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Veterans with priority access to employment opportunities in the federal public service. Canada's Veterans have valuable skills, training and experience that make them strong candidates for civilian employment, and our Government is committed to helping them in this transition.

The Last Post Fund is another example of how we are honouring the tremendous sacrifices of Canada's Veterans. We doubled the funeral and burial amounts, and extended it to modern Veterans, ensuring that Canada's Veterans are laid to rest respectfully. To ensure the legacy of Canada's Veterans is remembered, our Government has invested in numerous national and international commemorative events including the inaugural National Day of Honour.

Now our Conservative Government is introducing new measures to further improve the range of services and benefits available to our Veterans.

Our Government is enhancing the Earnings Loss benefit that is available to Veteran's. Our measures will increase minimum income amount for reservists so it equals the minimum amount

of Regular Forces Veterans. This increase is also extended to reservists survivors.

We are also introducing the Retirement Income Security Benefit, to ensure injured Veterans have financial support beyond the age of 65. It will also provide further support for their families, with continued payments to the Veteran's survivor.

We are also expanding eligibility for the Permanent Impairment Allowance program to include Veterans who have severe and permanent limitation in mobility or self-care, increasing the financial support for more injured Veterans.

Our proposed Family Caregiver Relief Benefit will provide eligible Veterans a tax-free grant of \$7,238 annually, to provide informal caregivers - most often family members - a well-deserved break. This benefit will help cover the cost of bringing a professional caregiver into the home to help ensure the continued care of injured Veterans.

Recently, we unveiled the proposed Critical Injury Benefit which will provide a \$70,000 a tax-free award to support the most severely injured and ill Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans. This will address immediate impacts of most severe

and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases sustained by CAF members and Veterans, between the time the injury and disease occurs and the time their condition becomes medically stable. This benefit is intended to work alongside the existing benefits and supports delivered by Veteran's Affairs Canada.

These new measures build on the continuum of care available to Canada's Veterans injured in service. They respond directly to the concerns raised by the Standing Committee of Veterans Affairs, Veterans and stakeholders, and the Royal Canadian Legion said the new initiatives are "very much welcomed."

Canada's Veterans have served our country valiantly, and our Conservative Government is focused on delivering the services and support they need, and deserve.

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

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will monitor the waitlist as it is a commitment of our Government to ensure those children who need early interven-

tion to receive it before they enter Primary. These Early Intervention Programs have been under-funded by previous governments. I am proud to be part of a Liberal Government that is investing in direct services for children and families in need of

Early Intervention Programs.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development

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I feel the need to comment on a website that has been set up in support of the Bay, Namely, Save the Bay of Fundy. I am confident it is all well intentioned, but in their desire to get their message out, I believe they are damaging the reputation of our shore.

In today's environment of the internet many potential tourists will do their research on-line in deciding where their travel destination may be. If for example you googled Bay of Fundy and you got a website that advised potential tourists should be aware of

the TOXINS that may be released into the Bay of Fundy along with photos of dead fish scattered on the beach it presents a very powerful image. Not likely to encourage tourists to visit.

Many will say the Municipality should have addressed this earlier. I have stated many times these things have to follow a process. To date, council has been very supportive of the Bay. I am confident this web site is well intentioned, with its purpose to apply pressure in support of the Bay, but I fear it is having a very negative impact.

As mentioned last month we will be having a meeting to deter-

mine the future of the senior's hall in Bass River. After that article went out I have heard from several people who would like to see the hall supported but felt it may be a large challenge. There is no doubt it will be just that, however I feel it can be accomplished. I have been contacted by supporters interested in supporting financially, but would need some assurance there is a group committed to its future.

Please take the time to attend and voice your opinion. The meeting will take place at 7PM May 13 at the hall.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

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waste water into the sewer system and eventually into the Bay of Fundy has been a controversial issue, to say the least. To date there has not been one drop of this waste water put into the Debert sewer treatment plant. I want to bring this to everyone's attention do to the fact there has been absolutely no damage done to the Bay of Fundy through the discharge of treated fracking waste water in Colchester County.

However, there has been and continues to be extreme damage inflicted upon the Bay of Fundy's tourism and our economy by a small group of individuals. There is a web site set up by these individuals who have taken factual information and twisted it in a way to create fear and untruths throughout our communities. The right to free speech is a privilege we all enjoy and need to respect.

We who sit on the Sewer Use Appeals Committee can do our very best to represent our constituents and protect our environ-

ment. I wish I could say the same about the damage being done by this web site. I will not mention the name of this web site because obviously this would just draw attention to it. No doubt these individuals truly do believe this is the best way to protect the Bay. The fact is they have caused and continue to cause irreversible harm which will last forever on the World Wide Web.

If you were a tourist from out of province and you google the Bay of Fundy and found this web site and read it, believe me you would definitely have second thoughts on visiting our beautiful Bay. In my opinion, these individuals should be ashamed of themselves. I'm sure I will take some back lash for these comments but at least I'm not hiding behind a web site and saying them.

If any of the creators or supporters of this web site would like to contact me personally my home phone number is 902-895-2242 and my address is #12516 Hwy #2 in Lower Onslow. By the way I have one of the most fantastic gorgeous views of the head of the Bay of Fundy in all of Colchester from my upstairs deck.

I have fished, hunted, trapped, picked and ate marsh greens and enjoyed the privilege of living in harmony with this natural wonder we call "Our Bay", my entire life. I can't understand how someone could possibly believe they are protecting this beautiful resource by doing so much harm with twisted words and mis-truths.

I hope to see all of the residents who have contacted their councillor or had concerns about this issue at the hearing in May. The hearing is open to the public and once again will be held at the Debert Legion May 21st at 6 pm.

An information session about reverse osmosis will be presented by a person within that industry and all information on the treated fracking waste water will also be delivered at this meeting. The Sewer Use Appeals Committee will then make its final decision on the discharging of this waste water before May 30th, 2015.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Burning Restrictions - Now In Place

Burning restrictions are now in place throughout the province, until Oct. 15. The restrictions were delayed this year because of heavy snow. Burning domestic brush and campfires is not permitted any day between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Domestic brush refers to brush on properties of homeowners, woodlot owners, farmers and other non-industrial lands. After 2 p.m., the burning of domestic brush and campfires may or may not be permitted, depending on conditions.

People are encouraged to check www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe to learn when burning brush and campfires is permitted. An online map shows when and where burning is permitted, each day, by county. The map can be viewed at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe.

The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county, to show if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe, with certain time restrictions.

The burning restriction information is also available in a recorded message by calling toll-free, 1-855-564-2876 (B-U-R-N). The map and phone message are both updated daily at 2 p.m.

The map applies only to the burning of brush on domestic properties. Industrial brush

burning still requires a paper permit from a Department of Natural Resources office. Campfires in proper metal appliances at provincial and private parks are permitted.



Londonderry Community Council News

By Brenda McMullin

Things I know for sure - spring is coming, not as fast as I want, but it is coming. I saw my first robin on Good Friday and deer are out in the fields...yup, spring is coming!

Baby Wyatt Spencer is home and a little spoiled I hear.

The cemetery supper is the first Saturday in May. Pork, I think, and Mrs. Smith's homemade pies.

July 1st, Canada Day, the Council will be working with Faith Baptist Church to celebrate Canada Day.

I attended a meeting and it sounds like fun. A bike, trike, stroller, wagon parade will kick it off. Then it's onto the field games, music, food, dunk tank, wagon rides and something for everyone. It will be well worth attending.

I went to Halifax with my sister Debbie. She can talk on a cell phone, she can text, too but she can't eat an ice cream and drive. It was scary for a while.

Dan and Peg Mattix are home from their trip and pictures can be seen on

facebook.

Juanita Corbett and her sister are leaving for a cruise to Bermuda in a couple weeks, then her and Stan plan on going to Newfoundland. Let's hope she doesn't get seasick. These boats are bigger than the PEI Ferry.

Loved the idea of putting branches with pink ribbons in the holes on the road, it was a good one.

Dylan was meeting with a concussion therapist today. She will work with him on his concussion. This is her speciality, so let's hope it works out. It has been a long road for him. I'm excited to see how it works and what can be done.

We will be rockin' with Rod Stewart in July. Got my tickets, got my room...I'm ready! The last concert I got to sleep with Peggy's mom. We shared a room with Dan and Peg. Let's just say, never again!

I'm ending with children are a great comfort in your old age, and hey help you reach it faster, too.

Until next month...



We have moved!

We have relocated our store to 94 Esplanade at the Truro Centre. Come check out our new store!
We're just three doors down from Murphy's Fish & Chips!

Just arrived: Large selection of NHL, Hunting & Fishing Camo Caps.
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