



The United Way of Colchester presents the first of three \$25,000 installments to the Library Foundation. Pictured above are: Terry Hearn, Executive Director, Keltie Jones, Board Chair, Lucy Leblanc, United Way Board Member, Janet Pelley, Library Director, Nuri Guerra, Campaign Director, Mary Brown, Foundation Chair. (Submitted)

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EcoSPRAY platform was collaboratively designed and built by DSA, Fundy Tidal, and local suppliers Clare Machine Works (Meteghan, NS) and Bear River Plastics (Cornwallis, NS). The experiment includes state of the art equipment to measure motion, mooring line loads, wind speeds, tidal currents, and wave conditions. The platform is equipped with a drag plate to simulate the thrust created by an underwater turbine.

Gary Burrill, newly chosen leader of the NDP may have an opportunity to get a seat in the Provincial Legislature. Halifax Needham NDP MLA Maureen MacDonald, who most recently served as interim NDP leader, has retired from the Nova Scotia Legislature effective immediately. She delivered her letter of resignation to the Speaker of the House of Assembly on April 12th. Premier McNeil must call a by-election within six months.

MBW Courier Inc., owned by Barry Mitchell and Phil Walters, has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Community Credit Union Business Excellence Award and Eric MacKeen, General Manager of Tri County Ford, has been selected as the BDC Business Person of the Year. Their recognition coincides with MBW's 20th year in business and Tri County Ford's achievement of Ford Canada's President's Diamond Club Sales and Service Award for the 15th time. The awards were presented on April 21 during the Chamber's 126th annual gala dinner celebration at the Best Western Glengarry.

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Eileen Stubbs granddaughter

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tributed so much to energy development and to economic opportunities in communities across Alberta.

Decades of responsible natural resources and energy development unlocked Alberta's opportunities, providing jobs for Albertans and for Canadians right across the country, economic spin off opportunities in other sectors and across Canada, world-leading technology, operational expertise, and regulatory best practices that are exported around the globe, and billions of dollars in revenue for multiple levels of government, and for other provinces. That revenue provides programs and services we value in every community in every province. Through both conventional natural resources development and the development of new energy technology, Nova Scotia can do this too.

The former Conservative government invested \$25 million from the Clean Energy Fund into the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy. The new leading research facility near Parrsboro represents the future of energy innovation. Tidal energy may be a competitive source of clean energy, and this project has great potential for both Nova Scotia, and for export to the United States.

I was also fortunate to visit the street named after "Missy Nan" in Dartmouth's Burnside Industrial Park. It was incredibly special for me to see this

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has programs to help businesses reach their full potential by hiring a controller or becoming more efficient. And Nova Scotia Business Inc. wants to help our small and medium businesses become exporters.

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emergency scene, and they are ever ready to protect the community of which they are so proud. As United Nations Secretary General Ban-ki-moon stated in December 2, 2012, "by giving of their time and skills without the expectation of material reward, volunteers themselves are uplifted by a singular sense of purpose".

At the recent annual banquet held in Londonderry for the

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level of service funding" this was to enable small rural brigades with a limited tax base to receive a financial top up to ensure they had the funds required to ensure proper training. However it does not by any means come close to keeping up with capitol equipment requirements. It may well be time to take a serious look at this.

However the main point or points I want to make in this column are first and foremost. Strong, vibrant and well trained VOLUNTEER Fire Brigades are an absolute necessity in rural communities. Most importantly to provide safety and security in our communities that are often 20 to 45 minutes from emergency responders in the urban core. Just as important and not often recognized, is that should these Volunteer brigades not exist we would be unable to access fire insurance on our homes which in the end would lead to the end of our rural communities that we love and choose to live in.

Once again we often take these men and women for granted.

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managed by the community as a working forest for the benefit of the community. There are 125 community forests across Canada today. These forests are managed on a for-profit, co-operative structure, run by shareholders for the community. All profits go back into the community.

There is a pilot project underway in Annapolis County called Medway Community Forest Cooperative. It was originally formed to help offset the closure of the Bowater mill. This Community Forest cooperative is managing 15,000 hectares of crown land in the Caledonia, Milford and Bear River area. A community managed forest gives residents more say over local fire wood supplies, forest restoration, sustainability and the ever growing eco-tourism and recreation economy.

Can you only imagine what the Cobiquid Mountain range would look like today if we had had more community involvement in the decision making process on how this forest was harvested over the past 50 years? How the water which comes rushing down our river systems in a matter of hours now, could have

My office is here to help. Nothing is more important to me than securing the economic future of Cumberland and Colchester. We have all the ingredients to continue being successful, and there has never been a better time to invest.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester

Great Village and District Fire Brigade, members came together to receive recognition and well-deserved thanks. As the MLA for Colchester North, I was proud to acknowledge the contributions made by members of the Commission, the Auxiliary, the Fundraising Committee and the community for their volunteerism. Most important, I want to thank the firefighters for their commitment to making our communities safe.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

We can no longer do that. As many of the, shall I say senior or more experienced long term firefighters get older as more and more firefighters are employed outside of their home communities, it becomes increasingly more difficult to have bodies to respond to our local emergencies.

I am asking that you as able bodied young men and women consider becoming involved in your local Fire Brigades. I will do my best to ensure that the Municipality help provide proper training and do my best to provide adequate funding.

Also Mutual Aid has always been a backbone of this service. I have spoken with some of the local chiefs and will soon speak with them all. Staff is currently preparing to arrange a meeting of Chiefs along the shore to work out some new protocols.

I do not want to be an alarmist!! However I feel that in some cases we are close to getting in a critical situation. We must all work together. I ask that many of you, please, consider giving your time to ensure your family friends and neighbours are protected.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

been better controlled with a properly managed forest?

I believe through more local management of our forest we can not only save tax payers dollars on flood mitigation, we can also create new jobs and businesses through recreational opportunities and tourism benefits within the forestry sector. The Medway Community Forest Cooperative motto states, "It's time to try a new way of doing things."

Also I want to remind everyone of the roadside clean-up organized by the Lower Onslow Community Centre Society scheduled to begin at 9:00 am May 7th, 2016 at McElmon's Pond. We are going to meet at McElmon's Pond at 9:00 am to clean the section of road between the flashing light on Hwy#2 in Lower Onslow and the Debert overpass.

We have approximately 20 youth from the Onslow Belmont 4-H Club coming out to help along with an escort provided by the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade to help keep us all safe. Following the clean up, there will be a BBQ at the community centre at 12 noon for everyone who participated. If you're interested in helping out give me a call at 902-895-2242.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County



2016 Volunteer Awards



A ceremony was held on Monday, April 11 at the Truro Holiday Inn with both the Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester County recognizing those such volunteers that help in the betterment of their community. Jude Clyke with the Town of Truro and Frank Arseneau with the Municipality of Colchester were selected as the 2016 Provincial Volunteer Award Representatives.

Other such representatives that fall in that same category are: David Sullivan, Trudi O'Connell, Darlene LeBlanc, Terri Bishop, Tammy Morrison, Hazel MacKay, Dan Hobson, Rick Doane, Daton Pearl, Mark Brownell, Jim Flemming. Missing from photo: Jude Clyke, Russell Bradley, Ken Beck, Jake

Borden, Alan MacLean. This year's nominee for the Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award has been given to Ryan Rees for his outstanding contributions.

Other Volunteer award candidates are as follows; Community Group Volunteer Awards were distributed to the Burnside-Pembroke Community Park Association, and Monday Cafe. Family Volunteer Awards were distributed to the MacKay Family & the Deuville Family. The Youth Volunteer Award was distributed to Darci Cameron. A special thank you to all of the Volunteers nominated this year.

It is an honour to have you as a part of our community.