

REES' Pieces

Selfish, Greed, Hatred

When we look back at the challenges which our great and grandparents we find it hard to believe how they survived and were able to not only build our country, but also instill a set of high values into the generations in our family tree that we have been part of their life. Not only do those 25 and under not understand, they could not survive more than a few days. Let me give you a couple of examples. About three weeks ago, the electricity went out. After about an hour later, I called the NS Power Outage line, which I do anytime power is out more than an hour.

I reported to a friend that re-connect was estimated at four hours. I could not believe their reaction. You would think someone told them the worlds was coming to an end. In the last couple of storms, the weather experts had forecast 6-8 inches of snow followed by sleet and a few hours of snow followed by sleet and a few hours of freezing rain, it might not be pretty. When we were discussing "being prepared" I mentioned we should draw down some water; charge our phones and make sure there is plenty of stuff to make sandwiches, because if the storm is as bad as they say, with a few hours freezing rain we could be without electricity for a couple days. It was then I totally realized how vulnerable the younger generation are today.

Because it has been so icy it wasn't safe to venture out. We might as well been confined to "house arrest". I did not venture out of the house for nearly a week, not even, to poke my head out the door, because I could see a broken hip was waiting to occur. I spent a lot of time thinking about how things changed during and after CoVid-19. I concluded the \$2,000 cheques had a lot to do changing the mindset. People got used to a monthly income and not having to work. Then when they had to get bac to work their selfishness set in. Ideally, they wanted a good portion of the \$2,000 cheque plus their paycheque. That was the start of the selfish traits.

Their new traits were not entrenched and would have modified to a lesser degree in 2-3 months.

I blame all levels of government for rapid growth of greed. Governments didn't step in with a sledge hammer and put a stop to the unacceptable, greed of landlords and the food industry, like Campbells soup, Lays potato chip and all the other suppliers of food. Not only do I remember when soup was on sale for \$0.25. I checked a few small stores recently and was amazed to see price of Campbells tomato soup ranging from \$3.35 to 3.65 per can. I have a raincheck for 30 cans of Campbell's soups in my wallet for \$0.25. I could go on and on with a long list of gouging prices. With unaffordable rent /real estate prices and cost of food it is understandable why people are upset and ugly.

The problem is prices are going to stay high for so long people's bitchiness will be so engrained, it will be next to impossible for any amount of therapy to make our mental outlook good again. I fear that in time, a majority of us will become a society so filled with selfishness and greed nobody will want to associate with us.

For the longer term my fear is when people are upset because of events that have caused them to become more selfish. Life and our outlook on life is like a recipe, there are many things needed for us to be happy-go-lucky. Long exposure to being selfish, with a growing level of greed will cause our unhappiness to turn into hate. Because we are not pleased at our lack of success we are mad the world. When mad at the world we hate everything and everybody.

Every politician needs to understand where the world's at. If they haven't already, they need to change their ways and start listening to the electorate who is "crying out for help".

Maurice

Letters to the editor

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Letter to Editor

Plan mimics our neighbour's "Drill baby, Drill".

(This letter was sent to: Premier Tim Houston; Hon. Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources; Tom Taggart, MLA Colchester North; Hon Timothy Halman, Minister Department of Environment & Climate Change, plus several media outlets including The Shoreline Journal).

How disappointing it is to see that our Provincial Government has announced an economic growth plan that mimics our neighbour's "drill baby drill". Equally disturbing is your public effort to derail any opposition to your ambitions by attempting to discredit reputable organizations such as the Ecology Action Centre. (Also straight out of Trump's playbook.)

My community has dealt with your Environment Department through two Environmental Assessments over the last 7 years and I am familiar with the stance you and your colleagues take when it comes to protecting our rural communities from environmental intrusions by corporate giants. The giant always wins. The approval process is distorted in favor of big business and the so-called community consultation is a facade. The process lacks transparency and accountability - you don't justify your decisions to the public, and there is no appeal process.

Seven years ago the Auditor General filed a scathing report on the efficacy of the Department of Environment. Judging from the experience of my community the Auditor's report was not acted upon.

You should be ashamed that the Department of Environment and Climate Change is operating under legislation that hasn't had a major update for decades. The citizens of this province deserve better. We need to protect our non-renewable resources and our fragile environment from the corporate giants that get rich at our expense, and self-serving politicians that lack the guts to take action.

Volunteer organizations that work every day to protect our environment are not the enemy. They only exist because you are not doing your job.

Sincerely, Ian MacFadden,
Private Citizen, Little Dyke Lake

Neptune Theatre Announces Spectacular 2025-2026 Season Featuring Blockbuster Hits and Timeless Classics

HALIFAX, NS - February 19, 2025 - Neptune Theatre, Atlantic Canada's premier destination for live theatre, is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated 2025-2026 season. This year's lineup brings a jam packed mix of Broadway hits, incredible partnerships with theatres across the country, thought-provoking dramas, laugh out loud comedies, and classics including the beloved family musical The Wizard of Oz and Edward Albee's searing masterpiece Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Artistic Director Jeremy Webb said "this season, we want to remind audiences that there's truly 'no place like home,' here at Neptune Theatre. I'm so excited to share this line up of stellar programming with everyone. There are show's this season that will have you wheezing with laughter, crying both joyful and sorrowful tears, and experiencing moments of absolute magic. It's going to be epic."

The 2025-2026 season continues Neptune Theatre's commitment to artistic excellence, diverse storytelling, and unforgettable theatrical experiences. The powerhouse collection kicks off the summer with the return of the beloved hit musical Mamma Mia! with non-stop hits right through to the season ending show...which is top secret.

"We know what the show is. And believe me, I desperately want to tell you. But we have to keep it under our hat until May 12" laughed Webb. "I'm incredibly excited about it, the team is incredibly excited about it, and we know that our audiences will be even more excited about it. We have signed a rigorous NDA

(non-disclosure agreement) until that date. That's a first!"

Starting the season are a duo of Indigenous works - the extremely popular Bear Grease that has been selling out across North America, and Mischief by local playwright Lisa Nason of the Millbrook First Nation. Bear Grease is an adaptation of Grease the Musical, given a "Rez Makeover" by creators Crystle Lightning and Henry Cloud Andrade. Mischief is a fictional comedy about a young Mi'kmaw woman caught up in the battle to tear down the statue of Cornwallis. A co-production with Native Earth Performing Arts & Tarragon Theatre (Toronto & Tkaronto), Mischief is being created here in Mi'kma'ki.

There is no doubt that, thanks to the Wicked franchise, and the global excitement over a popular pair of witches, Webb has us skipping down the yellow brick road during the holiday season. Before we stage the beloved, family friendly, Wizard of Oz musical, we are delivering laughs with How The Other Half Loves - a farce about three married couples and their secrets. For those looking for more traditional Holiday fare, Dickens' A Christmas Carol returns for its 22nd year of delighting audiences.

2026 will start with a trio of incredible shows about, written, or directed by women. Kicking off the back

half of the season is Rose Napoli's Mad Madge, a bawdy comedy about 17th Century maverick Margaret Cavendish. Following that is Scout Rexe's unapologetically bold Cult Play, a multimedia solo show that explores the complex interplay of desire and deception, complicity and choice. Then award-winning director Ann-Marie Kerr takes the reins of the seminal classic Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, a play made famous by the Oscar winning movie of the same name starring Elizabeth Taylor.

The season ends with two comedies and two exciting partnerships with Nova Scotian theatre companies, the first a new Mark Crawford comedy called Chase The Ace about a small-town radio DJ dealing with big time crime (coming to us from Ship's Company Theatre, Parrsboro.) And finally, The Ghost of Violet Shaw, a brand new farce from Katarina Bakolias that's laugh-out-loud funny and crossing the MacDonald Bridge to be created by Eastern Front Theatre.

The season ending Mystery Musical will be revealed on May 12, 2025.

Season subscriptions are now on sale, which guarantee the best seats and the best prices for the season - including the Top Secret Show. Patrons can contact our Box Office or visit www.neptunetheatre.com to purchase or renew.

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