



Karen Casey

Message from Karen Casey

These beautiful souls who contributed so much to their community and their province will be forever in our hearts and on our minds.
**Karen Casey MLA
 Colchester North**

Each person who perished last April was recognized with a special display on the Memorial Walk in Victoria Park. Each site also contained hand painted rocks.



Memorial - Dawn and Frank Gulenchyn



Memorial - Heidi Stevenson



Memorial - Jenkins and McLeod



Christine Blair

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Colchester Honours and Remembers Lives Lost During April 2020 Tragedy
 On April 18 & 19, the Municipality of Colchester honored and remembered the 22 lives and unborn child that were so senselessly taken from us one-year ago.

In remembrance, the Municipality lowered flags at its facilities to half-mast and lit the Municipal Office at 1 Church Street, the visitor centre at the Fundy Discovery Site, and the Five Islands Lighthouse in blue. Other organizations and community members were encouraged to join in similar expressions of observance that included hanging flags in windows and tying Nova Scotia tartan to mailboxes.

Many participated in the Nova Scotia Remembers Memorial Race, Commemorative Walk, and viewed the touching Memorial Ceremony that was televised nationwide. These opportunities to grieve together were important to the healing of our communities, though were indeed a reminder of how deeply we remain affected today.

It has been apparent by the outpouring of love and support received from around the province, country, and the world, that this tragedy has greatly impacted many. The Municipality of Colchester thanks all who have offered condolences, kind gestures, expressions of remembrance, and donations to support the community and the families of the victims. All have been a light that has helped restore and lift spirits during a very dark and difficult time.

My heart and thoughts are with all who continue to grieve and heal. May we all find comfort and solace in those around us both now and in the days ahead.

With sincere condolences,
**Christine Blair, Mayor,
 Municipality of Colchester**



Memorial - NS Remembers



Memorial - Emily Tuck, Aaron Tuck and Jolene Oliver



Memorial - Joey Webber



Memorial - Lillian Campbell



Memorial - Lisa McCully

Commemorative Walk Helps Healing

By Linda Harrington

A walk through the Victoria Park in Truro has always attracted people for its beauty and a calming effect of the gorgeous waterfalls but for the week of April 11th - 19th a Commemorative Walk honoring the 23 victims of the NS mass shooting became a healing place for many.

A very moving Broken Heart Sculpture was unveiled in the Park on April 11th. The sculpture was created by Wayne Smith, whose stepson Corrie Ellison was one of the victims. Standing three-and-a-half metres tall, the sculpture displayed the names, on individual red hearts, of all those lost in the tragedy. It was a point of emotional reflection for those as they started the Nova Scotia Remembers Commemorative Walk. Engraved on the bottom of the sculpture were the words, "Even with our hearts broken we still have you in our heart."

The walk continued along Lepper Brook toward Joseph Howe Falls and back, with 15 individual memorial sites honoring each of the families. Each post was encircled with a NS tar-

tan ribbon and adorned with the names of each victim handwritten on a heart.

At the base of the post were memorial rocks with poignant images reflecting the meaningful lives lived by each the victims. Jenny Kierstead, sister of schoolteacher Lisa McCully, has told how Lisa completed a labyrinth of rocks on her lawn the day she died and then sent her sister a photo. Jenny, also a member of the Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society and Anniversary Committee, thought the rocks would be a nice way to honor her sister. The rocks were lovingly painted by Jenna Allen, Paige Browne, Lara Carrigan, Margaret Davidson, Gloria Elliott, Colton Franklin, Amelia Goulet, Margot Kerr, Bella Kierstead-Abbass, Kilah MacCoul, Kelsey Paul, Sarah-Lyn Marie Pettipas, Zeda Redden, Sara Stull White, Mia Ward, and Gracen Webb. Family members were presented the rocks after the 19th as a keepsake.

The walk was closed to the public on April 18th, from 12 to 2 pm, to give family members a private opportunity to visit.



Memorial - Tom Bagley



Memorial - Gina Goulet



Memorial - John Lahl and Joanne Thomas



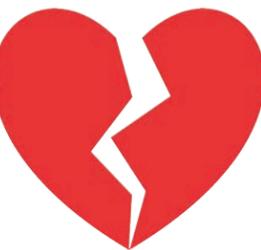
Memorial - Corrie Ellison



Memorial - Greg and Jamie Blair



Memorial - Joy & Peter Bond



Memorial - Heather O'Brien



Memorial - Kristen and Baby Beaton

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*Of the 23 we are now One, Heart, Mind and Soul.
 You honour us with the memories we made
 and that binds us forever.
 As the first anniversary passes,
 remember not the pain of our separation,
 but the Joy when we will meet again
 on a far distant shore.*

By Valerie Blenkhorn, in memory of all those lost.



Our thoughts are with you always

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