

Debert Hospitality Centre Trivia Night Disco



It was a blast to the past for Theresa Cooke, Belinda Works, Sharon Edwards and Christine Burgess at the Debert Hospitality Centre's Disco Night Trivia on Feb. 24th. (Harrington Photo)



The second of two winter Trivia Nights was held on Feb. 24th at the Debert Hospitality Centre and this time the theme was Disco. The winning team was the Joey Triviani's and they are shown here accepting their trophy. (Harrington Photo)

Lengthy Meeting Recessed to February 5th

By Maurice Rees

During council's meeting on January 31st, the public hearing on a proposed Creelman property development in Upper Onslow lasted nearly two hours and council was not able to approve the agenda until 9:50 pm. With an intensive agenda, and six items slated for closed session, after meeting until midnight, the January 31st monthly meeting was recessed until following the Tuesday presentation session on February 5th.

With a late start at approximately 10 pm, the first item was approval of minutes of committee meeting on December 4th. A recommendation from committee meeting on December 13th to send a letter to Will Brooke, Policy Advisor, NSFM, expressing Council's interest in the Municipality of Colchester taking part in the pilot project for removing/phasing out the Capped Assessment Program was approved with Councillor Taggart voting in the negative.

From its committee presentation meeting on January 8th on NS Fire Dispatch Standards, council approved letters be written to the Department of Municipal Affairs, NS Federation of Municipalities, and Association of Municipal Administrators to endorse the NS Fire Dispatch Standards; and, the matter be referred to staff to complete an analysis of how the County's current provider meets the Fire Service Association of NS Standards."

The reports and recommendations from council committee meeting on January 10th were reported in

the Shoreline Journal's February issue. Items not covered in the February issue included: Council approves funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival, with source of funds being 2018/19 Community Grants; and, that staff meet with organizers to explore opportunities to keep the event in Colchester; Council approves funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Ecole acadienne de Truro/Jeux de l'Acadie, with source of funds being 2018/19 Community Grants.

Other items not mentioned in February included: Council not support the request from the Village of Bible Hill to use Federal Gas Tax funding for a cost shared sidewalk project and Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Kolhtech International Limited, as per the terms and conditions discussed in Closed Session.

Council's executive committee meet on January 21st with the following brought forward for council's discus-

sion and approval: Moved by Councillor Taggart, seconded by Councillor Boutilier, staff proceed with bringing to Council on January 31, 2019, First Reading of amendments to the Remuneration and Expenses for Council and Appointed Committee Members By-law as per the consultant's recommendations, with the intent to advance to Second Reading at the February 28, 2019 meeting."

Any changes approved by Council would be retroactive to January 1, 2019.

On elected officials and CAO expenses it was approved staff review the Expense Policy for CAO and Members of Council Policy and bring back options relative to meal expenses for Council consideration.

A discussion on the Jordan Municipal Support Project was brought forward by Councillor Taggart indicating that it is a very worthwhile project, however, the program is not exactly as it was initially understood. There is a lot more to the project than originally expected and it

Tipping Fees Increased Significantly

By Maurice Rees

Colchester council approved an increase from \$35 to \$75 for tipping fees for mixed Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste to become more in line with tipping fees charged for in other jurisdictions within the province and to encourage more source separation. Even though C&D fees more than doubled, the municipality still has one of the lowest fees in the province.

The tip fee of wood, metal, shingles and clean drywall remaining at \$35.00 per tonne, it is believed that there would be greater separation of C&D waste material, especially in the commercial sector.

Fees were last increased from \$30 to \$35 in April 2015. The Municipality charges a tip fee of \$35.00 per tonne while the average tip fee for construction and demolition waste material throughout the province is \$93.78 per tonne.

The Kemptown site will begin accepting shingles and clean drywall at the public drop-off on the 1st of April 2019. These items are normally accepted as C&D material but along with wood and metal can be diverted from landfill. There is a potential market for shingles as an alternate fuel and clean drywall is a beneficial additive to the composting process.

The following is a comparative analysis charged by other



jurisdictions across the province: Antigonish, \$75.00; CBRM, \$80.00; Colchester, \$35.00; Cumberland, \$75.00; East Hants, \$85.00; Halifax C&D (Private), \$125.00; Lunenburg, \$165.00; Queens, \$59.25; Valley Region, \$110.00 and Yarmouth, \$128.50. The average tipping fee is \$93.78.

Some of the benefits include: There is no financial implications since the Nova Scotia Department of Environment; DOE provided funding for hook-lift containers for

both shingles and clean drywall and also provided some funding towards education in regard to this change.

Wayne Wamboldt, Manager/Director Kemptown facility says additional benefits could include: increased efficiency in sorting materials with less waste going to the C&D landfill thereby extending the life of the C&D landfill cells and increased revenue as well as an increase in diversion credits.

2019 90 & 90+ BIRTHDAY PARTY

We wish to thank all those who attended the 2018 Annual 90 & 90+ Birthday party. We hope you had a good time.

We are planning this year's party and need your help. I ask you to think about friends, relatives and neighbours from our coverage area, who will be turning 90 in 2019. Let's not wait until next year to get them registered.

If you know of someone who turns 90 in 2019, or is over 90 and never been invited, please pre-register them by sending name, mailing address, phone and date of birth so we can invite them to the party being held in Economy on May 11, 2019.

Please send to:

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**Municipality of the County of Colchester
Low Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 10, 2019

Residential property owners may be eligible for an exemption on their 2019/2020 property taxes, up to a maximum of \$325.29. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the property as your principal residence and fall into one of the categories in the table below:

Family Size	Gross Income	Exemption
Single	less than \$25,838	\$195.17
Family of 2	less than \$34,126	\$260.23
Family of 3 or more	less than \$40,951	\$325.29

Gross Income refers to the total gross income from all sources for the calendar year ending December 31, 2018. This must include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students. You should not include income from the following sources:

1. War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada);
2. Veterans Affairs Canada, Pension;
3. Child Tax Benefit; or
4. GST/HST Rebate

Application forms will automatically be mailed to last years eligible applicants. If you have not received your application form by April 1st, please call 902-897-3162. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must reapply annually. If you did not receive the exemption last year, you may obtain an application from the Municipal Tax Office, 1 Church Street Truro, or by calling 902-897-3162.

For income verification purposes, please bring your 2018 INCOME TAX RETURN, which you submit to Revenue Canada. If you have filed via telephone through the 'File My Return' service, please request a proof of income statement Option 'C' Print to provide as proof of income.

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Rob Simonds
Chief Administrative Officer

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