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Everyone knows the October 19, 2015 election results and that Bill Casey is soon to be sworn in as Cumberland-Colchester Member of Parliament. We have confined our coverage to listing of the poll-by-poll results on Page 15 with the following totals: Bill Casey (Lib) 29,527; Scott Armstrong (Conservative) 12,257; Wendy Robinson (NDP) 2,647; Jason Blanch (Green Party) 1,650; Kenneth Jackson (IND) 181 and Richard Plett (IND) 70. Total votes cast 46,332, with 178 ballots rejected for a final total vote of 46,150.

Colchester has been allocated \$100,000, while Cumberland can access \$50,000 when proposals are accepted from a community support network to help expand and promote supports and make services more accessible for victims and survivors of sexual violence. Two provincial committees on public awareness and educational resources have also begun work. For more information on the sexual violence strategy, visit <http://novascotia.ca/coms/svs/>

Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey was joined by area students on Sept. 28, to turn the first sods new schools in Tatamagouche and Bible Hill. In Tatamagouche, a new P-12 school, which will be home to more than 400 students, will replace North Colchester High and Tatamagouche Elementary. In Bible Hill, a new P-4 school will replace Bible Hill Central and Bible Hill East Court Road elementary schools.

The investiture ceremony for the 2015 Order of Nova Scotia recipients took place in the Red Chamber of Province House on September 30th. The 2015 Order of Nova Scotia recipients are: Dr. Margaret Macdonald Casey, Louis E. Deveau, Martin R. (Rudy) Haase, Sharon Hope Irwin and Alistair MacLeod (posthumous).

Heather MacKay is asking anyone in the Great Village/Along the Shore Area interested in the development of a walking trail along the bridge to the Aboiteau to contact her at 902-668-2501 or via email: greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com

It's unfortunate, but Glooscap Trail 4-H Club will not be active this year. I spoke to Mrs. Van den Hoek, who confirmed the club had seven members last year, but with lack of support from potential members and corresponding lack of adult involvement it was impossible to continue. Some speculate that if more adults could become involved more youth would express an interest.

Anyone interested in suggesting ideas for a possible walk along the river trail in Great Village is asked to meet at the In the Village Café at 10 am on October 31st. Heather MacKay suggests even those who would just like to find out more information or just for support to come and join in and bring your Walking Shoes. If weather permits we will go for a walk.



An Iconic Image in Five Islands has been lost. The 'hole' in Long Island, part of the iconic Five Islands, was discovered – collapsed on October 20, 2015. The Shoreline Journal presents a few of the very last photos of this tourist attraction, and a few of the new view. See Linda Harrington and Lawrence R. Nicoll's images on page 11 and 20.

\$50,000 Approved for Palliser Master Plan

By Maurice Rees

In September Council approved \$50,000 (1/3 of the total cost) towards completion of a master plan on the Palliser Property, which is now being referred to as the Bay of Fundy Gateway project.

The proposed three way partnership would also include \$50,000 from Town of Truro and Nova Scotia Tourism Agency. Staff were directed to make funding applications to ACOA and NS Tourism Agency and explore local funding

partnerships with Truro and Millbrook to supplement Colchester's share of costs.

On October 15th, during the council committee meeting, it was revealed the Town of Truro had approved \$25,000 instead of the full

\$50,000 amount.

At September's committee meeting council instructed staff to commence development of the Terms of Reference for a Project Steering Committee, which would be mandated to develop "Terms of Reference" for the masterplan process, select a consultant and provide overall direction for the study, direction of staff resources and keep council updated on all aspects of the project and function as a liaison with the broader community on project activities and decisions.

At the committee meeting on October 15th a staff report recommended a 10 person project committee, but council increased membership to 12 people which will include representatives from Colchester, Town of Truro, Millbrook First Nation, Chamber of Commerce, CNTA, Nova Scotia Tourism Agency, plus citizen's representatives.

A meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility scheduled for September 16th was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Because the

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This cute bear was getting lots of attention at Blake's Pumpkin Jungle along Highway #2 between Truro and Masstown. (Harrington Photo)

Lr. Onslow Community Centre Receives \$10,000

By Maurice Rees

The Lower Onslow Community Centre recently received a \$10,000 grant under the Community Accessibility Program to install a ramp, widen the bathroom entry and widen stairs so a chair lift can be installed. Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North and Education and Early Childhood Development Minister made the announcement and delivered the cheque at a small ceremony on October 20th.

The changes will make it easier for seniors, people with disabilities and parents with children in strollers to enjoy the space and attached day-care. The grant covers up to two-thirds of the costs of renovations, to a maximum of \$10,000. The organization must raise at least one-third of the funding, and can receive funding for one project per year.

"These changes are going to provide an opportunity for all members of our community to attend our popular

weekly musical night," said Lower Onslow Community Centre volunteer Ann Fiddes. "Open mic night is a proven fundraiser and a good chance to share country music together."

A similar announcement was made later in the day when St. John's Anglican

Church in Truro received \$10,000 to improve an entrance and make a wash-room in the church hall fully accessible. The changes are part of a larger project to update the church and make its community hall more accessible.

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People of all ages will benefit from the new ramp at the Lower Onslow Community Centre. The ramp and other accessibility improvements were made possible from a \$10,000 provincial accessibility grant. Shown above in addition to the pre-schoolers are: Starting on the left: Claire Shepherd, preschool teacher; Joann Michelin, preschool teacher, Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North and Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and Jennifer McKay, president of the Lower Onslow Preschool Association and board member of the Lower Onslow Community Centre. (Submitted)

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