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Downtown Truro's 35th Anniversary Fashion Gala will take place at 6:00 p.m. on November 6, 7 and 8 at the Best Western Glengarry. Tickets are \$56 each, including tax, and can be purchased by phoning 902.895.9258 or visiting the Downtown Truro Partnership office at the Marigold Cultural Centre. For full details, find the event on Downtown Truro's Facebook page or at www.downtowntruro.ca/events

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS November 2017

STRESS RELIEF: Now when I reach for a word or a name, I won't excuse myself by saying "I'm having a senior moment". Now, I'll say, "My disk is full!"

A Benefit Dance & Silent Auction for Jeff Davis and family will be held at the Debert Legion with "Nowhere Road" playing from 7pm to 1am. Private cash donations and silent auction donations can be given to Nick Beaton 902-957-0781 or Trevor Lynds 902-890-4985. Anyone wishing to volunteer or help out in anyway please contact Nick or Trevor.

Cumberland South MLA, Jamie Baillie has tabled a petition demanding a new elementary school for Springhill. He said, West End Elementary and Junction Road Elementary are fraught with leaks, cramped gymnasiums and outdated plumbing and amenities. The petition was signed by 261 community members.

Colchester County District RCMP is asking for the public's assistance to locate multiple power tools stolen from a construction site across from the Masstown Market between the hours of midnight on October 6 and 8 a.m. on October 10 at a in Masstown. The thieves entered two storage trailers that were parked on the site and left with a large quantity of power tools valued in excess of \$5,000. Colchester District RCMP is asking anyone with information about the theft to contact Colchester District RCMP at (902) 896-5000 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Fran Forman was celebrating her 98th birthday in fine style with a glamour photo shoot by Mountain Primitive Photography. (submitted)

Palliser Renamed "Fundy Discovery Site"

By *Maurice Rees*

County staffer, Paul Smith, presented council will a report concerning the logo and branding work which has been carried out by Vibe Creative, Sydney, who chosen from and RFP issued in January for the Fundy Gateway Project. The former Palliser site will be renamed, "Fundy

Discovery Site" and the use of terminology "Fundy Gateway Project" will be discontinued.

The Project Steering Committee met on October 4, 2017 to discuss the proposed brand, logo

and applications and in an approved motion the Committee recommended Council approve the proposed brand

and logo. A similar request will be made of Truro Town Council since they are a funding partner in this initiative.

The recommendation from the working committee was approved by council on motion by Councillor Stewart and Parker. Councillor Cooper was the sole nay vote.

Earlier in the October 26th

meeting council acted upon a stipulation stating it needs to select an alternate chair for the Council Committee to act as chairperson for Council Committee in the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. Councillor Cooper has served as the alternate chair since 2008. Nominated by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Gibbs, Cooper was selected as alternate chair, when no other nominations were forthcoming.

Two other items were on the agenda regarding the former Palliser site and its redevelopment to "Fundy Discovery Site", which is the new name adopted following approval of the logo and re-branding initiative included: Natural Playground Project and water line extension in Lower Truro. Both items were explained to council by Paul Smith.

In June staff council approved
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Doug MacInnes, Sales Manager, Wilson's Home Heating presents a \$10,000 cheque to Charlene Bagnell of the Cyclones. This is the third year of a five year \$50,000 sponsorship commitment Wilsons Home Heating have with the five Wilsons Home Heating Cyclones female hockey teams. Several members of the Wilson Home Heating Cyclones attended the presentation. (Submitted)

Snow Plowing Level of Service Under Review

By *Maurice Rees*

Snow plowing of streets or sidewalks always creates a lot of calls from residents and the municipality has been working on an analysis of the expected Level of Service. Public Works director, Michelle Newell, presented to council a number of options of how service could be improved and if the priority should be on streets or sidewalks in school areas.

The municipality has 30 Km of sidewalks and 30 Km of roads.

Her presentation included the possibility of four options ranging from contracting out some of the work; hiring additional casual staff; utilize existing staff and prioritize areas and if it be streets or sidewalks. The fourth option was possibly creating a hybrid of the previous three considerations.

The most common complaint from residents concerns sidewalks, for which there is a budget of \$172,000 which is comprised of \$10,000 for salt and sand; \$77,000 wages; \$11,000 small equipment capital allocation, and \$27,000 vehicle / equipment reserve for future replacement.

Current equipment and staffing levels are described below, along with current approach to

snow removal on roads and sidewalks: During winter operations (3) shifts: 5:30 am to 2 pm; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and 4 pm to 12 pm. These shifts provide 19 hrs of coverage, Monday to Friday. Staffing complement during winter season includes 1 Manager, 1

supervisor and 10 operators.

Inventory of snow removal equipment complement includes: 4 sidewalk plows (one dedicated to Debert and 3 sidewalk plows in Lower Truro) and 3 plow trucks.

Council asked her to focus on sidewalks around schools and to report back to November 16th committee meeting on how adjustments can be made.



The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission (NSPEC), operator of Truro Raceway, has been presented with the 2017 Achievement Award at the Atlantic Breeders Crown banquet held in Charlottetown. Shown in the photo are: Kelly MacEachen, Events Coordinator at the NSPEC Complex; Dr. Greg Keefe, Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College; Robin Crowe, Executive Director of the NS Harness Racing Industry Association; and Joe Nicholson, General Manager of the NSPEC Complex. (Submitted)

Colchester to the Rescue

By *Maurice Rees*

The 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion is being commemorated with a special book, "Colchester to the Rescue", which describes the amazing response of people from Colchester to the tragedy.

Janet Maybee, who collected the data and authored the book said, "It is high time to recognize and honour the kindness and generosity of Colchester citizens on December 17, 1917 and the relief efforts that continued here for several months thereafter".

The book is being offered for the very reasonable price of \$5, purpose being to raise funds that will allow for digitizing and preserving the very valuable documents in the Historem archives that describe the incredible response of Colchester people to the emergency of Dec 6 1917, and the relief efforts that continued here for several months thereafter.

In talking about the 1917 event and the book, Maybee continued, "Seems astonishing that nobody knows about this outpouring of kindness and generosity. As I'm sure you've heard me say, it was not Boston that saved Halifax...that crew
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