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Our Plan also helps businesses succeed by encouraging manufacturers to invest in new equipment, extending the "hiring credit" for small business, and by making strategic investments in world class research and innovation. All major federal transfers to provinces and territories will grow from current record levels, totalling \$62 billion in 2013-14, an increase of almost 50% since 2005-06 under the former Liberal government.

Here at home, our province will see record transfer support for social and health services. Total major transfers will total \$2.9 billion in 2013-14, including: 1) Almost \$1.5 billion through the equalization, an increase of \$114 million, or almost 9 percent since 2005-06 under the former Liberal government; 2) \$833 million through the Canada Health Transfer, an increase of \$208 million, or 33 percent since 2005-06 under the former Liberal government; 3) \$329 million through the Canada Social Transfer, an increase of \$63 million, or almost 24 percent since 2005-06 under the former Liberal government. Economic Action Plan 2013 also confirms that Nova Scotia has qualified for an extension of its 2005 offshore arrangements up to March 31, 2020, meaning even more and predictable federal support for the province.

Our government will enhance the Veteran's Funeral and Burial Program by simplifying it and more than doubling the current funeral services reimbursement rate from \$3,600 to \$7,376.

But that's not all. Economic Action Plan 2013 includes our Government's plan to make the largest federal investment in job-creating infrastructure in Canadian history - \$70 billion over 10 years. This investment will help build and repair roads, bridges, subways, rail, and much more in communities across Canada. At the same time, our Government's plan makes common sense changes to the way government is run and the way taxpayers' money is spent. Not only will these changes help to create a more efficient government, but will lead the way toward returning to balanced budgets in 2015.

With Economic Action Plan 2013, our Conservative government continues to position Canada as a global economic leader. For more information on the Plan and how it can benefit you, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll - free at 1-888-752-0552; visit me website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter@Armstrong\_MP.

*Scott Armstrong, MP Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley*

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surveillance, but that it should complement, not replace, fire tower operators. We know early detection, early reporting and early response to wildfires is absolutely critical. Fire towers in our area have a history of providing a valuable service. Those positions are still vacant. It is now 2013 and we are approaching another summer season. Many wilderness areas in the Central Region are remote. They contain old growth, deadwood and blow-downs. This creates a tinder box for fire. This is also the time when provincial parks and private campgrounds come alive.

In addition to the reduction to fire tower operators, we now have the decision by governments regarding mowing of grass. When I brought this to their attention, I was advised it was "to respect the natural habitat". That really means "don't mow the grass". Tinder-dry grass in close proximity to open fire pits is creating the "perfect storm", and putting our forests and properties at risk. I urge the government to re-think their decisions. Mow the grass in our campsites. Fill the vacant positions in our fire towers. Provide the fire protection we need, expect and deserve. Make public safety a priority.

*Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North Ph: 902-893-2180*

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who found the garbage on their land opened the bags found names and posted it on Facebook.

They did not accuse the folks only noted that they found this garbage and these names were in it, I personally like that idea. There is absolutely no excuse for this. If you find an illegal dump please notify me or call the waste management hot line and report it.

Now on a more serious note, it's getting into late April, and I have not seen a sign of the smelts. I hope they are not staying out of the BAY in fear of the fracking waste water. Hopefully they will have faith in council and show up soon.

Tom

*Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County*

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Last but certainly not least is the totally disgusting feeling you get when you're walking down that favorite trail for the first time in spring and realize you just stepped in dog crap. The next time you take your dog out for a walk, stop and think about the health of all the other animals that reside in your community and the cleanliness of our neighborhood walkways and take your pooper scooper with you.

In closing this month I would like to ask everyone to take care on our highways this summer. It seems as though when the warmer weather comes there is an increase in speeders on our country roads. Take caution and remember that this warmer weather also brings children outside to play and people out riding their bikes or walking their pets.

If you wish to contact me on these issues or any other I can be reached at 895-2242 or drop me a line at [councillordistrict9@colchester.ca](mailto:councillordistrict9@colchester.ca)

*Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County*

**WASHER TOSS  
Tournament  
JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The 9th Annual Andrew Yorke "Sharky" Washer Toss Tournament will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013 37 Beaverbrook Road, Five Islands. Limited spots available. Come out and enjoy a great day with Andrew's friends and family. There is something for everyone - BBQ on site, Silent Auction, Door Prizes.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Call Bonnie at 902-254-2995 to register your team \$10.00 per two person team. Proceeds raised go towards an Educational Scholarship Fund.

**Fee-based vs Percentage**

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Fee-based accounts also encourage more efficient portfolio management. By way of their structure, fee-based accounts take commission concerns out of transactions, ultimately encouraging more active management and regular rebalancing. For instance, an advisor may wish to take advantage of a bumpy market by slowly entering a position. This can be costly in a commission-based account though, so an advisor may be less inclined to encourage this for fear that the commissions would outweigh the benefits of the dollar-cost averaging. This is not a concern in fee-based accounts because the trades are included within the fee.

Cost savings are another potential benefit of fee-based accounts. According to data from PriceMetrix, the average equity trade size is \$22,240. Therefore an investor with a \$500,000 portfolio making 20 trades per year, and charged a commission of 2.50%, would incur total commission costs of \$11,120. If that investor were instead in a fee-based account charging 1.50%, they would save \$3,620 per year. The investor may also benefit from tax advantages because fees linked with non-registered fee-based accounts are generally tax deductible.

Perhaps one of the biggest advantages with fee-based accounts comes from additional values received. Advisors who provide fee-based services tend to focus holistically on wealth management by providing research and guidance on associated factors such as tax efficiencies, estate planning, education and retirement planning, insurance needs and implementation strategies. Tending to these matters can prove advantageous. According to the Investment Funds Institute of Canada, investors who work with financial advisors have nearly three times more wealth and investable assets on average than those who do not.

As with any professional service, portfolio management fees are charged for services rendered and there must be value received to justify the cost. An advisor should be prepared to articulate the values clearly, so that the investor can make the right choice.

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*My Marigold!*

May 3 - 7:30 pm

Singer/Songwriter

**Justin Rutledge**

\$15.00  
(members \$13.50)



May 8 - 7:30 pm

Comedian/Hypnotist!

**Ian Stewart**

\$20.00  
(members save 10%)

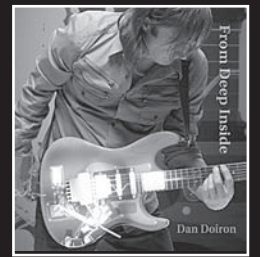
May 10 - 7:30 pm

**Dan Dorion**

Releasing his new CD

"From Deep Inside"

\$15.00  
(members save 10%)



May 11 - 7:30 pm

**New Horizon Band Concert**

A community band for seniors!

All tickets \$10 at the door

May 17  
7:30 pm

**Aiden Knight  
with Folly and  
the Hunter**

\$20.00



May 18  
7:30 pm

**Shari  
Ulrich**

\$20.00

May 25  
7:30 pm

**Oh Susanna**

\$20.00



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605 Prince St., Truro  
\$2 Theatre Betterment charge applies on all ticket sales. Additional fees apply to online purchases.

**We'll re-open very soon**

Unfortunately, we have been closed since the tragic fire on April 18th. Soon we'll be re-opening across the street at 914 Prince Street, Truro.

The entire store suffered extensive smoke damage, making all merchandise unusable. As a result, we are working with our insurance company for a settlement.

New merchandise is being ordered from our suppliers to replace over 3,000 pieces of merchandise. None of the smoke laden clothing apparel will enter our new store.

**We'll soon be launching a large website with an on-line store enabling us to better serve Atlantic Canada and beyond.**

We offer Atlantic Canada's largest selection of designs for short or long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and other apparel. In three months we have become one of the largest independently owned retailers of Sons of Anarchy and a large selection of musicians, bands, and TV shows in Nova Scotia. Our line of reflective Safetywear was just starting to grow in leaps and bounds.

**We thank the volunteer firefighters, police and security personnel for their efforts.**

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