

Prices Low, but Alternative Markets Being Sought

By Maurice Rees

The Solid Waste Management facility in Kemptown costs a lot to operate, but it also generates significant revenue from the various recycling reclamation programs. In a report to council committee on April 12th, Wayne Wamboldt reported tipping fees from accepting contaminated soil generated \$118,549 during the 2016-17 fiscal year from Groundfix Remediation.

Textiles recycling was a program started within the last year. Wamboldt reported, "Residents are continuing to recycle textiles in curbside pick-up. Prices for textiles are low but staff is always sourcing alternative markets".

As in most business practices, when supply increases, prices drop. The same is happening at the Kemptown Balefill. Prices continue to decline for all plastic recyclables but the increased price for paper and cardboard has helped maintain the balance for sales.

Polystyrene was added to the container recycling bag April 1, 2016. Participation by all municipal partners is slow, but gaining momentum. For the fiscal year 2016/2017, MRF staff has processed 15 metric tonnes, which is



approximately 85% of a truckload of the densified material. That is a rather large volume of product considering undensified polystyrene is 93% air.

The EPS Industry Alliance of Crofton, Maryland, USA has recognized the efforts of the Municipality of Colchester in recycling. Colchester County has received "Honorable Mention" in the 2017 "Excellence in EPS recycling Awards". Wamboldt's report to council stated, "It seems that we receive more recognition for our work internationally than we do at home".

The largest revenue generator at the Kemptown facility is from non-deposit recyclables. On A \$1.1-Million projected budget, Wamboldt's Kemptown team missed the target by \$456.64, generating \$1,140,276.36 when they had projected revenue of \$1,140,733.00.

UCW Spring Rally – May 9

By Christine Urquhart

The Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday May 9th at Knox United Church in Brookfield. Registration is from 9:30 - 10 am. Theme is "Overcoming Obstacles".

Guest speakers include

RCMP talking on scams, Rev. Valerie Kingsbury - speaking on the Hospice Society and Becky Langille on healthy ageing. Then will be "getting old and all that foolishness"! Bring a bag lunch. There will be a Book Display. Everyone Welcome!

Taylor Wins PC Nomination

By Maurice Rees

Rebecca Taylor won the Progressive Conservative nomination for Colchester North at a meeting held Saturday, April 22. We edged out three other candidates, Eric Boutilier, Michelle Toole and Tyler Fraser to win the nomination. All three candidates have backgrounds in education. Boutilier is also the District 1 councillor on Colchester Council; Michelle Toole has been teaching since 1995, while Tyler Fraser is on study leave from CCRSB and also manages his family beef and sheep farm in Tatamagouche.

Taylor is best known as the

founder of the award-winning Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company. She has also worked in the public sector with more than 20 years in leadership and innovation.

Rebecca's community connections include a volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada and works with teens in an after-school recreation program. Recently we was selected as Chair of the West Colchester Community Development Association, which is being revitalized with a new board of directors. She lives in Lornevale with her husband Dan and their two daughters.

Colchester North Candidates Chosen

By Maurice Rees

All three mainline parties have chosen candidates in Colchester North for the pending provincial election. Voters will have a choice of Karen Casey, incumbent Liberal candidate; Rebecca Taylor for the Progressive Conservatives and James Finnie who is carrying the banner for the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia. As of yet, the Green Party have not indicated if they will have a candidate in Colchester North.

Finnie was chosen as the NDP candidate on January 18th, edging out Corey Matheson, community development event coordinator with Canadian Blood Services. Finnie and his family moved to East Mountain from Scotland eight years ago and he became a Canadian citizen in 2013. He is president of the Colchester Highland Games and Gathering Society, which will hold its first annual event later this summer.

On April 22nd, Rebecca Taylor was selected for the Progressive Conservative's beating out three other contenders. Taylor is best known as the founder of the award-winning Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company. She has also worked in the public sector with more than 20 years in leadership and innovation.

The Liberal banner is being carried by incumbent, Karen Casey, who has served as Colchester North MLA since winning her first election in June 2006. During the last provincial election, October 2103, when Stephen McNeil's Liberals swept the province, Casey was appointed to the Executive Council of Nova Scotia as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as well as Minister responsible for Youth. On July 24, 2015, Casey was given as additional role as Chair of Finance and Treasury Board, while responsibility for youth was transferred to Kelly Regan.

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A **community pilot** project led by the Town of Amherst will explore the environmental and economic benefits of smart grid technology. Cumberland North MLA Terry Farrell, on behalf of Energy Minister Michel Samson, announced \$12,500 in provincial funding for the study on March 27. A smart grid is an electricity network that uses digital information to detect and react to changes in energy use. This can improve reliability and efficiency, and empower consumers to make more informed decisions by telling them how much energy they use at different times of the day. The results of this project will be made available to other municipalities across Nova Scotia.

A **free online course** to help businesses address and prevent consumer racial profiling has been launched by Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. The course, Serving All Customers Better, is expected to train thousands of front-line service staff in Nova Scotia. You can learn more about Serving All Customers Better by visiting www.servingall.ca. Join the social media conversation by following @NSHumanRights and the hashtag #ServingAll.

Three experts who will examine the model of inclusive education in Nova Scotia have been chosen for the Commission on Inclusive Education. Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey announced the commission members: Dr. Sarah Shea, independent chair, co-appointed by government and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; Monica Williams, appointed by government and Adela Njie, appointed by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The commission will examine the model of inclusion for students. It will review current practice and policy and develop a plan to include recommendations on improvements and goals. The recommendations will address funding, resources, professional development, and improving teaching and learning conditions.

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Ed Sealy to Appear in Bass River – May 19-21

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It was here that he began a spiritual search to quench the thirst deep within his soul. His quest ended when he was converted to Christ in 1978.

During September 2000, Sealy's life story was broadcast around the world in 147 countries on 1150 radio stations. "Unshackled", a min-

istry of Pacific Garden Mission, based in Chicago, Illinois, dramatized his life story and presented it to the world during their September broadcast.

Sealy is married with three children. He and his wife Theresa now make their home in Wakefield, New Brunswick, a small community outside of Hartland.

Congratulations!

Debert Legion Branch 106



Photo above: Members of Debert Legion Branch 106.

From left to right in photo: Dave Stewart; Eugene Adshade, Treasurer; Dave MacPhee; Jim Adshade; Leona Harvey; Earl Harvey, Sergeant-at-Arms; MLA Karen Casey; Robert Pash, President; Gerald Dawson, 1st Vice President; Carrie Barclay; Ron Eastcott, Past President; Harold Barclay.

Photo to right: Olivia Putnam, Debert Legion Secretary with MLA Karen Casey.

Absent from photos: Charles Moore, 2nd Vice President; Don McQueen, Chaplain; Paul Eastcott; Bruce Hillier



Recently, the Debert Legion Branch 106 members were presented with a Commemorative Medal Celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary, issued by the Legion of Canada.

Similar presentations for Great Village Legion Branch 72 and Tatamagouche Legion Branch 64 are upcoming.

Congratulations are extended to all members!



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