

REES' Pieces

Save The Lower Truro water facility

I don't know about you, but I am getting tired of all the unnecessary and chaotic political crap, we are exposed to everyday. We have been getting extra doses of it as a result of the federal election, but that has been tamer than expected because Canadians have been doing double duty uniting ourselves to build a united anti-Trump movement.

But the airwaves and social media seem capable of overriding our desires not to pay attention to the chaos south of the border. Several times daily Trump seems capable of disrupting the whole world in a matter of minutes with a crazy idea.

It has been heartening to see millions of Americans taking to the street with peaceful demonstrations. In nearly every state from one coast to the other. I feel sorry for our southern friends for what they are enduring on a daily basis. However, they are starting to show some spunk.

Opposition to Trump has been very scarce, in fact non-existent when it comes to the 370 Republican senators and congress members. The entire US political system could be turned upside down if only 12 had the backbone to say Enough is Enough!!! The sorrowful thing is they will admit opposition to Trump privately to the media and politicians of other parties, but there is no way they have the stamina to say it in public or when it's time to cast a vote.

Trump may think he is winning and 145% tariff on China forms a winning hand. But wait a couple of months when many store shelves are empty; there is a food shortage, and the public finally realizes Trump has never cared about their well being. It will be like a civil war. Let's hope it is non-violent.

We are at war with the USA Government. We must be vigilant to KEEP THE ELBOWS UP.

There are a lot of cards we can play. We have the reputation of being Peacekeepers, but we must realize now is the time we must change tactics. No more Mr Nice Guy. Today's game is hard ball. It would not hurt to bring a set of brass knuckles.

It gave all of us a nice warm feeling to see Nova Scotia leading the charge to reduce, or eliminate provincial trade barriers. We must give Premier Tim Houston a round of applause. He deserves a second pat on the back for signing a provincial barrier reduction MOU with Ontario's Premier Doug Ford.

As my closing act for this month, I must go on record to express my extreme disappointment in a number elected representatives, municipal and provincial, other groups and hundreds of individuals, who will now be facing a horrible situation.

Yes, I am referring to the imminent closure of the Lower Truro spring water source. Last month, in a front page item I offered to assist users to find a solution to the problem. I calculated my phone would ring constantly and my email inbox would be full. I seriously miscalculated the seriousness of the problem and how unconcerned the hundreds who line up each day to get a supply of fresh spring water who appear not overly concerned about the forth coming closure.

I had three inquiries. The first was a lady from Bible Hill, who uses the facility. The purpose of her call to see if I had received many calls. An email was received. The person expressed some concern; asked to be updated, but made no mention of helping. The third inquiry proved far more interesting. It was from a gentleman, who lives on the road between Noel and Kennetcook. The water facility is important and he uses it regularly.

Now that Easter has past and this issue got published on schedule, I'll have more time to get involved. If you wish to help, or even give moral support please get in contact soon. 902-890-9850, or maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

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Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Dear editor at The Shoreline Journal,

(The following letter was received from several people. We have included the writer's name for each letter submitted)

Everyone needs a safe, decent, affordable place to call home.

But for too long, our housing system has felt like an unfair game rigged against us all. Rents are skyrocketing. Mortgage rates are unpredictable. Buying a home is beyond reach. In our own community, there just isn't enough housing for it to be affordable for all.

And our community isn't alone—Canada has a housing crisis. Now, in the face of Trump's trade war, it's more important than ever that we work together to protect all of us.

I've joined a campaign that I think more people should know about. The Housing Canada Coalition is made up of leading housing organizations from across the housing continuum, and they've figured out that even though they provide different kinds of housing, it's crucial they work together for solutions. So, they've built a 10-point plan to create a housing safety net and build a better system that works for everyone. The solutions are urgent and can really make a difference in this crisis.

I encourage everyone to read about it and become an advocate for housing this election. You can go to endthehousinggame.ca to learn more and join the campaign.

Together, we can end the unfair housing game, and build a fair, resilient housing system in Canada that works for everyone.

Sincerely,

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NOTE: The above was a pre typed letter, devised by endthehousinggame.ca.

My personal feelings on the housing crisis are centered around the fact that the poorest people are paying the most for rent, mortgages, costs of living and taxes.

For context, my animosity towards "rich people" is not aimed towards the average Canadian. Dear reader, you are not one of them. You will likely never be one of them. If you have a modicum of empathy within you, you could NEVER become one of them, because hoarding wealth to that extent would, in of itself, be a violation of a decent persons morals.

I gave up on owning my own house in 2020. I bought a school bus and started renovating it to be a tiny house. It should be ready to live in by the summer.

When School buses become legitimately better and arguably healthier options than the available overpriced housing, you can no longer deny that you have a problem.

I say-bleed the rich dry. If they want the perks of living in a functioning society, it's high time they pay their dues. They can't make their own medicine, grow their own food, build their own houses, operate on themselves...they directly benefit from the rest of us and the work that the community does, but refuse to contribute to bettering the world their benefactors live in.

As long as they can buy services for themselves from people willing to render such services, they won't change and they won't care. Look at the way they treat space travel and then how they treat the earth that they depend upon. As if they could simply buy themselves out of the environmental chaos they're partially responsible for and live like the very same people they seem to abhor on Mars?

Time to stop giving them the option to care. Time to MAKE them be a part of a community and contribute to keeping it healthy and happy-

or get out. No more of the barriers they use to keep themselves separate from the rest of humanity.

It's time to remind the rich that they're human-whether they like it or not!

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Here's where to find us:

BASS RIVER:

Bayside Pharmacy
Dominion Chair Factory Store

BIBLE HILL:

C.W. Fraser Pharmacy
MacQuarries Pharmacy
Kennedy's Deli - Ryland Ave

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Masstown Market Five Islands

GLENHOLME:

Double "C" Truckstop

GREAT VILLAGE:

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MAITLAND:

Frieze & Roy General Store

MASSTOWN:

Masstown Market
MTM Retail Gas (Petro-Can)

MILLBROOK:

Super 8 Motel
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NORTH RIVER:

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PARRSBORO:

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Ken's Grocery
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Hi Maurice

I just picked up a copy of The April 2025 Shoreline today and was disappointed in the article that you wrote on the front page - which did not clearly report on the fact that the province basically override the Colchester municipalities's work. After much consultation with the community the County setbacks for 200m Wind Turbines was set at 2km.

The province has overridden this and has stipulated a setback of 800 m - which is less than half of what the County wanted. This was done by the province with no consultation with the county or the public.

This should have been clearly reported in your article.

You are usually very fair and supportive of environmental concerns so I am puzzled by your reporting. Can you clarify.

Thanks

Madeline Conacher for Green Nova Scotia First www.greennovascotiafirst.ca

(Editor's Note: In the overall master plan and Land-Use By-Law, the municipality amend both documents to abide by government's stipulation)

Tatamagouche Sewer Renewal gets \$650,000

Tatamagouche Trunk Sewer Renewal project was awarded \$650,000 as one of 35 projects receiving nearly \$26.8 million in total, covering up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. The Province is continuing to invest in municipal infrastructure projects through the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) Program.

The GRID program was announced in October 2024 as a \$15-million annual program supporting municipal infrastructure projects. An additional \$11.8 million was added for 2024-25, given demand.

Since 2021, the Province has invested \$257.6 million in municipal infrastructure, including water, stormwater and wastewater projects, disaster

mitigation projects and accessibility upgrades.

Other local municipal projects included: Springhill Wastewater Treatment Plant Screening Equipment Upgrade \$893,335, Town of Truro Cobequid Drive Street Refurbishment \$1,381,790 and Shubenic Water Treatment Plant \$ 150,000.

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