

The **Shoreline** Journal

Tid-Bits

Crystal Blair selected as volunteer representative

Municipality of Colchester has selected Crystal Blair as it's Provincial Volunteer Representative. The 2021 Provincial Volunteer Award ceremony will be held on Monday April 26, 2021 a day after this issue was printed. This year's ceremony was a virtual live event. Follow the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage on Facebook for event links. The Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester will be highlighting their selected volunteers on the County's Facebook page along with a short bio. Due to the pandemic the recognition will be in a virtual format. The last in-person event was held in May 2019.



Twenty-five New Cases of COVID-19

Twenty-five new cases of COVID-19 are being reported in Nova Scotia on April 21. Nineteen cases are in Central Zone. Four are related to travel outside of Atlantic Canada. The people are self-isolating, as required. Nine are close contacts of previously reported cases, two of which were identified Tuesday, April 20, at Dartmouth South Academy and Auburn Drive High. Six are under investigation, one of which was identified Tuesday, April 20, at Mount Edward Elementary. Three cases are in Northern Zone. One is related to travel outside of Canada. The person is self-isolating, as required. The other two cases are currently under investigation. Three cases are in Eastern Zone and are related to travel outside of Atlantic Canada. The people are self-isolating, as required.

Women's World Hockey Championship Cancelled

The 2021 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship, scheduled for May 6-16 in Halifax and Truro, is being cancelled due to concerns over the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Nova Scotia. Premier Iain Rankin withdrew permission for the event to take place in the province at this time because of the evolving situation with COVID-19 and the circulation of variants. "It was my recommendation the 2021 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championships be cancelled," said Premier Rankin. "I sincerely regret the short notice, but the rapidly changing environment dictates this decision in the interest of the safety of Nova Scotians and participants. We have worked diligently with Hockey Canada to ensure we can stage a safe and successful world hockey championship and they have been a great partner, but the safety of the Nova Scotia public and participants is paramount and is the reason for our decision." Officials in the Premier's Office were in touch with Hockey Canada and indicated the hope that the tournament will be rescheduled in Nova Scotia at a future date.

Municipal Innovation Projects Announced

The Nova Scotia government is announcing the first investments under a new program that supports municipalities working together on economic development and planning projects. Four projects involving 17 municipalities will receive a total of \$686,000 in provincial investment under the Municipal Innovation Program. The approved projects support the creation or improvement of regional services, infrastructure, land-use planning and other innovative approaches to shared priorities. One of the four projects involving three municipalities is in the northern region includes: Regional Solid Waste Collaboration Initiatives \$15,750: Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Town of Amherst, Town of Oxford.

Program to Support Serious Pressure Injuries

Nova Scotia is partnering with the federal government to expand a program helping prevent and manage pressure injuries and complex wounds in continuing care. The provincial wound management program was identified as a priority by the long-term care sector. The expansion will include ongoing education and clinical support provided by wound-care clinicians. The program includes: consultation for complex, challenging wounds; a team-based approach to implement best practices; sector education to prevent and manage pressure injuries and information regarding current evidence-based wound-care products. The program will cost \$675,000 for its first year, with an estimated ongoing annual cost of \$660,000. Funding comes from the Canada-Nova Scotia Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addiction Services Funding Agreement.

Sexual Violence Prevention Innovation Grants

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault, share information about available resources and foster a greater understanding of consent. Nova Scotians can apply for Sexual Violence Prevention Innovation grants of up to \$5,000. The grants support community groups and organizations, including youth and marginalized groups, to reach out to their peers and build healthier, safer and more resilient communities. Applications are open until 5 p.m. on May 20.

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doctors they need, all the essential services they need, many that we struggle to secure.

I live in rural Nova Scotia because of the lifestyle and I gladly pass on the conveniences. That's my choice and I welcome all that want to come and enjoy. Just the way it is.

I am very concerned that now that we have opened that door just a crack there will be no closing it. Enjoy the coming month and warmer weather.

Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor for District 10

Yes, My Ancestors Were Part of the Problem

By Norris Margeson Whiston

My great grandfather Christie selectively cut trees north of St. Stephen, NB. My great grandfather Knowlton selectively cut trees north of Parrsboro, NS. My great grandfather Whiston herded methane-belching cattle from Rawdon to Halifax, and my great grandfather Margeson worked on trains that spewed sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and other pollutants, while burning coal in Annapolis Valley. My ancestors, to keep warm, even burned wood, which, in its burning, spewed particulates, pollutants and greenhouse gases. My ancestors, at least, returned nutrients to their gardens, and, by selective harvesting of trees, didn't turn hardwood forests into nutrient-desperate spruce, birch, and aspen "plantations". My ancestors were lumbermen, butchers, train workers, and farmers of the late 1800s.

Though it is inconvenient to recall what our ancestors and all the farming and forest-cutting humans preceding them did to Earth's lands, they certainly didn't do their dam-

age as quickly, as thoroughly, or as callously as is taking place now. They didn't use industrial forestry's soil-exposing, soil-warming, habitat-destroying, clearcutting methods. They didn't use cancer-causing and soil-destructive glyphosate on public lands and the private lands of naïve people, which WestFor, Irving, Wagner, Marcus Zwicker, Jeff Bishop and others rely upon for their salaries and profit margins. They didn't dupe common property owners, laborers, forestry students, DNR employees, and politicians into believing their methods were the only possible way to use forests. Though our ancestors knew many benefits, they didn't know the numerous financial benefits of the understory's co-evolved species. But, our ancestors did value wood and the life within the forest.

Our ancestors didn't know about greenhouse gases. They didn't know old hardwood layered forests were by far best at taking carbon dioxide out of the air, and that, when warmed up, with our current clearcutting, exposed soil's carbon would become atmospheric

carbon dioxide over the first 15 years. They didn't know bacteria in warmed soil would turn useful soil nitrates, needed for plants' protein and sensing ability, into atmospheric nitrous oxide.

They didn't know soil's calcium was needed for plants' enzymes and cell walls; that magnesium was the powerhouse behind photosynthesis in plants; that potassium ions were essential for plant growth and cell nerve transmission; or that phosphates were needed in plants' earliest stages of growth to build plants' root systems and were part of something called DNA. Nor did they know that those necessary nutrients would leach or erode out of the exposed soil and do damage to nearby waters and lands. Science hadn't fully understood these concepts then, and, as one can see, these concepts are still not acknowledged by the so-called "professionals."

Today's so-called "professionals" are salaried by corporate forestry concerned only with quick profits and not with maintaining a truly sustainable environment. They rely on decision makers not

having the knowledge accumulated by soil, atmospheric and archaeological scientists. These "professionals" ridicule those with actual knowledge of the soil and atmosphere as well as with the medical consequences of biomass burning and the use of glyphosate. They falsify facts, fabricate non-existent organizations, give deceitful names to their companies, and have gained authority over public lands. These "professionals" hide from view salient facts on how this earth works. It is disheartening to see the extent to which corporate's self-declared "experts" will go in order to place profit over true sustainability.

Though our ancestors' damage began affecting atmospheric carbon dioxide 8000 ya (years ago), atmospheric methane 5000 ya, and soil nutrients 3500 ya, our ancestors can hardly be blamed for the past, but we do have the knowledge to do better now.

Yes, our ancestors were part of the problem. So what, now better educated, must we also be part of the problem?

Norris Margeson Whiston, Earlton NS

Horseman's Club gets Reprieve

By Maurice Rees

After several attempts, over the years, the Truro Horseman's Club has been given reprieve on its taxes. Following length discussion council voted to change the tax status of the club, going against a staff recommendation not to change the status.

At the outset of discussion Councillor Patton claimed a conflict and excused herself from discussions. Councillor's MacKenzie and Gregory voted against the motion. Scott Fraser, CFO, said if an exemption was granted it would be about \$6,000 and noted there is still an outstanding balance owing.

Mayor Blair, raised the question who would take over and provide the services currently provided by the Horseman's

Club should it not be deemed a Not-for-Profit and failed. Some of the concerns expressed by councillors included who can attend functions; do people have to be signed in similar to Legions, Air Force Clubs, etc. Councillor Parker, stated he has attended many events, is not a member, and was never required to be "signed-in".

Speaking during discussion, Councillor Taggart, stated "Have been opposed in past. Can't make up my mind. Will not support if it is membership driven. Need to be truly community organization". He received clarification should things change or council learns otherwise, "If needed could we revoke the status?" He was advised council could make changes in the status if required.

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