



12 year old Ryan MacAleese makes his debut performance with his dad Kevin at Mo's in Five Islands. Ryan was playing Hotel California on a Rickenbacker 12-string electric guitar. (Harrington Photo)



Full House at Mo's in Five Islands on April 9th for an entertaining evening featuring Jim Aylward, Bill Elliott, Kevin MacAleese and Ryan MacAleese. (Harrington Photo)

New WCCDA Board to Decide on New By-Laws

By Maurice Rees

A new West Colchester Community Development Association (WCCDA) board of directors and current members will in a Special Meeting on May 17th in Bass River Fire Hall at 7:00 pm to adopt a new set of by-laws. Current members decided to hold a special meeting during it's April 12th meeting held at the Bass River fire hall.

To adopt new by-laws required a 30 day notice. The new by-laws have been crafted following several WCCDA meetings within the past year and were followed by open house meetings at the Peg, Masstown; Economy Recreation Centre and the Bass River firehall. Bass River resident, Jim Campbell, who has decades of experience working with community groups lead the by-law development following input from each of the meetings.

At the April 12th meeting, members accept-

ed and adopted the nominating committee report which brought several new members to the table and appointed the 2017-2018 executive. The new executive and board of directors comprises: Rebecca Taylor, chair; Annie Phillips, vice-chair; Tiffany Ward, secretary; and Anna Grue, treasurer.

Appointed to the board of directors were: Maurice Rees and Jim Wyatt as directors at large. Other directors representing geographical areas include: Joell MacLaughlin, Five Islands; Marley Leslie, Economy; Cees Van Den Hoek, Bass River and Portapique; Steve Mazur, Highland Village and Great Village; and Laurie Jennings, Glenholme, Lower Debert and Masstown.

Vacancies exist for Londonderry and Debert. Nominations for the two areas are expected to be filled at the May 17th meeting. The special meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting of the directors.

RECC Receives \$352,000 ACOA Funding

By Maurice Rees

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre has received \$352,000 from ACOA to assist with dehumidification system upgrades to maintain optimal ice conditions and air quality within the building. The support was announced on April 19th by Bill Casey, Member of Parliament for Cumberland - Colchester, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for ACOA. Funding is provided through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's Innovative Communities Fund (ICF).

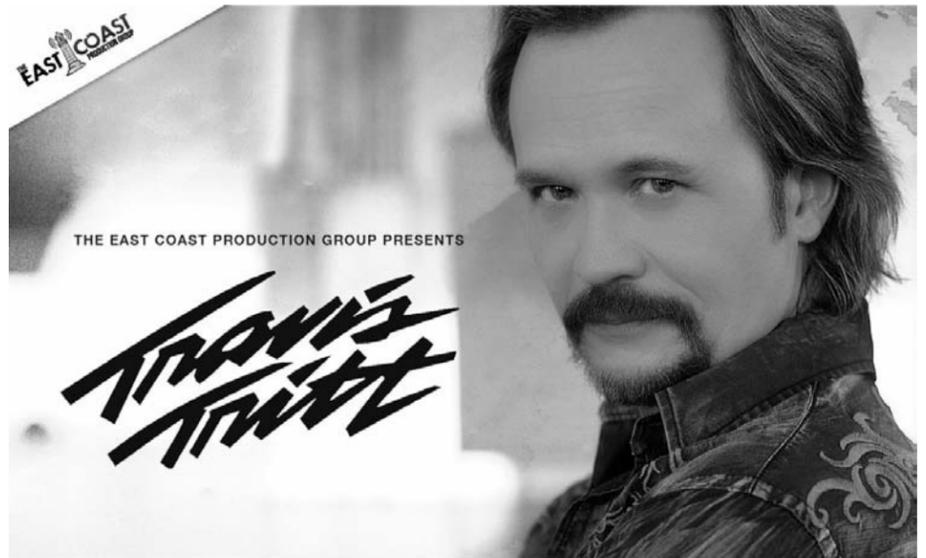
In a partnership between the Town of Truro and the Municipality of the County of Colchester a further \$166,640 is to be

invested by each partner for the upgrades.

A portion of the ACOA funding will also be earmarked to assist the facility to host major events such as the 2017 World Junior A Hockey Challenge later this fall.

With an NHL-sized arena floor and 2,500 fixed bowl seats, the RECC is the largest indoor venue in Colchester County. Events like the World Junior A challenge have a large positive economic impact. Previous editions of the World Junior A Hockey Challenge have generated an economic impact of over \$3 million for host communities.

Since 2013, the RECC has successfully hosted over 30 sporting events, consumer shows and concerts with over 50,000 people in attendance.



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