



Materials Recovery Facility Directors Report

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- There is an upcoming Citizen's Monitoring Committee meeting scheduled at the site for April 24th.
- The Public Drop Off is still undergoing a review and redesign. Plans are in place to relocate it to a more secure area with better traffic flow. The new area has been cleared off, surveyed and work is being planned with the current location remaining operational until the new site is ready later this year.
- A used 2019 John Deere rock truck (Insert John Deere Truck Photo) has been purchased and all staff have now received full training on operating it. The 1995 Terex that it replaced was sold to a private contractor through Brandt Tractor as part of this deal. It was bittersweet saying goodbye to the last original piece of equipment on site!
- Due to the new Nova Scotia C&D regulations that were implemented in July 2023, the treated wood education campaign has been running throughout the Winter. The new sorting requirements and tip fees were implemented on April 1, 2024, as planned.
- Staff are currently placing the final lift of bales on top of the first three landfill cells to ensure the area is ready for the final capping project. An RFP was posted for the design and oversight of the construction tender. This has been awarded to Dillon Consulting and the design process is now underway with plans to tender the project this Spring and have construction commence at the site in July.
- We are still waiting for the final report from the Divert Landfill Audit to be sent back to the oversight committee from the consultant. A copy of the report will be shared once received.

COMPOST FACILITY

Staffing:

- There have been no changes to compost facility staffing. The area continues to operate with two equipment operators and a utility worker. Compost employees continue to be used to fill in at the Bale-fill when short-staffed and for vacation coverage.

Production & Markets:

- There is currently lots of finished compost material leftover from last year available to be purchased anytime. The Spring Compost Giveaway event is scheduled for May 4 - 11 where all residents are entitled to 100kgs or 3 bags free of charge.



- The excess compost that is stockpiled onsite that was not marketable will be used as the vegetative cover layer prior to hydroseeding when we cap the landfill cells. This will allow reclamation of the land along the powerline, where this material is currently stored, to its' original condition.

Projects/Operations:

- The tender was posted in January for a new wheel loader for the compost facility to replace the 2010 John Deere that currently has 27,500 hours on it. The tender was awarded to Strongco and the loader is expected to be delivered in August.
- DAL AC continues to work on two projects involving our compost material, one looking at the carbon footprint for the composting program, and the other looking at the microplastics in our finished product.

WASTE REDUCTION

Staffing:

- Solid Waste is happy to announce that in March 2024, the role of the Helpline/Administrative Support Clerk has been filled by an employee from the Municipality's casual pool. Role.
- Solid Waste thanks the previous Helpline/Administrative Support Clerk for the past 10 years of dedicated service.

Education:

- The education contract with Divert NS sets out required targets for the Divert Education Funding program.
- The Education Officer has been very busy with completing and exceeding these targets. An example is exceeding the required contract agreement with Divert NS in relation to the number of presentations given to Middle School (Grade 5 to Grade 8).
- Waste Reduction has completed and exceeded the required contract agreement with Divert NS in relation to the number of Community/Residential number of presentations given.
- Staff completed and exceeded the required contract agreement in relation to the number of business visits conducted. The aim here was to locate food establishments who may be non-compliant and render waste management education, helping them become more compliant with our solid waste rules and regulations.
- Under Litter Education, Waste Reduction staff has partnered with our Recreation Department and identified potential community recreation sites that litter prevention messaging could help prevent litter at: Fundy Discovery Site, Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park (installed), North River Ballfield and Pictou Rd Ballfield (Valley Rec Park). The remaining signs will be installed over the Spring. Thank you to the Recreation Department for partnering with us in the effort to help keep Colchester Clean.



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2024 Patterson Law Lifetime Achievement Award

Sharon Corcoran Lifetime Achievement Award



The Lifetime Achievement Award, presented this year by Patterson Law, is the highest honour of the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce and recognizes individuals who have had a life-long commitment to economic and community growth in the Truro and Colchester Region.

Overall, this award serves as a tribute to an individual's lifelong dedication, accomplishments, and impact, celebrating their legacy and influence on the business community and community more broadly.

Tonight we will honour a business woman that captivates people with her presence, confidence and charisma. A woman that creates a wake of joy as she cruises through life with exuberance, boundless spirit, passion and a heart of pure gold. It is a profound pleasure to present Sharon Corcoran with this esteemed award as we celebrate a lifetime of her extraordinary accomplishments, her business legacy and profound influence in the community.

Anyone who is fortunate enough to know Sharon is immediately swept into a vortex of infectious energy, illuminating every space she enters, infusing it with warmth, laughter, and a zest for life that inspires all fortunate enough to know her.

Stepping back in time, Sharon began her realtor career in Truro in 1979 working with local brokers. In 1988, she paired up with another broker, Barbara Schofield, and they launched Fairlane Realty during a time when women owning their own business was rare.

The date was also significant that March 8, the business anniversary, falls on International Women's Day, as a reminder of the significance of their journey as women in business. She shared that the first cheque they signed was to the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, marking that they were officially in business receiving their membership sticker for their window on



George White of Patterson Law, presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to Sharon Corcoran of Re/max Fairlane Realty at the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce annual Dinner Gala and Awards while Sherry Martell, Executive Director Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce assists. (Contributed)

Prince Street. Sharon became the sole proprietor of the business in 2002 and bought her first RE/MAX franchise on April 14, 2005. This acquisition aligned the Truro-based business with a national firm increasing marketing, education and technology that increased their efficiency.

Sharon has literally had a lifelong interest in advocacy campaigning and winning her high school student council president election.

She has continued that advocacy at provincial and national levels within the real estate industry and through the Chamber. She has served as the President of the Northern Real Estate Board, and Political Municipal Action Committee which created the first-time home buyers plan adopted by government that continues to support homebuyers today.

Celebrating 36 years in business this year, Sharon is thrilled to see the increasing number of women entrepreneurs in the region. She is an inspiration to many and a mentor, providing advice and experience for anyone seeking support.

For many newcomers relocating to the community, she is their first friendly face helping them get

settled in their new home.

She is a very proud driving force behind the REMAX Children's Miracle Network program which has raised over \$100 million in Canada in total since its inception in 1992. Nova Scotia's REMAX Agents raised \$198,507 in 2023 and every cent went to IWK.

She has a passion for preserving local built heritage and has created a series of 26 postcards capturing the unique architecture of several properties in Truro.

She has been a member of The

Truro Rotary Club since 2002 and is currently serving as the president of the Truro Rotary Club. She received the Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship in 2023.

More than hobbies, Sharon has many passions such as travelling, curling, golf, playing in the New Horizons Band, gardening and spending time with her partner Orland and his grandchildren.

Sharon received the REMAX Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 for her outstanding sales performance and has been presented with a REMAX Hall of Fame, 2023 REMAX Platinum Club Team award with co-recipient Joanne Bouley, among several other sales excellence awards.

This incredible Truro business woman reminds us to embrace each moment with passion, to approach challenges with optimism, and to spread happiness wherever we go. In honoring her, we pay tribute to the power of positivity and the extraordinary impact of living life to the fullest.

The Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce and Patterson Law are honored this evening to recognize Sharon for her enormous contribution to our community.

Sharon, please come forward to be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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