

# Bees Wax Has Many Uses

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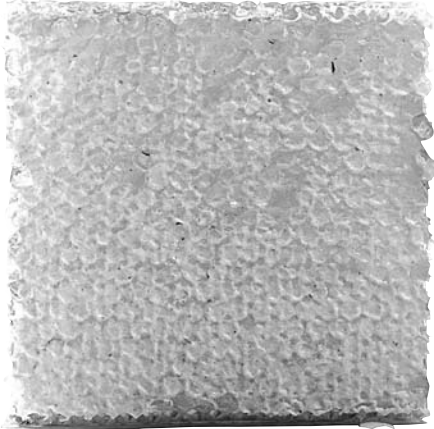
Did you ever wonder what beeswax can be used for? Among other things, beeswax can be used as a polish for premium candies, including Jelly Bellies and Haribo Gummi Bears. It can be mixed with pine pitch and sawdust, as "cutler's resin", used by knife makers to attach blades firmly into handles.

It can be mixed with petroleum jelly as the main ingredient in "bone wax", used by surgeons to control bleeding from bone surfaces during reconstructive surgery. It can be used as a coating to preserve cheese as it ages.

And....it can

be used as a chicken-plucker's plucking aid. They discovered that floating a layer of molten wax on top of boiling water makes the feathers stick together so they can be removed in a large clump instead of as a snowstorm of loose feathers.

And here all I thought you could do with it was polish your furniture!



# \$50,000 Approved for Palliser Master Plan

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three year budget had to be submitted in mid-October to other regulators, council authorized the October Council Committee to approve the three year operating budget. Tatamagouche Water Utility budgets for 2015/2016 through to 2017/2018 were approved at October 15th council committee. The committee also recommended council approve budgets for the Debert Water Utility for the same three years.

Previously council budgeted a \$400,000 expenditure for a new vacuum truck in the 2018/2019 capital budget. At the October 15th meeting a staff report stated equipment supplier, Joe Johnson Equipment, advised of an opportunity to purchase a used vehicle previously owned by a Municipality in Alberta at a cost of \$190,000, excluding taxes. On motions by Councillors Cooper and Stewart the committee approved proceeding with the purchase.

A contract valued at \$106,900 from CF Construction was approved to relocate 425 metres of watermain on Dakota Road. Funding will come from the Debert Sales of Houses account. With additional costs for materials testing, staff time and rebated tax, the entire project will cost

\$120,480, with an internal contingency of \$15,000. The relocation is necessary to allow Speciality Steels to expand.

At council's September 24th meeting council repealed the existing Public Presentations to Council Policy and replacing with a new version. The changes included: First Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise agreed; a maximum of three presentations. The CAO and the Mayor were authorized to sign a new lease with Debert Military Museum.

The building permit activity report for the month of August was \$4,394,300 on 55 permits, which was ahead of last year's 51 permits valued at \$3,278,200. The month's increase over last year occurred with 10 single residential permits valued at \$2,095,000 compared to five permits in August 2014 valued at \$1,088,000. The Development Activity Report shows 22 permits for August (29 permits in 2014) and 103 Permits year to date.

On August 13th council asked staff at the Solid Waste Department to investigate ways to improve the spring and fall clean-up. In mid-September in a staff meeting with Miller Waste it was learned Miller had a number of equipment failures and slow-downs due to a high volume of material and unsuit-

able equipment. Wayne Wamboldt, Director, mentioned an analysis is being done to continue with the annual spring clean-up, but eliminate the fall clean-up. The analysis will include assessments to see if items normally reserved for clean-up could be placed at curbside on scheduled service between the months of April through to December 31st. Staff will continue with the analysis and report back to council at a later date.

The McClure's Brook Drainage Improvements Project, a commitment of \$78,214, will be funded from the Major Flood Reserve as part of Joint Flood Advisory Committee's work in 2015-2016. Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Colchester Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (CREDAC), as presented. CREDAC was created following a meeting in Stewiacke, during which Truro, Stewiacke, Colchester and Millbrook agreed to its formation. Each municipality will nominate one person, plus

the respective CAO's and the Band Administrator and the Business or Economic development Officer from each municipality. Councillor Doug MacInnes has been nominated to serve Colchester's interest on the committee.

The final item requiring approval from the September 10th committee meeting was approval that remuneration to Councillor MacKenzie cease effective September 2 for the duration of the leave of absence as approved by council.

Other items, which have a very direct affect on West Colchester and were finalized at September 24th council meeting are reported on elsewhere in this issue. These items included: Street paving in Debert; Dakota Road Watermain relocation; report of flood remediation work in Great Village; garbage containers for beaches in West Colchester and funding for Victoria Hall, Bass River.

Because the scheduled November 3rd date as presentations to council night conflicts with several members attending the UNSM meetings in Halifax, presentation night for November was moved to November 10th.

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