

Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

This month we won't talk about the weather (Nova Scotians favourite pastime), because it has a great fall. Just hope it continues a few more weeks.

Now the election is over, new premier and cabinet has been sworn in, maybe we can get back to regular fall activities as we build up our synergy for the Christmas season. But before I move on to other topics, I want to congratulate Karen Casey on her successful re-election and for being chosen as Minister of Education.

Knowing Karen as I have been involved with her for the past five years, Maurice and I have owned the Shoreline (gosh, almost six years), I know even though she will have lots of responsibilities and a very heavy workload, she will not miss many events in Colchester North. Her active role in Colchester North will certainly be much different than the previous MLA from East Hants once he was appointed to the cabinet.

While in opposition he was everywhere, just like Karen. However, once he got into cabinet, he was always among the missing at the church suppers, etc. I'm sure Karen will make sure she's there, as she has been for a number of years.

I spend a lot more time in the store than in the kitchen, as most of you know. It was interesting after the election results were posted to see how many winning candidates from around the province had purchased customized t-shirts from us for their election volunteers and loyal followers. I've moved to other things, as we get the store ready for the Christmas season, but I think at last count six of eight customers were winners in their constituency.

As I have been reflecting what I might be able to bake for the Christmas season, with the limited time, I will have, I spent a few hours going through the collection of recipes handed down from my mother (deceased) and relatives back home in Cape Breton.

I've chosen three, although the first recipe name doesn't seem to fit the finished product, Washington Pie, Christmas Cookies and Drop Shortbreads were family favourites to come out of my mother's oven.

Washington Pie

**1/2 cup shortening • 1 cup sugar • 2 eggs, beaten
1 1/4 cup flour • 3 tsp baking powder • Pinch of salt
1 tsp vanilla • 1 cup milk**

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla and milk. Mix well. Add dry ingredients. Beat until batter is smooth. Divide batter in half and bake in two round pans of appropriate size. Bake in 350 oven for 30-35 minutes.

When cooled and you are ready to finish. My mother used to turn one cake upside down and add a thick layer of homemade jam. Put the other cake on top and then finish with the boiled frosting of your choice.

Christmas Cookies

**1 cup soft butter • 3/4 cup brown sugar • 1/2 tsp vanilla
1/8 tsp salt • 2 1/2 cup flour
1 cup almonds, chopped or slivered (optional)
1/2 cup red cherries • 1/2 cup green cherries**

Cream butter, add sugar, then add vanilla, salt and flour. Add cherries and almonds, if you used them. Form into a ball. Bake in 325 oven until golden. Do not grease baking sheet.

Drop Shortbread

**1 cup margarine • 1/2 cup icing sugar
1 1/2 cup flour • Pinch of Salt**

Cream together margarine and icing sugar. Add flour and salt. Mix until creamy. To with half a red or green cherry, or icing. Bake in 350 oven for 1-12 minutes.

I'm always in need of recipes. If you have some Christmas recipes, send to me by November 20th and I'll get into the December issue.

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Notes from our National Capital Seizing Canada's Moment

Canadians gave our Conservative Government a mandate two years ago, a mandate to support job creation, keep taxes low and help make our streets and communities safer. With the support of our Economic Action Plan, Canada has created approximately one million net new jobs since the depths of the global economic recession, the best job-creation record in the G7. Yet, the job isn't done. Our natural wealth, sound finances and the ingenuity of Canadians are aligned to create Canada's moment. We must seize that moment and build on what Canada has accomplished.

That's why the Speech from the Throne, delivered by Governor General David Johnston, lays out our Government's priorities for this session of Parliament. Our Conservative Government will build on our record, supporting economic growth and jobs for Canadians. We will take new steps to support and protect Canadian families. And we will always put Canada first.

To help promote jobs and opportunity, we will continue to implement our Economic Action Plan. I was particularly pleased that the Speech focused on creating jobs and providing support for young Canadians to get the education and training they need

to successfully gain employment. It reaffirms our commitment to the \$25 Billion Shipbuilding Contract for the Irving Shipyards which will employ thousands of Nova Scotians. It also highlights a bright future for our local aerospace industry and the west - east pipeline that will ship western crude to Saint John, New Brunswick.

We will spend responsibly and balance the budget in 2015. We will introduce legislation requiring balanced budgets during normal economic times. We'll continue to reform the Temporary Foreign Workers program to ensure that Canadians always have the first chance at available jobs. We have now concluded negotiations on a comprehensive trade agreement with the European Union which will create and estimated 80,000 new jobs and open a market of 500 million people to our exporters. In addition to this historic deal we will continue to expand trade, and open up new markets in Asia and the Americas.

To support Canadian families, we will put consumers first and work to increase choice. We all know the annoyance of paying for

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Scott Armstrong

News from our Municipal Council - District 10 Hello folks.

For starters I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Karen on her recent election win. There is no doubt she will be very successful in her new portfolio as Minister of Education and as a senior minister in the new government. I am confident she will have a strong voice which will benefit the residents of West Colchester. I look forward to working with her in any way I can to improve our region.

I would like to say that I was disappointed in the selection of the new library site. I would have preferred a new building. One that was modern and efficient, unfortunately it appears that was never given consideration. Failing that from what I was able to determine with the information I had available, the old hat factory building would have been the better site.

However that was not to be, therefore when looking at the big picture I grudgingly voted in favour. When I speak of the big picture I mean the fact that I felt I did not want to run the risk of damaging the relationship or partnerships where the town and

the County cooperate and share services. Things such as the sewage treatment plant, the bale fill facility, water treatment and the Civic Center.

There is no question in my mind that this type of regional cooperation is of great benefit to the tax payer in both the Town and County. I would like to note that Colchester County as a whole, including the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke are one of only two regions outside of Halifax that have shown positive growth year over year for the past number of years. Much of this is I believe a result of years of cooperation and cost sharing.

In closing I would like to remind all that Remembrance day is just around the corner and ask that everyone take the time from their busy schedules on Nov 11 to attend a service and to show our veterans the respect they so truly deserve.

Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County



Tom Taggart

News from our Municipal Council - District 9

Happy Halloween everyone and I hope you're enjoying this beautiful Nova Scotia fall weather as much as my family is. I should say that I'm writing this on the evening of October 16 and we have had quite a stretch of sunny warm weather but by the time you read this it may have been raining for several days. That's what I enjoy the most about our fall weather - it's extremely unpredictable with an awful lot of surprises. This is the same reason I enjoy municipal politics so much. You never really know what's going to come your way in the days and weeks ahead.

As of October 20th, 2013 it will have been one year since the people of District 9 voted to elect me as their representative on County Council and what an exciting year it has been. With five new Councillors on board, following the 2012 election, there was very little time for orientation before the first serious issue came to light. This of course was the possibility of Fracking waste water, containing many different types of chemicals, being treated and then released through the Municipal sewer system and eventually into the Bay of Fundy.

One thing about getting started with such a contentious issue is that if any of us new Councillors were in doubt on whether or not the democratic process was alive and well, at the Municipal level of government, those doubts left very quickly. The Public hearings held by the newly formed Sewer Use Appeals Committee that took place at the Debert Legion, over two evenings, was truly inspiring. For the County Council to be able to facilitate that many extremely concerned and very passionate County residents and give each the opportunity to stand up and voice their thoughts and opinions for the record, was something in my opinion we need to see a lot more of at all levels of

Government. We tend to forget that the people are the government.

Things certainly didn't slow down after the Fracking waste water issue calmed down. I say calmed down because it certainly hasn't gone away. It is still being stored in Debert and Council has recently asked the Department of Environment for another update. We want to know if there has been any progress in finding a solution to the disposal of these waste waters.

In the past year this new Council has dealt with or is dealing with issues ranging from the financial concerns of the NSPE; Wind turbines and their location in proximity in distance to residents and sound levels; Odor issues in a couple of different districts. Here in District 9 Councillor and Mayor remuneration was a topic giving even gave those folks who didn't take the time to vote in the last Municipal election something to talk about. Whether its sidewalks, feral cats or whatever the issue I'm getting a call about, I still have to say once again thank you so much for this opportunity to represent you on your Colchester County Council. It certainly is a privilege that I'm enjoying very much.

I hope to see everyone from District 9 who can make it to the Cenotaph in Debert on November 11th to remember all those fallen Canadians who fought for our freedom.

Make sure you get out and enjoy this beautiful fall weather. Don't forget we are home to some of the most gorgeous trail systems in all of Nova Scotia. Check them out at: www.colchester.ca

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County



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