

# Letters to the editor

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We do have attractive advantages and especially in this district but Colchester, Pictou and others counties do too. We've got attraction competition and I don't see us winning.

The matter of derelict, dangerous and /or unsightly properties in the County is no small matter. I was told that at least one individual fought the Municipal By-Law on the basis of having been "singled out" when they (he or she) could produce multiple photographs of worse or at least equally questionable properties. Good point!

This is no small matter. A massive campaign is required and some teeth must be put into the law by having "unbiased inspectors" write up the derelict, dangerous and unsightly properties which must then be followed up with competent legal proceedings being carried out.

Penalties must be publicized and must be sufficient to cover court costs. Actual action taken must be made public. This should be so in the interest of having the lazy or indifferent decide to clean up rather than go through a process in Court.

Once again I must question why this problem which is negatively affecting the entire county has NOT BEEN ADDRESSED by successive Cumberland Municipality Councils for fourteen (14) years. So much for Edmund Burke's purported... "the only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that a few good men do nothing."

I am appreciative of not being alone in addressing this issue.

Sincerely, Bill

PS: one person reading my original email reminded me that "mess" whether graffiti, junk or an untidy room is "contagious". Once it's permitted it grows.

April 4, 5:12 pm: At suppertime on the eve of Good Friday, Earl Chase replied to "Councillor" reply by adding: "Councillor". You drive by the so called fire hall everyday. Why don't you make a move.

Just asking? How the tourist think of this going east or west? Earl

April 7, 11:04 am: Bill Kempt wrote: Guys and "Councillor", You should know that beyond our correspondence to date on by law enforcement, that a half dozen people on my (our) email exchange list have spoken to me and talked positively about us expressing our concerns.

Two have said they also intended to reply in writing in the hopes of stimulating something more proactive being done about enforcement of the said by-laws. All consider that the unbiased "inspector" idea herein suggested by Ed but definitely well expressed by others, was a necessity.

Maurice Rees has written to me and we have since spoken on the telephone. He intends to include our exchanges in a Letter to the Editor in the next publication of "The Shoreline Journal". Personally I welcome it as after fourteen (14) disgraceful years it's a public conversation that needs to be held. I did raise the matter that everyone isn't as comfortable with expressing their views publicly as I am —well wishing that they were too.

Therefore, we agreed that I should write to you informing you of the intended publication and leave it up to you to contact him if you have concerns about your name being used. Is our democratic right to free speech as much in question as the fear factor in by-law enforcement?

April 7, 1:07 pm: Stephen Leahey responded to Bill saying, "Some good hard work and analysis done here..proof that it is a subject that should be taken seriously by our politicians.

April 7, 6:00 pm: Bill Kempt spent Good Friday afternoon chatting and doing further investigating by-law matters. He wrote: "Hello all, I had a long chat with Bill Martin today. It was mostly on the subject of our email exchanges regarding the enforcement of our bylaws as they pertain to "dangerous and unsightly properties". Bill stated that he attends most Municipal Council meetings and that has seen evidence of Council initiating action

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## Schedule

Schedule	Monday, May 8, 2023	May 8, 2023
9 a.m.	Scrabble	B.H. Village Hall
1 p.m.	Washer Toss	Truro Horseman's Club
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Casual Walking	RECC
6:30 p.m.	Tennis	Truro Tennis Club
Schedule	Tuesday, May 9, 2023	May 9, 2023
9 a.m.	Skip-Bo	B.H. Village Hall
9:30 a.m.	Darts	Truro Horseman's Club
1 p.m.	Social Bridge	B.H. Village Hall
1 p.m. (Rain date May 11 at 1 p.m.)	Lawn Bowling	Douglas St. Rec. Centre
Schedule	Wednesday, May 10, 2023	May 10, 2023
9 a.m.	Crokinole	B.H. Village Hall
12:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	523 Prince St.
1 p.m.	Cribbage	B.H. Village Hall
3 - 5 p.m.	Swimming	Scotia Pool
Schedule	Thursday, May 11, 2023	May 11, 2023
9 a.m.	Euchre	B.H. Village Hall
10 a.m.-12p.m.	Casual Walking	RECC
1:00 p.m.	Auction 45's	B.H. Village Hall
4-5 p.m.	Swimming	Scotia Pool
6:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Cougar Dome
Schedule	Friday, May 12, 2023	May 12, 2023
9 a.m.	Bowling	B.H. Bowlacade
5:30 p.m.	Closing Banquet	B.H. Village Hall
Schedule	Wednesday, May 31, 2023	May 31, 2023
9:30 a.m. (rain date June 7)	Golf	Mountain Golf Course

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Skip-Bo	Bowling	Euchre	Darts
Casual Walking	Pickle Ball	Lawn Bowling	Tennis
	Golf		

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