

# Millbrook to Double?

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about the loss of tax revenues, with further development of the lands, and the negative impact it would have on further development within Truro's and the County's existing business parks. He referenced there are significant savings to businesses, who locate on First Nation lands.

Taggart mentioned to council after a drive-through the Truro Power Centre he identified 17 businesses who either were previously located within Truro or would have located there or the county.

As part of the Reserve Creation process the First Nation is re-

sponsible for negotiating agreements with local governments on issues such as service provisions, by-law harmonization, tax consideration, land-use planning and dispute resolution.

The letter also stated, "Local Government and the Province are encouraged to work with the First nation using, a "good neighbour" approach, which involves good will, good faith and reasonableness in discussions between First Nation and other Governments".

Colchester council has the month of May to provide its rebuttal. The matter is expected to include discussions with legal counsel and further discussion at May's committee meeting and monthly council meeting at the end of May.

Attempts to reach Millbrook Chief Bob Gloade over the weekend were not successful.

Property PID	Address	Res/ Comm Taxable	Resource Farm	Resource Forest	2019 Res Taxable
20220117	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ 14,300	\$ 18,900	\$ 28,800	\$ -
20355657	Hwy 102 Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -
20447132	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ 14,300	\$ 18,900	\$ 28,800	\$ -
20447132	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ 14,300	\$ 18,900	\$ 28,800	\$ -
20205985	2014 Irwin Lake Road	\$ 14,300	\$ 18,900	\$ 228,800	\$ -
20206066	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ 16,200	\$ -	\$ -
20206041	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,500	\$ -
20354015	Tower Road, Millbrook 27	\$ 19,800	\$ -	\$ 82,100	\$ -
20206546	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,000	\$ -
20206629	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,600	\$ -
20206595	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,400	\$ -
20206249	Morgan Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,100
20206264	Irwin Lake Road, Hilden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,900	\$ -
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	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 77,000</b>	<b>\$ 91,800</b>	<b>\$ 606,200</b>	<b>\$ 9,100</b>

# March 28 Council Meeting Update

*By Maurice Rees*

The March 28th meeting of council was held after the April issue was published and in reader's hands. In the following paragraphs, we will provide an update on items not previously covered in the committee meeting earlier in the month.

**Teviot Place Sidewalk:** Award of the tender for the reconstruction of Teviot Place Sidewalk from Thrush Lane to Salmon River Road, to Dexter Construction for a total contract amount of \$125,330 excluding HST, and that an internal contingency of \$15,000 be approved, to be spent only on the authority of the Director of Public Works.

**Community Field Tatamagouche:** Two different organizations are bidding to purchase the community field in Tatamagouche. This property was originally deeded to the Province in the 1970's from the Municipality and if this property is being declared surplus by the Province, it should be turned over to the Municipality. Moved by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh, "That staff request the Municipal Solicitor to contact the School Board to determine if the Community Field property in

Tatamagouche is being declared surplus and request first right of redemption on the property."

**Scotia Pool Funding:** Councillor Boutillier requested Scotia Pool Funding be moved to the Maintenance Budget as an annual line item. The CAO advised that from a process perspective, this would usually be done at the Additions and Deletions budget meeting. Once an amount is approved for an organization, Council could, if they so choose, make a motion to have it added as a line item in the Maintenance Budget.

**NorAm SBX Championships:** Councillor Taggart advised Council of an SBX Champion from Colchester, Liam Moffatt, who recently secured the North American Cup overall SBX Championship. Mayor Blair will send a letter on behalf of Council recognizing Liam's accomplishments.

**Negotiations - Energy Efficiency Project:** Council authorizes staff to sign the project development agreement with Efficiency Nova Scotia for the proposed energy efficiency upgrades at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility, and that staff initiate design and tendering work for the project.

# Dog and Kennel By-law First Reading Update

*By Maurice Rees*

Colchester's Commercial Dog Care and Kennel Facility Bylaw and Concurrent Amendments to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law first reading was approved at council's meeting on March 28th. The draft Commercial Dog Care and Kennel Facility By-law and concurrent amendments to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law were presented and reviewed in detail.

Mr. Paul Smith, Senior Planner, advised Council of concerns brought forward with by members of the Cobequid Dog Club. These concerns included hobby breeders and the number of litters per year limit; amount and location of acoustical buffering requirements; and minimum setback requirements.

Brief discussion was held on the concerns specific to breeding and litter limits as well as setbacks. Options for Council consideration were also provided. Clarification was sought on whether making changes to the draft By-law to address any or all of these concerns would be

considered substantive. It was noted that acknowledgement of the concerns at First Reading could allow for these changes to be made at Second Reading.

Moved by Councillor Taggart, seconded by Councillor Gregory, "Council approves, by way of First Reading, the Commercial Dog Care and Kennel By-law with consideration to be given to the following amendments at Second Reading: (1) Changes to Section 2.3.4 which establishes the number of litters per calendar year for hobby or occasional breeding; (2) Changes to Section 4.3 involving the amount of acoustical buffering required, and; (3) Changes to Sections 4.1 and 4.3 which establishes minimum setback distances of an outdoor dog enclosure and an adjacent dwelling; and, Council also approves, by way of First Reading, concurrent amendments to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law, as presented.

Motion was carried, opposed by Councillor Cooper.

# Community Park Funding Program Update

*By Maurice Rees*

Four applications were received for the Spring deadline for the Community Park Funding Program. Total funding approved is \$59,769 consisting of the following:

**\$5,213** for the North River Elementary School for the purchase and installation of a multi-user, disc swing with accessible protective surfacing for their playground, pending confirmation of prices from the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) tender process and confirmation of other funding sources;

**\$36,539** for the Harmony Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Group for a new, large play structure with accessible protective surfacing, pending confirmation of prices from CCRCE tender process and confirmation of other funding sources;

**\$12,017** for Le Jardin d'Enfants for Phase 2 including expansion of the sand play area, natural play features and accessible surfacing in their new outdoor play space adjacent to

École acadienne de Truro, pending confirmation of other funding;

**\$6,000** for Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park Society for replacement of the sandbag retaining walls in the Garden of Sorrows WWI trench, reforming most of the turfgrass area and major remedial work to the gardens.

# Truro Presbyterial to Meet May 14

*By Chris Urquhart*

Truro Presbyterial UCW's Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday May 14th at Shubenacadie United Church, Shubenacadie. The theme for the day is: "Rebirth". There will be a Book Display. Registration is from 9:30 to 10 am.

Guest speakers are: Lynda Stevenson - "What We Grow"; John Gatto & Becky Langille - "Senior Living"; Doris Sutherland - "Trials & Tribulations" and Cheryl Myers - "Peaceful Living".

Bring a bag lunch, snacks with drinks will be provided upon arrival. All ladies welcome! Bring a friend! Car pool!

# Parker Makes Headway on Teakwood

*By Maurice Rees*

Councillor Wade Parker has finally made headway on solving water problems on Teakwood / College Road. At the April 25th meeting he re-introduced the matter with several photos showing areas of water to be six feet deep and trees falling over due to the lingering problem.

Parker explained to council he has been dealing with the same problem since he joined council and now trees are decaying, falling over with decay and creating a fire hazard.

Finally get got approval for Public Works to

proceed with possible replacing two culverts, which are believed to have collapsed. He explained TIR had been consulted on the matter and made assurances all culverts below the problem area were in good repair, and would be able to handle the additional water flow farther up.

The director of public works indicated there was sufficient time to do some additional research and analysis prior to when weather would permit actual repairs. It is expected she will report back to council at the next meeting.

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