

# Local Prosperity for Rural Atlantic Canada

By Maurice Rees

The Centre for Local Prosperity, a non-profit organization focused on local economic development, has released a report from its two-year project on the economic value of Import Replacement as a development strategy for local communities in Atlantic Canada.

The project found Atlantic Canada imported \$11 billion more than it exported in 2012, with each of the region's four provinces running a negative trade balance. Currently, the provinces have the highest trade deficit in the country, with four out of every ten dollars generated within the region leaking out of the region.

The project focused on identifying where the leakage was occurring and then explored if or how the deficit could be reduced by plugging the leaks through local import replacement strategies. Simply put, instead of importing some of their goods and services, communities could produce them through local ownership, finance and production, keeping more dollars in the region.

The results demonstrated targeting a 10% increase in local production of imported goods and services across the region could add more than 43,000 new jobs, \$2.6 billion in new wages, and \$219 million in new tax revenue, and in due time, help grow the region's GDP significantly.

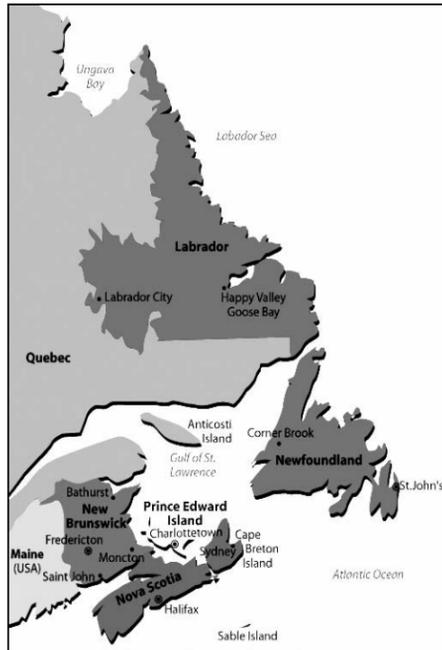
The Centre for Local Prosperity partnered with Dr. Karen Foster, Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Rural Futures for Atlantic Canada, Dalhousie University, as well as Michael Shuman, an internationally respected expert on local economics. The research team reviewed regional macroeconomic data, and performed case study analyses of four representative regional communities - Shelburne, NS; Miramichi, NB; Burin Peninsula, NL; and Souris, PE.

Robert Cervelli, Executive Director of the Centre for Local Prosperity and coordi-

nating author for the project says, "The results of this project clearly demonstrate there is significant economic potential for small and rural communities to undertake a strategy tied to import replacement and a number of communities are well on their way in this direction."

Dr. Karen Foster, contributing author for the study says, "When small communities focus exclusively on exports, their economies are vulnerable to market shifts far beyond their control and miss out on sustainable, community-building opportunities to meet local demand with local production. Import replacement offers a more balanced and integrated approach to local economic development and sustainability."

To learn about the Centre for Local Prosperity go to: [www.centreforlocalprosperity.ca](http://www.centreforlocalprosperity.ca)



# PC Leadership Convention October 26-27

By Maurice Rees

Even though it's been well publicized in other media many Shoreline Journal and South Cumberland News readers so not receive other print media, we wanted to provide them with basic information on the Progressive Conservative Leadership Convention which will be held in Halifax October 26-27, 2018.

Details were announced at the party's AGM in Halifax on February 11th.

Some of the key highlights include: One member, one vote, weighted for equality of constituencies.

Each constituency is allocated 100 points and votes allocated proportionally; Members will have the option of mail-in ballot with preferential voting or voting at convention with multiple ballots; \$30,000 entrance fee with \$5,000 refundable upon completion of reports, payments are staged - \$5,000 on entry, \$10,000 on August 15 and \$15,000 on September 1; Cut off for can-

didate nomination papers is August 13; Candidates must be nominated by 50 members with not more than five from the same constituency; Any candidate may withdraw up to August 15 and

To vote a member must be a member of the Party by September 11.



# Village Follies Tickets On Sale

It is time for the annual Village Follies Dinner Theatre! This year's title is "I Fought the Law", written by the talented Shannon Fielding.

Kevin and Jake are convicted of a crime they did not commit. They find themselves incarcerated with some interesting individuals - the intimidating "Chainsaw", and new ally, Bruno. While guards, Wally and Rosanne, try to keep everyone in line, lawyer, Andrea, requests an appeal. Will their ladies, Marylou and Yolanda, stand by their men? Will the naive and terrified scapegoats wait for an appeal,

or will they take matters into their own hands?

Performances are set for 7:00 PM on May 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 12th and a matinee on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00 PM. All include a delicious three course meal, and lots of laughs.

All performances will take place at the Debert Legion Branch 106, 1252 Masstown Road, Debert.

Tickets are just \$35 each, which includes a three-course meal of salad, entree (your choice of chicken or haddock ordered in advance) and dessert, plus rolls, tea, coffee.

To order tickets phone 902-986-1710.

Village Follies Dinner Theatre tickets will be on sale at Masstown Market on Saturday, March 3rd from 9am until noon.

# Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

As we start looking towards spring, we must remember to be ready in case old man winter decides to drop a storm or so on to us! Remember, white Juan came in late February. But with the longer days and more sunshine we start to think about our gardens and what we hope to plant in them. A well fertilized garden will produce good items, be they vegetables, fruits or flowers. Take some paper and draw up where you want what garden and what you wish to plant there. Be realistic - no sense in planting shade loving plants in the middle of your lawn unless it's under some trees. Also, don't hope to grow pineapples when you know our climate won't tolerate those. Funny how just thinking about your garden and spring puts a feeling of joy in your belly!

The Masstown Community Association met on Tuesday and they are again going to be selling tickets on a Mother's Day Basket. Tickets will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2 and the draw will take place at noon at the

Masstown Market on Saturday May 12th. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go towards the Masstown Community Park. I hope you have noticed our lovely painted picnic tables - thanks to Bill Leeming for doing the painting - and more will be done as we can afford for this to happen. We hope you all find time to stop and enjoy our little Park. As you know there is water available all year round, a port-a-potty for those necessary stops, picnic tables to sit at, a cement pad with a basketball hoop and the back field for playing baseball! Pack yourselves a picnic lunch and stop in! You'll be glad you did.

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday March 3rd, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome.

Congratulations go out this month to grandparents Lester and Ruby McMaster on the birth of their new granddaughter, Zahara Ruby Ann McMaster, a daughter for Mark and Kenisha McMaster.

# Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

Bar Hours for Branch 106 are as follows: Sunday- CLOSED; Monday-CLOSED; Tuesday- CLOSED; Wednesday- 4:30PM to 10:00PM, Crib- 7:30PM to 9:30PM; Thursday- 4:30PM to 10:00 PM, Chase The Ace- 6:00PM to 8:15PM; Friday- 3:00PM to 12:00AM, Supper- 4:30PM to 6:30PM, Darts 7:30PM to whenever finished; Saturday- 2:00PM to 8:00PM. Looking for groups to book space. Hall rental applications available at the bar.

Executive Meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30PM. General Meetings held in the fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 8:00PM.

Congratulations are passed along to Robert Hill and Ron Eastcott who were presented with their 50 Year Pins by President Bob Pash at last month's General Meeting. Robert and Ron, thank you very much for all your hard work over those fifty years.

Congratulations to Linda Slack and Leona Harvey who were named as Legionnaire's of the Year 2017 by the membership of the Branch. Two very deserving members. Linda and Leona, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Super Bowl Sunday here at the Branch has to be best described as simply awesome thanks in part to a few hard-working people and a beautiful donation. To Bruce Higgins, who donated the pizza and shrimp, thank you very much. To Sharon Kyle and Audrey Gallagher, who did the chili thing (making and serving), thank you! It was just great. I really enjoyed the bowl you sent over.

To Dave Stewart and Owen (Odie) Slack, thank you very much for hooking up our new 61-inch TV, that was donated to Branch 106 by Bart and Helen Hinze from Canadian Tire Corporation, Robie St., Truro.

Bart and Helen, thank you very much for your generosity, it truly is appreciated. (Thank you to Bob Pash for doing the spade work on this one).

The pool winners were: Doug Simpson, Dave Stewart, Mary Jane Elliott, Norm Eastcott, Bob Pash, Owen Coffell, Sheri Duval and Dan Martell. To each and every one who helped put this one on the rails, thank you!

A look at the Crib League standings shows the team of Dave Kaye and Jim Weatherby running along in first place with 957

points, while Earl Harvey and Marcia hold down second spot with 1004 points, rounding out the top three is Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott with 1074 points.

Most Winning Nights is Dave K. and Jim W. with 3. Most Hidden Scores is Norm E. and Debbie B. tied with Jess Thompson and Kim McNutt and they have 3 each. There have been 24, 24 hands with Dave K. and Earl H. having 3 each. High Hand for the year is 28 and Norm Eastcott has 2.

At the Dominion Crib Play-Offs to be held in Liverpool on the 3rd of March, the teams of Ron Eastcott and Debbie Cock along with Bobby Pash and Tom Manley will represent Branch 106.

At a recent Crib Tournament held in Sackville, our own Earl Harvey had High Hand and it was only 17, and Earl said there were several tied at 17, and they went home with \$13 each.

Next stop for Earl and his crib partner Dave Pratt was Stewiacke and they made off with \$68 each for their 3rd place finish. Congratulations Earl and Dave. (Thanks Earl).

What a tremendous thrill/feeling it must be for our Olympians (women and men) when they pull on their colours (shirt, sweater, jacket) to represent the Country of Canada in their chosen sport. Just super!

If anyone out there would like a Toronto Maple Leaf baseball style cap and a big tuff of Joe Thornton's beard courtesy of Nazem Kadri, please contact Danny MacEachern. Danny might let his go for a song and dance.

To all those people who dropped off or left pull tabs at the bar, thank you very much. It is very much appreciated.

Village Follies Dinner Theatre tickets are now on sale. This is a fund raiser for the Branch and the performances are May 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th, 11, 12th. A full course meal and show for just \$35 each. Phone 902 986-1710 to book tickets.

Happy Birthday wishes for February are passed along to Tim Martell, Audrey Gallagher, Charlie Borden (Jr.), Gerry Dykens, Gordon Slack, George Cooke, Kaye Rushton, Glynn Balsom, Owen Slack, Norman Eastcott, Sam Worthington, Glen MacDorman, Debbie Barclay, Eric Barnhill and Carrie Barclay.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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