



Dave Stewart delivers some tasty maple syrup to Geraldine Gratto and Ruth Patriquin at the Debert Legion Breakfast on April 27th. (Harrington Photo)

No Tax Rate Increase

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cluded. Numerous community organizations will again receive support through the County's extensive not-for-profit grant programs. "Council carefully reviews grant applications from dozens and dozens of community groups each year. These organizations, many volunteer-led, are critical to providing important services and facilities in our Municipality," added Mayor Blair. "We are pleased to support these dedicated groups that work so hard to make our communities better."

Each year the County's operating budget is set within a context of competing needs, requests, opportunities, and anticipated revenues. Some costs and revenue streams are not within the Municipality's control. Over 42% of taxes collected by the Municipality will be transferred to the Provincial Government for services such as schools, li-

braries, assessment services, and policing. This leaves the Municipality with \$24.9 million dollars to deliver County-wide services such as sewage treatment, solid waste management, environmental planning, and recreation services.

Costs for education went up \$973,000 this year while policing went up \$670,000, each contributing to the required mandatory payments to the Province which totalled \$17.3 Million. Retroactive pay for a new policing contract negotiated by the Federal government a number of years ago remains a concern. It is anticipated to result in increases to policing costs in the future.

"All and all, I want to thank Council and Staff for their tireless efforts in preparing this year's budget. I am especially pleased that it positions us well for maintaining quality services and future growth, without increasing the tax rates for our residents," concluded Mayor Blair.

"No Criminal Charges" Onslow Fire Hall Incident

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had asked Ontario's SIU to review whether any new information considered by the Mass Casualty Commission that had not been considered in the SiRT's investigation of the shooting, would impact the previous SiRT decision that no charges were warranted.

The full SIU report is available at: https://siu.on.ca/en/directors_report_details.php?driid=3796

The Directors of the SIU and the SiRT understand that the issues examined by the Mass Casualty Commission are difficult and that this review may cause psychological distress. If you or someone you know needs support, you can contact the services listed below:

- 211 Nova Scotia- 211 Nova Scotia is a free, confidential helpline and web service, which connects you to community and social services in Nova Scotia, in over 140 languages, 24/7. Tel: 2-1-1
- Provincial Mental Health

and Addictions Crisis Line- provides crisis intervention for children, youth and adults experiencing a mental health crisis or mental distress, 24/7. Tel: 1-888-429-8167

- Kids Help Phone- A national helpline for young people between the ages of 5 and 20, where confidential and anonymous support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tel: 1-800-668-6868 or Text: CONNECT to 686868 kidshelpphone.ca

- Mental Health and Addictions Intake Service- If you or a family member needs help, you can self-refer to a mental health or addictions clinic, service or program through the Nova Scotia Health Authority or IWK Health Centre. Tel: 1-855-922-1122 (Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

- SIU Affected Persons Program - If you or someone you know is an affected person in need of support, please call the Affected Persons Program General Referral Line at 1-877-641-1897. For more information: siu.on.ca/en/apc.php

Confederation Park (When Nightmares Began)

Upon My Shoulders I Bare The Pain
Of Being Put Out Into The October Rain
The Lies Are Many The Truths Are Few
It Haunts My Sleep Though People Knew
A Country In Shame

Newspaper Is What Kept Me Dry
As I Did Not Want To Live Or Die
A Night Of Horror To Be So Cold
Alone Without Someone To Hold
A Country In Shame

Many Years Have Come To Past
Nightmares Are What Come And Last
A Country's Pride Is Broken Too
Oh Canada The Shames On You!
A Country In Shame

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