

Joint Council Meeting

By **Maurice Rees**

Colchester Council has suggested February 28th as date for Town and County councils to hold a joint meeting to receive presentations on the RECC Operating Budget and the Truro-Colchester Events Attractions Committee.

Council was issuing an invitation to Truro council-

lors to hold the meeting at Colchester council chambers. A time will be confirmed once Rob Simonds, Colchester CAO confirms details with Truro's CAO, Mike Dolter. A recent amendment to the RECC operating agreement requires operating and maintenance budget be presented annually to the

two councils by the end of February.

The events and attractions committee is required to make presentations twice a year, and it is suggested a joint council setting is the most appropriate format.

In another joint item Colchester Council will seek input and representation from the Town of Truro to form a committee for hosting the UNSM Annual Spring Workshop in 2019. Councillor Stewart, who is also UNSM president, said the only costs to the municipalities would be a social event and possible shuttle service if required.

The March issue of the Shoreline will be published the same day, so proceedings from the joint meeting will be covered in the April issue.



Truro Raceway to Host Championship

Truro Raceway will host the Atlantic Regional Driving Championship on June 29. The top two drivers from each Regional competition will advance to the 2018 National Driving Championship at Grand River Raceway in Elora, Ont. on September 26.

The winner of the 2018 National Driving Championship will have the opportunity to represent Canada in the 2019 World Driving Championship in Sweden.

Regional events will be held for Western, (June 23); Ontario, (May 16); Quebec / Eastern Ontario, June 30 and Atlantic, June 29. This is the first time that Truro has hosted a Regional Driving Championship during the 11 year history of these events.

A field of nine of the top drivers from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will compete for points

in the eight race event and a coveted spot in the National.

Drivers must earn their way into the NDC by finishing first or second at their Regional Driving Championship. Regional events will feature either eight or nine drivers who will compete in a minimum of eight races.

Drivers will receive points based on their finishing posi-

tion and the top two point earners will advance.

The winner of the 2018 National Driving Championship will have the opportunity to represent Canada in the World Driving Championship, and join 2017 World Driving Champion, James MacDonald, of Guelph, Ont., in the 2019 World Driving Championship in Sweden.



February Not Boring in 4-H

By **Abby Thompson**

February can be a bit of a boring month, but not for 4-H! We have so many great things planned for the month of February.

We are selling chocolate bars! This is one of 4-H's many fundraisers that happens every year. It's a great way to get money for the club and county. You can talk to any 4-ers you know to buy some; they are \$3 apiece.

Onslow Belmont's club rally is being held on March 3rd. Club rally is a public speaking event; every member is required to do a speech or a demonstration. The winners from the club go on to county rally, the winners from that go on to regionals, and so on and so forth. We have a potluck and it is a very enjoyable event.

4-H is getting Instagram! The account has not been made quite yet so I'm not sure of the username, but it's coming. That is all about 4-h this

February!

Abby Thompson is reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club



VineView gets \$500,000 Investment

By **Maurice Rees**

An investment of \$500,000 from ACOA's Business Development Program will assist VineView grow their business and enter into new markets. VineView provides high-quality data to grape growers about the health of their vines will be able to expand its presence in international markets.

The contribution will help the data analytics firm establish itself in the world's foremost wine regions. VineView was created with the merger of Technologies and VineView Scientific Aerial Imaging Inc. The merged company is headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia with global operations in Napa Valley, California and Toulouse, France - two of the world's leading grape growing regions.

The company uses aerial images, taken by drone and airplane, to provide valuable data to vineyard owners. Data analytics enable grape growers to optimize yields, improve grape quality, manage irrigation and reduce damage from environmental factors like grapevine infection and frost. VineView has emerged as the leading provider of crop diagnostics for vineyards, working with some of the most prestigious wine brands in the world. Backed by over 15 years of unparalleled industry experience, it delivers innovative,

custom data solutions to detect grapevine diseases and optimize your vineyard's productivity.

On February 9th Darrell Samson, Member of Parliament for Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook, announced the

repayable assistance on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).



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