

Parker and Masters Win Council Seats

By Maurice Rees

Only two of eleven districts in County of Colchester held elections to fill council seats on October 15th. The other nine seats were filled by acclamation. In District 2, Bill Masters easily beat newcomer, Shawn Duffy, 567 to 118. District 11 in Bible Hill gave Wade Parker his second term as councillor with 416 votes, a margin of 13 votes over rival Tom Burke, with 404 votes. Earlier this summer Burke resigned his position as Chair of Bible Hill Commissioners to run for council seat in District 11.

Bill Masters was first elected to Council in October 2000 and is entering his fifth term representing District 2. In the previous council Masters was elected by his peers as Deputy Mayor. He



Wade Parker

also was a member of the Executive and Audit Committee, the Civic Centre Steering Committee and Operating Board.

Wade Parker the other councillor, who had to compete for re-election in District 11 is entering his second term as Councillor in District 11. In his other working world, he still owns and operates Parker's Bailiff Services, and is



Bill Masters

the Manager of Pye's Collision Center.

In the nine districted which were acclaimed Geoff Stewart is entering is second term on Council representing District 3; Mike Cooper enters is fourth term as Councillor District 4; Lloyd Gibbs is entering his second term as Councillor representing District 5.

Karen MacKenzie enters

her third term as Councillor in District 6; Mike Gregory, Tatamagouche enters is second term as Councillor District 7. Ron Cavanaugh, the veteran around the council table is entering his fourth consecutive term as a Councillor. Mr. Cavanaugh was first elected to Council in 1988 and served to 1994. He was then re-elected in 1997 for District 8.

In West Colchester, Doug MacInnes first elected in 2012 is entering his second term as Councillor in District 9, while Tom Taggart first elected in 2008 enters his third term as Councillor in District 10. He is also one of four regional directors to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). He is serving his second one year term at the FCM table.

Mills Continues as Mayor

By Maurice Rees

When the votes were counted and tabulated, Bill Mills beat out Keltie Jones for the top job in the Town of Truro. Mills, who joined Truro council in 1987 and has been mayor since 1997 garnered 1827 votes compared to Jones' 1782.

It was Jones' second attempt to oust Mills for the top position. In the previous municipal election she was 342 votes short. This time, she closed the gap but fell short by 45 votes. Two other candidates vied for the mayoralty title. Raymond Tynes, the first African Nova Scotian to sit on council held the position for three terms, until he decided to go for the top. He finished far back in third position with 428 votes. Albert McNutt the other candidate received 240 votes.

Truro elects two councillors from each of three wards, with the top two earning council seats. In Ward 1 Cheryl Fritz finished in first position with 870 votes, with Wayne Talbot finishing second at 793. Evan Price the third



Christine Blair

candidate for Ward 1 received 768 votes.

Wards 2 & 3 each had four candidates. In Ward 2 Brian Kinsman received 749 votes with Tom Chisholm placing second at 563. Dan Brown, 551, and Vince Roberts, 430, finished third and fourth respectively. Rounding out the voting for Ward 3, Cathy Hinton finished first at 1022 votes, Daniel Joseph, 703, while Gregory J. MacArthur at 611 edged out David Watters at 354.

Sharron Byers topped Susan D. MacQuarrie with 1665 to 564 for the District 8 seat on the Chignecto Central Regional School Board position.

Council Buys Forklift In Last Meeting Before Election

By Maurice Rees

Two items were added to the circulated agenda at municipal council's meeting on September 29th, when councillor Taggart added an item concerning Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Councillor Gregory added Tatamagouche Water Utility.

A new internally produced video prepared to outline procedures and successes of the waste and sewer facility was shown to council. Most of the narration in the video was provided by Michelle Newell, director of public works. The background music and audio was a bit too high, but will be corrected. After the meeting, Newell was invited to upload the video to the Shoreline Journal's Facebook page once the audio corrections had been made.

After approval of the agenda and approval of the Minutes from the last council meeting, council received a report from Grant Thornton on the previous fiscal year, which ended on March 31, 2016. Draft copies of the auditor's report were circulated to council members, but were returned following the presentation. Council approved the auditor's report and signing by the Mayor and CAO was to get undertaken the next day.

In motions coming forward from the September 15th meeting council ratified, with Master moving and Councillor Cavanaugh seconding, committee's recommendation to purchase a 2016 Hyster H60FT with onboard scale attachment from Wajax at a cost of \$61,474, plus HST for the Materials Recycling Facility. On motion of Master's, seconded by Councillor

MacInnes, council approved the Proclamations Policy as presented.

Personnel Policy Amendments as presented at September 15th committee meeting on motion by Deputy Mayor Masters, seconded by Councillor Parker were approved with the exception of item #6.05 regarding vacation. A motion to amend acceptance approved changing vacations back to the existing allowance of 5 weeks after 15 years service.

Staff recommendation presented at the September 15th committee meeting had suggested changing to six weeks after 22 years, but after discovering this would be outside the current labour contract with the union, council decided to stay the course and not make any changes. Once the amendment was approved with all councillors voting in favour the overall policy amendments were approved as amended.

Under action items, council approved a \$1,000 grant to Slow Food in Canada conference in Tatamagouche on October 14th which will focus on how to build an efficient greenhouse as a community resource. The conference will be held in the Tatamagouche Elementary School the fund will be used to offset speak fees, local travel, meals, accommodation and promotion of the workshop. A number of elementary students will attend and learn how to transfer their interest from outside garden boxes to an efficient greenhouse. The project is being spearheaded by Brian Holmes, principal at the school.

Councillor Taggart's addition to the agenda concerned a Canadian Communities and Energy Decision Making con-

ference being held in Ottawa on October 5th and 6th. Council approved his attendance at the conference and asked that the CAO ensure one senior member also attended.

Last winter, while it was vacant, the Creamery in Tatamagouche suffered a broken water pipe, which was detected and instructions were given to shut off the water. However, through miscommunication the water was not turned off. As a result the creamery received two invoices for high consumption of water even when the

building was closed down for the season. Councillor Gregory asked council if one of the invoices could be cancelled.

After discussion, council decided it could not act on the request of a water utility customer, and the only way they could handle the matter is if the water utility were to approach council as has been the procedure from a previous incident several years ago. Water Utilities in the province do not have the latitude to write-off amounts without direction from the municipality.



The PTG sponsored Halloween Dance at Chiganois Elementary was a hit, as you tell by the big smiles! Left to right- Kenzie MacLennan, Jenna Shay, Ava Purdy, Morgan Moore and Chiara Zwicker. (Harrington Photo)



Cute costumes, a haunted house, treats and lots of dancing for ghosts and goblins at the Chiganois Elementary Halloween Dance, held on Oct. 27th. Left to right- Gavin Moore, Allison Stanley, Dylan Stanley and Jay Shreve. (Harrington Photo)

Fire Prevention – Did you get the message?

By Christine Urquhart

We have recently had Fire Prevention Week. Did you get the message? Did you even know it was happening? Although we all know that you should change your battery in your smoke detector every time you change your clocks did you know that you need to change your smoke detector every 10 years? If it is a CO detector it needs to be changed every 5 years - and don't place it where your car exhaust will cause it to malfunction!

Fire brigades these days answer more medical calls than fire calls - so fire prevention is working! All fire brigades need volunteers. Being a volunteer emergency responder is about one thing. It's not what you look like, what degree you have, or where you come from. It's about heart.

If you've got the heart to serve your community in a way that few can, you've got everything your Fire Brigade needs! Let us be thankful for these dedicated men and women who do serve our community; and if you feel you could be one of them, please join your local brigade today!



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