



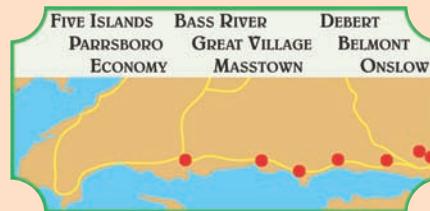
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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS November 2016

We did not intend to confuse you last month, but I think we did. We are embarrassed. Even though it was the October issue, the front page and only the front page said September. The error was noted and passed along to the production department. They didn't make the change, or forgot to save the file.

The NSGEU has set dates December 12 from 8 am to 12 noon on December 14th for electronic voting on the Employer's Final Offer. The vote results will be made public that afternoon. "The Civil Service Bargaining Committee is recommending a rejection of the current final offer from the Employer," says Jason MacLean, President of the Nova Scotia Government & General Employees Union (NSGEU). "We have asked to return to the negotiating table and we have been refused."

Changes to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program will make it easier and faster for Nova Scotians to apply for and receive their rebate. The 2016-17 program began accepting applications on Monday, Oct. 31 and feature a new online application system and direct deposit option. Eligible applicants can receive up to a \$200 rebate for heating assistance. The new online system will allow Nova Scotians to apply for the rebate online, and will allow both those who apply online and by paper form to check the status of their application online in real time. Paper applications will still be available at Access Nova Scotia locations, Community Services' and MLA offices, or through more than 70 community groups and other locations across the province, and for print online."Last year, the program helped more than 42,600 citizens and families in the province stay warm during the cold winter months," said Mr. Furey. "It's my hope that we reach every Nova Scotian who can benefit from this program." Beginning in 2017, the Heating Assistance Rebate Program will move to a fixed launch date. For more information and to apply online, please visit www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp

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Lafarge Canada recently held an Open House at the Holiday Inn, Truro to explain the processes used, if approved, to burn 400,000 – 500,000 of recycled tires at the plant in Brookfield. Nova Scotia currently generates approximately one million tires each year.

District 10 Councillor, Tom Taggart chats with Alex Wojciechowski, Lafarge's Industrial Director for Cement, Toronto. (Rees Photo)

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Projects – Not All Horsing Around

By Linda Harrington

Season 1 of the documentary-style production, filmed mostly in Great Village, saw brothers Kevin and Andrew Buckles transforming the former Masonic Lodge into what the siblings called an "adult

playground" complete with a skateboard ramp, climbing wall, bar, shuffleboard and more. The thirteen episodes aired this past winter/summer on Cottage Life and CMT.

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) recently announced

approval for a funding commitment, through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund, of \$68,463 for Projects: In The House Season 2, a television series produced by Projects NS Limited.

Filming for Projects: In The House Season 2 is well underway and once again Kevin and Andrew have been bringing their creative concepts to reality. The thirteen new episodes will involve construction of a golf room, complete with sand pit, a book nook, kid's camping pod and even a horse racing track, to name just a few.

A crew of about a dozen professionals are involved in the filming, with local resources used whenever possible. "About half the crew is from Nova Scotia and others have direct ties. We had a guy helping out from Bass River not long ago and others come and help when needed," says Andrew, adding he is very impressed by the wonderful neighbours in Great Village. "We couldn't ask for a better location. The community is beautiful; we just open our front door to a gorgeous sunset. Our neighbours smile and wave as they drive by and often drop in for a visit."

The brothers were very pleased to have recently

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Horsing around on the Projects set in Great Village! Andrew and Kevin Buckles are currently filming Projects: In The House Season 2. (Harrington Photo)

Community Meeting November 8

By Maurice Rees

A community meeting will be held at the Bass River Fire Hall on November 8th at 7:00 pm for the purpose of unveiling the suggestions of a steering committee's deliberations on the future direction of community development in West Colchester.

A couple of years ago Joy Laking spearheaded organizing RASCALS (Rural Association for Sustainable Communities Along our Shore), which held several meetings with dedicated followers, but but did not have the broad base and formal structure to become a driving force along the shore. After some internal assessment, the group decided to host a public meeting to determine interest in formalizing a development association along the shore.

At that meeting which was held in the Spring, it was suggested the existing West Colchester Community Development Association could be revitalized and re-structured to serve as an umbrella development organization for the West Colchester area.

A steering committee was struck and was tasked with the responsibility to review the options and come back to another public meeting with suggestions.

Those suggestions will be presented at a community meeting November 8th, 7:00 pm, at the Bass River Fire Hall.

The steering committee attended by Jim Campbell, chair of the meeting, Steve Mazur, Anita MacLellan, Vernon McCully, Martha

Brown, Tom Taggart and Maurice Rees. MacLellan, McCully and Brown are three of the four existing members of WCCDA.

If the concept to revitalize WCCDA is approved at the public meeting, the steering committee will be suggesting a 13 member board of directors comprising six representatives from communities along the shore, three directors at large, and a four member executive.

Membership for the Board of Directors will be nominated from the floor if the steering committee report is accepted.

Those interested in volunteering time to form an umbrella group to assist all existing groups to move forward as asked to attend the meeting.

A large line up of musicians will participate in a Festival of Relief for Cape Breton flood victims will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre on November 26th. Doors open at 7 and concert begins at 8 pm. Bill and Natalie Elliott, artistic directors of Economy Hall Sessions and Victoria Hall Concert Series, are local coordinators working in collaboration with Nigel Kearns, event coordinator for the #floodsgiving2016 a concert to help with flood relief for Cape Breton

Music buffs say this will be the most stellar line up of performers ever to appear at the Economy Recreation Centre. Performers include: J.P. Cormier, Dave Gunning, Thom Swift, Jamie Robinson, Tony Quinn, and The Elliotts. Organizers are awaiting confirmation of other artists.

#FloodGiving2016 is described as a concert series with a cause to help Cape Breton victims of the Thanksgiving Day flood to rebuild their lives. The leader behind this series of events,

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