estimated at \$110,000. Council had committed \$55,000 to the project and the remaining \$55,000, 50% of the \$110,000 total, was being provided by the province through the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP). The project came in over budget at \$133,700.

Staff have been working with the Department of Municipal Affairs on covering 50% of the overage amount of \$23,700 through FRIIP. At the time of presentation no commitment has been received from Municipal Affairs to cover the additional amount. Should Municipal Affairs decide not to cover the additional portion, the total cost to the County would be \$78,700 instead of \$55,000 as originally anticipated.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters: If necessary, the Municipality cover the overage in the amount of \$23,700 for the Great Village River Improvements.



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