



Pictured above are some of the Parks Canada team working to bring the view park at Beaubassin Village to life. They are Geraldine Arsenault, Mathieu D'Astous, Roxanne Richard, Sylvie Robichaud and Danielle Hickey. The team provided an update on the project to the community in Amherst, Nova Scotia. (Submitted)

RECC capital repairs cost \$52,170

By Maurice Rees

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre will be reimbursed \$52,170 by the Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester for Capital work undertaken during the fiscal year 2016 - 2017 in accordance with the Operating Agreement (OA). A staff review indicated that six of the 14 acquisitions qualify for reimbursement from the Municipality and the Town with each party paying 50% of the identified expenditures.

The items include: Sorenson's Electric -

Fire Marshal Rewiring (Capital Deficiencies) - \$ 2,989; Cimco - Reversing value - \$ 3,194; Johnson's Controls - Multistack Chiller - \$ 4,253; Cimco - Module Installation - \$ 1,120; Cimo - Smart Key for PCO Controller - \$ 870 and Cimo - Reversing Values - \$ 16,018. Total expenditure, \$ 28,444 + HST.

Municipal council approved staff's recommendation to reimburse \$14,222 plus HST to the RECC.

Wind turbines generating \$9,370 per month

By Maurice Rees

The two wind turbines, which started producing electricity in July 2016 at the Kemptown Waste Management Facility continue to operate effectively. The turbines have operated constantly, with a few exceptions of brief shutdowns due to power bumps on NSPI's distribution line.

The turbines were easily restarted by staff. Although number for March 2017

have not been received as of the April 12th report to council committee, the month is expected to be the most productive month to date.

In the eight months from July 2016 to February 2017, the two turbines generated 150,328 KWh of electricity creating total income of \$75,012.21, which is a monthly average of \$9,370.00.

No Mandatory Frontage Fee for County Residents

By Maurice Rees

In its committee meeting on April 12th Colchester councillors decided 51 properties along the January 2013 fully operational new sewer line extending along Pictou Road/Highway 4 from Jollytown Road to Kemptown would not be forced to connect or pay the frontage charge for the line.

The line was mainly installed to carry

treated leachate from the County's Bafell Facility to the main sewage collection system in Valley and is also available for use by properties fronting on the line.

Property owners would only pay the twelve cents per \$100 assessment if they requested to be connected. So far seven owners have obtained connection permits, but only three have actually connected.

Councillors to get \$50 Monthly Rebate

By Maurice Rees

Colchester Councillors are expected to get a flat rate of \$50.00 per month for use of personal or business cell phones for Council-related activities. Each Councillor already has been issued a County-owned and maintained laptop and e-mail account for Council duties and related activities.

Council Committee has directed staff to proceed with creating a Council Cell Phone and Internet Costs Reimbursement Policy for inclusion in the 2017-18 budget. The yet-to-be created would stipulate the monthly amount be subject to review by Corporate Services with each annual budget, based on service rate trends.

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Put out Hummingbird feeders soon

By Christine Urquhart

It will soon be time to put out your hummingbird feeders. Before that you need to make sure that they are nice and clean with no left over soap suds! If your feeder has become cloudy over the last few summers, try filling them with warm water and using a dental cleaning tab such as Polident. Let it sit for a few hours or even over-night then rinse will. You can also use a vinegar and water solution

and again rinse will afterwards.

When hanging a hummingbird feeder for the first time you need to make sure of a few things: don't hang in direct sunlight or the food will become unusable very

quickly; hang where ants will have a hard time getting to the food container; place it near flowers if possible to make it more inviting; and last but not least, hang it where you can see your "flying flowers" come to feed!

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