



Coen Shreve delivers a homemade pie to Chiganois Elementary Phys Ed Teacher Cameron Gunn. Coen held a pie fundraiser over the Easter weekend, and with help from his family raised over \$1800 to buy new badminton equipment for the school, (Harrington Photo)

Not Just a Pie in the Sky Idea

By Linda Harrington

10-year-old Coen Shreve knew the value of a good tasting pie, but no one expected his fund raising idea would take off so quickly.

A Grade Five student at Chiganois Elementary, Coen had been learning badminton recently in Physical Education class. The equipment was outdated, and he thought something needed to be done to buy new equipment. "The plastic on the racquets would slide up and at the end of class your hands would be black from the old tape on the grips," he said. "I thought maybe I could do something to help buy new equipment."

Physical Education Teacher Cameron Gunn said Coen mentioned the idea to him before Easter. "I thought it was a great idea and maybe he would raise a bit of money in a few weeks. I was shocked when he walked in the door on Tuesday morning with an envelope filled with money." Coen has been involved

with sports his whole life, playing Triple A hockey, football, soccer, and track & field. He had been involved with fund raising activities in the past. "I knew food always sells well. Cheese and pizza sales are common, but I never heard of a pie sale, and I thought not many people get a lot of pies." He also knew he had a bit of an advantage over just an ordinary pie, "My grandmother makes the best pies, and her recipe is well liked."

It was the beginning of Easter weekend and Coen talked the idea over with his family. His mum decided to put a post on Facebook hoping to get a few donations for maybe 20/25 pies, with the goal of raising \$400-\$600 for a new set of badminton racquets. They soon had to take the post down when they realized they had 97 pie orders to fill.

"The whole family pitched in starting on Thursday night," says Coen. "My brother Jay put

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Council Approves \$17,347.57 in Write-Offs



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Joanna Forbes -

\$ 759.19 Last water billing March 31, 2016. Properties have changed ownership Debert Water Utility. Keltic Closed Account.

Georgina Foster -

\$ 411.05 Last water billing September 30, 2018. Properties have changed ownership. Keltic Closed Account

Matthew Meredith -

\$ 328.73 Last water billing December 31, 2018. Properties have changed ownership.

At its March 13 committee meeting council committee approved staff request to write off \$17,134.57 uncollectable taxes for the 2021-2022 taxation. In 2020/2021 the write-off amounts approved were in the amount of \$11,376.84.

The accounts to be written off are listed below:

Estate of Linda Devogue and Roland Sinton -

\$ 1,456.38 Council had this property up for tax sale but when the inspection officer went to post to the mobile it was no longer there. Unable to determine when mobile was removed. Part of taxes owing are tax sale fees. Both owners are deceased.

Christopher Kruger-

\$ 2,449.22 This AAN is a mobile that

was scheduled for tax sale, upon posting it was deemed uninhabitable.

PVSC deactivated in 2020. Keltic deems it uncollectable, unable to trace.

Atlantic Archeology -

\$ 11,730.00. Debert Lease rental fees from 2015-2016. Period of time in which rent was billed but premises was vacant. Rent continued because they abandoned their belongings. Keltic closed account - trace unable to locate

Bill Hill Sets Tax Rate

By Maurice Rees

Property tax rates in Bible Hill will remain unchanged, as follows (per \$100 of assessment): residential rate of seventy cents (\$0.70); residential (partial service) rate of fifty-two and one-half cents (\$0.525); and commercial

rate of eighty-seven cents (\$0.87). Bible Hill Commissioners adopted their 2022-2023 budget and set property tax rates to raise the funds required to deliver municipal services in the Village at their April 19th meeting.

The total value of taxable property assessment in Bible Hill is expected to rise an estimated 6.9% this year, including new construction growth of approximately 1.4%, which equates to an average increase in property tax bills for existing properties reflective of the most recent annually published rise in Nova Scotia's consumer price index of 5.4%*.

As most aspects of daily life increase in cost, so too do the costs of municipal service delivery - particularly so when it comes to insurance, heating fuel, gasoline, electricity, wages, and construction materials to name a few. The expected rise in assessment values allows the Commission to offset the rise in expenses without raising rates. Commissioners have kept property tax rates consistent for six years, and over the previous ten years have increased rates by only two cents.

"This year's budget continues to deliver services in the Village that residents expect in the community - parks, trails and playgrounds, streetlights, crossing guards, fire service, etc.; it advances our

infrastructure renewal goals - the main focuses this year being a fire truck, sewer and sidewalk upgrades; and it also allows us to continue saving for planned capital needs in years ahead," Commissioner Kevin Kennedy, Chair

Budget highlights: \$2.2MM operating budget and \$1.5MM capital budget; \$675K fire apparatus purchase - replacement of an end of service unit; \$81K for firefighting equipment for Bible Hill Fire Brigade; \$409K for sanitary sewer system renewals - satisfying the majority of short-term capital recommendations from prior year assessment study; \$323K renewal of sidewalk on College Rd between Dixon Ct

and Vimy Rd (south) and between Osprey Ct and Brite Ave (north); \$101K for sidewalk and crosswalk maintenance and repairs (excluding snow removal); \$20K for assessing the suitability and undertaking engineering design for solar installations on Village buildings and \$120K to reserve funds to finance future needs.

Property tax bills are calculated using the rates set by municipal government applied to property values assessed by Property Valuation Services Corporation, an independent body. The budget document can be viewed online at: www.biblehill.ca/financial-reports/budget-and-tax-rates/2022-2023

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