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This builds on the previous action our Government has taken to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. We dispatched relief supplies for refugees including tents, blankets, and kitchen and hygiene kits with the help of the Red Cross. We also continue to work with organizations such as Save the Children Canada and Mercy Corps. In addition to providing supplies to those displaced

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question how important this place was to him. A solo: Rise Again, sung by his daughter, and fiddler interlude: Rosebud of Allenvale reinforced that importance.

And just prior to the Commendation, Blessing and Recessional, the entire congregation stood proudly and joined in the singing of the ever popular, and truly Nova Scotian Farewell to Nova

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rates for different regions as there are vastly different service requirement / demands. However, one would think there would be significant savings in joining hands and working as a larger region. However this is easy to say. Facts will ultimately tell the tale. As they say, the devil is in the details.

As for roads, I personally am opposed to transferring responsibility for any roads to Municipality. In West Colchester we have been relatively fortunate over the past 10 to 15 years in that the main road, Highway 2, has been updated and in fairly good condition.

However the same cannot always be said for secondary roads. For the most part they are in need of updating and maintenance. The reason for this is clear. MONEY. Therefore I am not interested in any of that responsibility.

You can be sure over the next month I will do my best to understand the cost/benefits of this report.

Those interested in information regarding the Waste-to-Energy discussion should read Councillor McInnis' column this month as he is writing about it and there is no sense in repeating it.

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We may have departed Halifax on September 12th but we did not reach our destination until September 14th. Pune is 9.5 hours ahead of our time and with the travel time it was a very long two days of travel. The next morning we were sitting in a meeting with Pune's Municipal Corporation officials at 9am. I must say the Municipal officials we met with were very open and direct in their sharing of information with us. It was very interesting to listen to their challenges, strengths and successes with this project. This information will be extremely helpful to the County moving forward in making any decision to invest in this technology in the future.

The delegation also spent a considerable amount of time during our three days on the ground in India with the Concord Blue technology officials. This was to help us better understand the

by the violence, we are also providing medical supplies to health facilities, and helping with emergency repairs to water and sanitation facilities.

If left unhindered, this terrorist threat will only grow. That's why, as our allies have recognized and responded to ISIL, we've joined the cause. Canada will not stand on the sidelines, we will do our part. Our Conservative Government is standing up for the safety and security of Canadian families and innocent civilians

Scotia. It was such a fitting conclusion to a celebration of Purdy's life. His life should be an inspiration to all of us. It should remind us that coming from humble beginnings, a small community, and small schools in Five Islands and Bass River provided a great foundation for Purdy. But as Purdy himself said "business skills, degrees and pedigrees are less important than talent, drive and accountability".

*Karen Casey, MLA, represents Colchester North*

Touching on flooding for a minute, I will be asking council for funding so the municipal flood advisory committee can do some short term work to protect residents affected by the recent flooding in Great Village and Lower Debert. Also during budget deliberations next spring I will be asking council to consider increasing funding to this committee. This would enable us to begin work on the bigger picture to protect communities and residents from these severe storm events which are becoming more common.

I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the Natural playground at the community centre in Londonderry. It is an outstanding project. Those with young children really should find the time to visit. It a great example of what a community can accomplish when they all work together. This project was lead by Amanda Langille and Robyn Spencer, but received huge support from the local residents on their work days. Amanda, Robyn and the community should be very proud.

In closing I would remind all residents to take the time on Nov 11 to get out to a service and pay their respect to our veterans, present and past and to all those in uniform today.

*Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County*

operational and technical side of the gassification plant. Once again these officials were very open about the challenges of the project and how they addressed any issues. Most importantly we were able to see for ourselves that the technology works and it is creating electricity.

There are many steps in this process. Staff will be working with Lockheed Martin in the coming months gathering vital information in preparation of creating a feasible business plan. At this time there is no real cost to the municipality other than staff time and resources in researching the project further. This is a project that needs to be able to save us money for many years to come on our electrical cost. What better way to accomplish this than to use a resource that is currently not only considered useless but also very expensive to dispose of!

*Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County*

# Basin Basics Stationery Sold

*By Maurice Rees*

Basin Basics, with offices in Halifax, Truro and Antigonish has been sold to Denis Office Supplies and Furniture of Laval, Quebec. Founded in 1972 Denis Office has ten locations, eight in Quebec plus Maritime locations in Moncton and Charlottetown. Basin Basics will add three locations and approximately 40 staff to the Denis group, which already was among the largest employers in the office supply and furniture sector in Canada.

Michael Emberly and Donald King partnered to start Basin Stationery and Office Supplies Limited in northend Halifax in October 1979. The firm moved to a larger building on Lady Hammond Road, and moved again to its cur-

rent location on Strawberry Hill Street.

Donald King retired with Steven Emberly purchasing his shares in Basin, becoming Vice President and Purchasing Manager. Father and son have continued to work and build the company on the founding philosophy of customer service.

Basin Stationery, operating as Basin Basics Halifax, Basin Basics Truro and Highland Basics is a locally owned Nova Scotian company that services Mainland Nova Scotia. Basin Stationery have an Office Supply Storefront, Furniture Showroom, Warehouse and Distribution Centre at Suite 130, 3667 Strawberry Hill Street in Halifax.

In addition Basin has retail stores in Truro and

Antigonish; operates its own delivery trucks for the greater Halifax-Metro area. For deliveries outside the Halifax-Metro area, next day delivery via a number of different courier companies is offered depending on customers needs.

At the time of the sale last week, Basin had 39 full and part time employees including ten dedicated Office Supply and Furniture Representatives, and a telemarketing representative. Completing the staffing were have two qualified furniture installers under contract.

Now with 13 locations and showrooms and 3 distribution centres, the family owned Denis Office Supplies is one of the largest office supply employers and is the largest independent suppli-

er of stationery products in Eastern Canada.

The transition is scheduled to take place officially on Saturday November 1, 2014. After the transaction is completed, Basin Basics Office Products will be renamed to Denis Office Supplies and Furniture.

Because both Basin Stationery and Denis Office Supplies were members of the same buying group, the same Basics products, item numbers and the same contact information is still valid. Mike Emberly, who was one of the two founding principles of Basin, will continue with the company during a six month transition period, while son, Steve, who had purchased the shares of original co-founder, Donald King, upon his retirement, has been named General Manager and will continue with the company.

around the world.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll - free at 1-888-752-0552; visit my website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong.MP

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