

REES' Pieces

Help rescue thousands of Ukrainians

The grass is getting greener, frogs are chirping, birds are building nests, people are raking lawns and working in the garden and it's getting warm, but we are not out of it yet. Early in the day on April 24th, I heard a weather forecaster mention possibility of snow for parts of Nova Scotia.

Even though the days are getting longer, and in fact we are two months away from the longest day of the year, then it will be two or three less minutes of daylight every day. Didn't mean to appear negative, anything but. However as time passes by quickly, within a month, farmers will be cutting silage and getting the balers repaired and ready for another hot summer.

As CoVid restrictions continue to be reduced, we are still in the danger zone. CoVid is still with us, and will be for years to come. Even though we are not in shut-down and have more liberties foremost in our mind we want to stay healthy. I, for one, and many others are going to continue to wear a mask, when in public places. It's not that I enjoy the mask, but I firmly believe I have a better chance of not catching CoVid. Masks serve two purposes. It protects me. But also reminds others what they should be doing for their own protection and being respectful of others, who might be compromised.

Shopping online has become a way of life, and it is amazing to see how many staff in grocery stores are going around picking products off the shelves to fill orders that have been phoned or sent in. In the retail sector it is obvious what has transpired in two years. Prior to CoVid visibility of staff seemed like a rare commodity. Now customer service and "there to help" is a common occurrence.

It was heartwarming to attend the Lieutenant Governor presenting the 2021 Community Service Award to the community of Portapique. The turnout of Portapiquers was event, and most encouraging for the longevity of the community was the large number of pre-teen youth. I didn't do a formal count, but easy to guess youth were 50% of the crowd. The Lieutenant Governor showed is true colours by the attention he paid to the youth present. In fact, there is photo in this issue of he and his wife taken including only the youth.

The war in Ukraine continues to dominate the news and every day people are becoming for appalled at the actions of Russian leadership and army. I agree the ongoing murders are war crimes. The Shoreline Journal has developed a Facebook page, in which we are encouraging communities and individuals do their utmost to arrange hosting of thousands of Ukrainian refugees. As the story on Page 1 in this issue outlines our thoughts, we are hopeful Nova Scotia could be the "new home" for 10,000 to 20,000 new residents.

It is a large target, but in addition to showing our high level of care and compassion, think about how these resourceful people would benefit our economy by helping eliminate worker shortages in all sectors including: agriculture, forestry, hospitality, fisheries, retail, food service, home care and much more.

We suggest you get friends and colleagues to canvass your local community to see how many local residents can billet refugees, and how many Ukrainians can be hosted in each community. (For those who escape war and harm by relocating to Nova Scotia one way of success is for them not to feel lonely and alone). If there are several refugees in a community they will be much more comfortable having colleagues close by.

Reach out to family and friends in other communities. Knowing the resiliency of residents from Colchester and Cumberland, we can be the catalyst to take the initiative province-wide. What an honour it would be for local residents to be recognized to providing safe and welcoming accommodation to thousands of Ukrainians who need our help.

Enjoy the coming warm weather, continue to smile and stay CoVid safe.

Maurice

Community Grants and Grants to Non-Profit Organizations

During the budgeting process, Colchester Municipal Council allocates at least two nights for presentations and request consideration from community and non-profit organizations. This year the combined requests totalled \$164,750.00

Further into the budgeting process, the applications are considered on an individual basis with a grant amount set, or denied. We have included a partial listing of the applications. Once the county's 2022-2023 budget has been finalized, the Shoreline Journal is publish the entire list, including requested amount and what amount was approved by council. The partial list is as follows:

TataFest Music Festival 2022 requested \$10,000 for event August 25-28, with 400+ participants, involving 40 volunteers.

Creamery Square Arts Society – Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre, presentation by Marshall Feit, requesting \$5,000, towards purchase of \$10,000 projector and special screen. The Society has received a private donation of \$3,000, with the remaining to be funded by the society.

North Shore Snowmobile Club – Kellie Hogan, presenter, seeking \$5,000 toward cost of development of multi-purpose building 30' by 60' for community fund raising events and social activities and to store equipment and groomer used to maintain the trails. Estimates approximately \$200,000. Applying to three grants, one is approved would cover approximately 1/3 of the cost. Raised approximately \$30,000 and

there is anticipated \$20,000 of labour from members. Funding also sought from ACOA. If funding approved construction would begin in August 2022.

Northumberland Arts Council, Wallace, NS, Dale Boyle, presenter, seeking \$5,000 for repairs to the Fraser Bldg, Tatamagouche, for windows which are in extremely bad shape. Many of the storm windows are missing. Last year's grant was used to repair rot in the building and paint one side. Quote for windows \$4,189., installation cost approximately \$1,700. A total of 22 windows need replacing, but for 2022 would focus on the worst 8 windows.

Colchester Pickleball Association – Carla MacEachern, presenter, seeking \$5,000 for event on May 13, 14, 15 with 300 plus participants. 2022 Provincial Pickleball Tournament, with a budget of \$15,500. Co-presenter, Connie Baird - xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Operational costs – venue rental, equipment, advertising, program, prizes, food and refreshments.

The Falls Community Hall Society – presenter, Joyce Ferguson, seeking \$12,414 for full project or \$5,000 for partial. Funding sought for priming and painting of interior of the hall, updating electrical system and installation of electrical baseboards to provide year round use and greener energy. Painting quote approximately \$850.00 for labour; electrical system, \$9870, and \$2020 for supply and install electrical baseboards.

TREY (Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth) Society, seeking \$5,000, Julie John-

stone, program director. Pam MacLeod, presenter. Groceries are largest expenditure; can stay up to three years; empowering to healthy food choices and earning how to cook and nutritional values. Provides a safe and confidential home for victims, 16 and up who have been sexually exploited. Hope for better future.

West Colchester Medical Society – Rick Williamson, presenter, requesting \$5,000 to partially cover cost of equipment, not an upgrade. Since retirement of doctors, society has had to take more active role; Currently has nurse practitioner, and promised a new grad practitioner. Temp doctor who left in late December has expressed interest in coming back for summer months, when he finishes tour of duty in Neil's Harbour. Set up cubicle where patients could access virtual care services, and don't have computer experience. Examination table is \$10,000+, shipping and installation.

West Colchester Community Development Association, (WCCDA) – Alan Johnson, treasurer was presenter. Requested \$5,000 to for restoration of Cobequid Interpretive Centre, Economy which is now Coffis of Fundy Geopark Welcome Centre. GeoPark sees the site and being the centre of both ends. Also applied to province for \$62,000 additional funding for next year's signage and other things the communities are requesting.

Colchester community Support Society – Presenter, Aundrea Currie and Darlene

Deaddler. Requesting \$5,000 for continued operation of sharing kitchen and also working with Maggie's Place and cooking programmer is assisting other groups with cooking classes and meal kits.

Fundy Snowmobile Club – Marsha Eddy and Craig Cameron. Requesting \$75,000 for capital expenditures to assist with new grooming equipment costing over \$505,000.

The Shoreline Journal

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