

## PHOTO FEATURE

The 34<sup>th</sup> Truro Sport Heritage Awards were presented in a gala event held at the Best Western Glengarry. Host Bruce Rainnie, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and former host of the CBC News emceed the event, Sunday, March 4th, 2018. (Photos by Sheryl Deuville)



Tammy Armstrong, representing The Snook Group presented the company's outstanding senior female athlete award to Glenda MacKinnon.

### Outstanding Senior Female Athlete over 50

Glenda is an inspirational athlete. She lives the athlete lifestyle and inspires others around her to be their best.

In 2017 Glenda went cycling in amazing places, such as California and Cuba as well as countless local miles. She participated in the Gran Fondo Sainte Marie, a 120 km ride. She finished in 4 hours 21 minutes placing 61st out of 265 competitors.

Glenda and her partner Bob belong to a group called "Warm Showers" where they host cyclists from all over the world in their home, providing them with bed, breakfast and local hospitality.

Glenda is a huge inspiration to other members of the RECC. She encourages newcomers and challenges the regulars. She has organized many trail rides for the gym regulars she works out with daily, always promoting her love of the sport of cycling.

Glenda works out Monday to Friday knowing that the cross training she loves and participates in helps her on the road. She exudes the definition of athlete and inspirational woman.

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### Housing Programs for Landlords:

#### Rental Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

This program provides financial assistance for landlords with affordable housing to make mandatory repairs to self-contained units with lower income tenants. This program is available across Nova Scotia in both rural and urban areas. Financial assistance is provided in the form of a fully forgivable loan, which can be used to cover the costs of mandatory repairs to units with lower income tenants. Landlords must agree to place a ceiling on the rental amounts after the repairs are completed to ensure the units remain affordable to lower income tenants. The landlord must also agree to only accept new tenants who have lower incomes.

The maximum amount of funding available per unit is \$24,000. Any additional repairs are the responsibility of the landlord to pay for.

**Eligibility:** Landlords and owners of affordable, self-contained housing can apply for funding if they house lower income tenants. Rental rates must be below market rent both before and after the project is completed.

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#### What Repairs are Covered?

Properties must lack basic facilities or require major repairs in one or more of the following categories: Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Fire safety. The property must remain livable for an additional 15 years, assuming normal care and maintenance is done.

#### Rooming House Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

This program provides financial assistance to owners of rooming houses with accessible rent for people with lower incomes. This program is available across Nova Scotia in both rural and urban areas. Once the repairs have been made, the rooming house should remain livable for an additional 15 years, assuming normal care and maintenance is done.

Financial assistance is provided in the form of a fully forgivable loan. Landlords must agree to place a ceiling on the rental amounts after the repairs are completed to ensure the units remain accessible to lower income tenants. The amount of assistance available

is based on the cost of the mandatory repairs.

The maximum amount of funding available per bed unit is \$16,000. Any additional repairs are the responsibility of the owner to pay for.

#### Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Landlords

This program provides financial assistance for landlords to modify homes to be more accessible for residents with disabilities.

There are two types of assistance available: Rooming House bed-unit- Maximum loan of \$16,000 and Self-contained rental unit- Maximum loan of \$24,000

Loans can be 100 percent forgiven if the accessibility modifications are made to units/homes that are occupied by lower income tenants. For rooming houses, financial assistance is available on bed units with rents below established levels.

**Eligibility:** Landlords and owners of rooming houses must sign an agreement that states the units will continue to be affordable to lower income tenants once the modifi-

cations are completed.

#### Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence - Landlords

This program helps landlords pay for home adaptations so seniors with lower incomes can stay in their homes independently for longer periods of time. A one-time forgivable grant of up to \$3,500 is available. A loan of up to \$3,500 is available, and does not need to be repaid as long as the landlord agrees that the unit will be occupied for a minimum of six months.

**Eligibility:** Landlords with a tenant living in the unit where the adaptations will be made, and the tenant is at least 65 years old and must be experiencing difficulty with daily activities due to advanced age. The tenant must have a household income that is below the income ceiling in the area where the rental unit is located, and must be a permanent resident of the unit that will undergo repair/adaptation. The landlord must also agree rent will not increase as result of the modifications. Repayable loans are not available.

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## New sidewalk Requested for Hilden

By Maurice Rees

It is anticipated Hilden Fire Brigade may be planning to build a new fire hall. At municipal council committee meeting, the department indicated it had purchased a piece of property to better serve the community. The brigade asked council to consider extending the sidewalk from 1249 to 1215 Highway 2.

A new sidewalk would assist the brigade and reduce costs on initial development. Council committee agreed and referred the matter to Public Works for capital budget inclusion.

Other items included in council's committee meeting on April 12th included appointment of Scott Fraser, Director Corporate Services as Chief Negotiator for upcoming collective bargaining with CUPE Local 4106. He will be supported on the County's Negotiation Committee by staff from Human Resources and other operational departments.

Councillor Taggart added representation on the FCM board of directors to the meeting's agenda. With FCM holding its annual conference, Taggart asked for council's support to again be a Nova

Scotia representative on the FCM board. After some discussion to see if others might wish to undertake the assignment council agreed to support Taggart's re-appointment to the Board.

At the start of the meeting, Ruby McDorman, chair of the Colchester East Hants Public Library took the opportunity to introduce to council and staff Tiffany Bartlett, the library's new CEO.



Deadline for the June issue is May 22.

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Ruby McDorman, left, chair of the Colchester East Hants Public Library introduced Tiffany Bartlett, as the new CEO at the library to Colchester council on April 12th. (Rees Photo)

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## Truro Tree Committee has 2 Great Deals on Trees to Plant on Your Property!

You can purchase a wide variety of trees from the tree committee to plant on your property for \$10 each, until May 31<sup>ST</sup>. Also, you may be eligible for 50% funding off the cost of other trees you plant on your town property.

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