

TNR Club Rally March 3RD

By **Kat Hatfield**

I'd like to start by introducing myself, my name is Kat Hatfield, and I am the new TNR 4-H reporter. I'm very happy and excited to take you on my 4-H Journey this year! Some things you've missed that we've done so far, we participated in the Christmas parade in Truro; had our annual potted arrangement fund raiser and had a Christmas party where we played games and had lots of food. My favorite part was when we put together the boxes that we sent to our local food bank and our local homeless shelter!!!

Every month we, as a club like to do an activity, for instance January's Club activity was Bubble Soccer which was very amusing to watch! Things

that I'm looking forward to are our club rally which will be held Saturday March 3rd at the North River Elementary School. This is where members get to do a speech or demonstration which may seem really scary, but this prepares us for our futures, job interviews, etc. which helps make these things easier.

PLUS.... Club Rally kicks off our CHOCOLATE BAR campaign!!!! This fundraiser will be will help us purchase things we need, and help out in our communities!!! I look forward to bringing you more news as the months go by! Stay tuned for our important dates!!

Let 4-H reign supreme in 2018!!

Kat Hatfield is the new reporter for the Truro North River 4-Club

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Margaret Trudeau will be the keynote speaker at the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council's 69th Annual Gala to be held at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro on June 13, 2018. "Mental Health is a significant societal issue whose time has come, says Dianne Kelderman, CEO of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council. Mental Health impacts individuals, families, business and communities. We couldn't think of a more appropriate and engaging speaker than Mental Health Advocate Margaret Trudeau". The event schedule includes: 6:00PM—Reception and 6:30PM—Banquet & Speaker. Tickets are \$60 Members or \$75 Non-Members. Ticket deadline: May 25, 2018 to: cris@novascotia.coop or (902)893-8311.

The annual **90 & 90+ Birthday** party sponsored by the Shoreline Journal will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre on May 12th. If readers know of someone in their community who is over 90 or will turn 90 in 2018 please advise the Shoreline Journal by April 1st. E-mail: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or call: 902-647-2968.

On **February 2nd** the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union chose to end its partnership on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions. A release from Education Minister, Zach Churchill said, the council's work led directly to class caps being put in place sooner in junior and senior classes; 139 new teachers were added to classrooms resulting in class caps in all grades across the province; a province-wide attendance policy and seeking ways for teachers to spend more time teaching and less time on paperwork. The NSTU withdrawal was as a result of implementing many recommendations of the consultant's report.

On **January 29th** Nova Scotia Power announced it is accepting applications for its 2018 scholarship program, which is offered annually to students seeking higher education in a variety of educational programs across the province. In 2017 40 scholarships were awarded totaling more than \$120,000. For more information, scholarship applications and deadlines, visit www.nspower.ca/scholarships.

Tariffs on frozen wild blueberries exported from Canada into the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) member countries, including Japan, Vietnam and Malaysia, will be eliminated when the CPTPP takes effect in the coming months. Currently tariffs on Canadian frozen wild blueberries range from 5% in Malaysia and 9% in Japan to 30% in Vietnam. The information was revealed by Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester on January 29th, who has advocated on behalf of wild blueberry producers for concessions.

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pay for much needed social programs and things such as health care. To me this is bogus.

Firstly, the way this is being introduced, allowing each person over the age of 21 to grow 4 plants is like cancelling prohibition and telling everyone they can have a moonshine still in the back yard. The price per gram often quoted for legal weed sold in the NSLC is \$14 per gram. It is currently indicated the black market is often selling at \$7 a gram. We can all do the math on that. By legalizing we will just make possession legal and increase the clientele for the dealers.

All this being said, I was still close to being convinced this is O.K. You know everyone is doing this anyway; people are using medical cannabis for pain relief; there is no REAL harmful effects; we will put a minimum age on this and keep it from our youth.

This is really what is rubbing me the wrong way. I have for some time been receiving invitations to attend meetings of the Municipal Alcohol and Cannabis policy group. I started attending in January and February and will continue to make as many meetings as possible. The committee is made up of Municipal elected, Policing, health care professionals and the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Great discussion and information!

Let's forget about the confusion around where it can be smoked, where it can be grown, who will enforce what, what is the cost of this enforcement, can and will drug impaired driving be able to be prosecuted, will police be able to satisfy the burden of proof.

Let's just talk about what the health care professionals have to

say about cannabis and the effect it will have on our youth.

First, I am told our brains typically are not fully developed until age 24 and Cannabis killing brain cells is proven factual. Secondly, I am told one in five who use cannabis in their early years suffers, as a result of this mood altering drug, some kind of mental health issues, paranoia or schizophrenia. Thirdly I am told this mood altering drug is proven to cause lack of motivation. Ever heard employers talk about how hard it is to motivate today's workforce.

I have been told, this is the only way folks can deal with pain. I believe that to be true, however medical professionals will advise there is nothing in Cannabis to remove pain, the drug just masks it. We are also told this is not a so called "gateway drug" and does not lead to other more harmful drugs. This may be so, but how do you explain the fact British Columbia, nationally recognized as the recreational cannabis capitol of Canada also leads, by a very large margin, the number of deaths annually attributed to opioids and hard drugs.

If this is O.K why are medical professionals I speak with so opposed to this?

Back to where I started, I understand cannabis use is wide spread and common place in our society today. My issue is why do we have this great need or desire to normalize it or make it acceptable. I Fear we are making a big mistake.

Enjoy, spring is just around the corner and soon the green will be trying to peak out of the ground.

Tom Taggart is councillor for Colchester District 10

Construction and Demolition Tonnage is 101,970 Tonnes

By **Maurice Rees**

In the February issue, we published several stories on solid waste on a province wide basis, and also an interview with Environment Minister Iain Rankin. The spreadsheet showing yearly tonnages for solid waste and various categories from around the province was supplied by the Department of Environment, when we failed to get sufficient responses from Individual municipalities.

In addition to volumes of residential curbside pickup, Construction & Demolition (C&D) debris was not included. Within a day of the February issue going to press, we received the information from NS DOE providing province wide totals for (C & D) debris.

In the latest report available, C&D province wide totals 101,970 tonnes. A spreadsheet showing volumes accompanies this article. With HRM having 40% of the population its volume of 36,999 tonnes is on par on a per capital basis. Month to month or year to year, volumes are highly variable, particularly in rural areas when larger provincial projects (old schools, hospitals, condemned residences) pop up at random, which may account for some municipalities having higher volumes than the population ratio.

NS DOE noted that while HRM has 40% of the population of

Environment Enforcement to Increase

Enforcement of the province's environmental laws will increase with an announcement the province will hire a prosecutor to focus on the environment. "This prosecutor will focus on the kinds of breaches that put our rivers and streams, our fishery, our water supplies, our parks and protected areas and human health at risk", said Environment Minister Iain Rankin. "Having a dedicated prosecutor in place will help us to better hold people and companies accountable when they break the law", he continued.

The Public Prosecution

Service and the Department of Environment worked together to create this new position. The prosecutor will take cases to court related to the Environment Act, food safety, public health, meat inspection, fisheries and aquaculture, animal welfare, natural resources and the fur industry.

In the 2016-17 fiscal year, Department of Environment staff performed more than 22,400 inspections and audits, and issued more than 5,500 enforcement actions. These include directives, warnings, compliance orders, summary offence tickets and court cases.

NS, there is a municipal bylaw requiring 75% diversion. Regardless if C&D or solid waste and compost, the Shoreline Journal will continue to report on these matters until Divert NS has released its impending efficiency study and markets and or solutions are found to efficiently deal with the province's solid waste.

2018 Nova Scotia C & D Volume

	Regions	C&D
	Province-Wide	Debris
		Tonnes
Region 1	CBRM	17,584
	Richmond	2,273
	Victoria	1,631
	Inverness	1,343
	Port Hawesbury	324
Region 2	Antigonish T	267
	Antigonish C	3,847
	Guysborough	1,428
	Mulgrave	150
	Saint Marys	269
Region 3	Pictou	7,216
	East Hants	2,187
	Colchester	8,811
Region 4	Cumberland	7,303
Region 4	Region 4	36,999
Region 5	Region 5	6,339
Region 6	Region 6	1,420
Region 7	Region 7	2,579
	Province-Wide Total	101,970
Region 4 - HRM		
Region 5 - Annapolis Valley		
Region 6 - Windsor/west hants/ South Shore		
Region 7 - Argyle/Clare / Digby/ Yarmouth		

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