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Baler Suffers Major Mechanical Breakdown

By Phillip Redden, B.Eng.

On February 13, Phillip Redden, B.Eng., Director of Solid Waste informed council on January 20th, the baler at the material handling facility, Kemptown, sustained a major mechanical breakdown with many welds the baling chamber breaking free. This is the fourth time this type of damage has occurred since it was installed three years ago. On January 22nd, staff began sending garbage trucks directly to the landfill cell for disposal using the same procedures as we did while the baler replacement took place in 2019.

Some trucks will need to dump on the tip floor for safety and mechanical reasons, so this material will be hauled down in the roll-off truck and rock truck to keep the material from building up inside the building. Staff are doing what they can to reduce the amount of litter blowing off

along the back road while hauling this material and it seems to be working well.

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This is a large undertaking and is expected to take approximately one month for the repairs to be completed. The C&D site, Compost Facility and Public Drop Off operations are not affected by the shutdown other than the increased traffic on the road to the cell area.



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New Wind Farm Will Fight Climate Change, Create Jobs

A new wind farm will make more clean, low-cost energy in Nova Scotia, creating jobs, stabilizing power bills and helping fight climate change. The Melvin Lake wind farm has received its environmental assessment approval to proceed. It is owned by ABO Energy Canada and the Eskasoni, Potlotek, We'koqma'q L'nue'kati and Wagmatook First Nations. It will be located on private land in Hants County and Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

The Melvin Lake wind farm is part of the Green Choice Program, which provides large-scale energy customers with clean electricity. These customers include government offices, hospitals, schools and universities, and some large industrial and commercial businesses.

The Melvin Lake wind farm will:

- together with the other Green Choice wind projects, lower Nova Scotia's carbon emissions by at least eight per cent, the single-largest greenhouse gas reduction in the province's history
- move Nova Scotia four per cent closer to reaching its goal of 80 per cent clean energy by 2030; together with other Green Choice wind farms and Nova Scotia's 2030 Clean Power Plan actions, it will get the province to 78 per cent clean energy by 2028
- create about 75 to 125 construction jobs and two to five full-time jobs over the lifetime of the project
- once operating, flow about \$1 million total in tax revenue each year to the Municipality of East Hants and HRM combined
- generate enough green energy to power the equivalent of 51,520 homes
- have to comply with 59 terms and conditions to protect the environment and human health; adhere to all federal and provincial laws which protect drinking water, wildlife, species-at-risk, worker safety, human health and the environment; and comply with all applicable municipal zoning requirements and bylaws.



Tender Awarded for Great Village Sewer Replacement

Atlantic Snow & Ice Management has been awarded a contract for \$107,194.00 for the replacement of 75m of sanitary sewer, located along Highway 2 in Great Village. The work will begin in May with a projected completion date of June 30, 2025.

Council's approved 5-year capital budget from 2024/25 includes \$187,500 for the replacement of 75m of sanitary sewer in Great Village. 50% of the project is to be funded by Sewer Capital, and 50% is to be funded by the Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP).

A total of 17 prospective bidders requested the tender documents and 3 bids were received by the closing date of January 29th at 3PM. The bid results, in ascending order are listed below: Atlantic Snow & Ice Management, \$107,194.00; S.W. Weeks Construction LTD and Dexter Construction Company LTD, \$212,475.00.

In addition to the tender value, other project costs will include Staff Time & Expenses (\$10,000), Materials Testing (\$2,500), Rebated Tax (\$4,487.18), and Contingency/Miscellaneous (\$818.82). Total anticipated project commitment is \$125,000, which is within the approved budget of \$187,500.

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STEP Draft Presented to Partners

In her report to council committee on February 13, Economic Development Officer, Jenn Martin, reported a draft of the Strategic Tourism Expansion Plan (STEP has been presented by Richard Innis, Brain Trust, to each of the four partners (Town of Truro, Town of Stewiacke, County of Colchester, and Millbrook First Nation). Colchester Council received their presentation on February 4, 2025. The report, with a complementary implementation plan, will be brought to the March Council Committee meeting for discussion, intending to be ratified at the March Council meeting.

The interim implementation plan will cover steps to execute the following:

Tourism Society: Formation of a Tourism Society to act as the core accountability body. This includes establishing governance models and membership recruitment.

Interim Staffing: Develop and recruit short-term/contractual staff to ensure the STEP can be actioned during the interim period.

Operational Framework: Development of a 12-month operational plan and budget to guide the Tourism Society.

Executive Committee: Creation of an Executive Committee with representatives from each partner to provide short-term accountability and oversight.

Funding Requests: Processes and procedures to address

fiscal year 2025-2026 funding requests, including Major Event Funding.

Once established, the Tourism Society would serve as the core accountability body for the marketing levy and execution of the STEP recommendations. The interim implementation plan would cover the period between approval of the STEP by each partner and the establishment of the Tourism Society.

FASHTON'S Garden Centre

Mothers Day Event
Sunday May 11th
10am till 4pm
Daffodil Walk, Live Music, Food Truck, Perennials, Shrubs, hanging Baskets and Summer Bedding Plants

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