

Six Recommendations from Committee Meeting Approved

By Maurice Rees

There were six recommendations brought forward the council's committee meeting on October 12th which needed approval at Colchester Council's meeting on October 26th. All six recommendations received approval of council.

They included: a new Livestock Control By-law Impoundment Fees Policy as presented. The impoundment fees charged by the Municipality of Colchester for livestock impounded by the Municipality shall be a fee of \$250.00 per animal, plus an administrative fee of \$25.00 per day that the livestock remains im-



pounded. These fees represent the impounded fees only and are in addition to any costs or expenses incurred by the Municipality in carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to the By-law.

Council approved funding in the amount of \$10,500 (\$3,500/year for three years)

to the Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Geopark with source of funds being an unbudgeted expense in 2017/18 and Grants to Non-Profits in both 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Council approved the designation and signing of the Cobequid Trail (rail trail section) within the Municipality of Colchester as part of the Nova Scotia Blue Route cycling network and authorized the CAO and Mayor to complete the terms of the attached agreement with Bicycle Nova Scotia.

Council approved in consultation with the contractor, due to lateness in the con-

struction season and the possibility cold weather might set in before construction was completed, construction of the Carter Road Sidewalk be delayed until the Spring 2018; and, additional costs in the amount of \$26,623 to be charged by Nova Scotia Power for the relocating power poles for the project be added to the project's total cost.

Council has created a Cell Phone & Internet Costs Reimbursement Policy for councillors, who wish to use their own devices instead of having a separate apparatus. During discussion at the committee meeting on October 12th, mu-

nicipal solicitor, Dennis James, advised councillors that if legal situations evolved, the entire data on their personal unit would be subject to access in the event of a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP) inquiry, legal investigation, or matter deemed permissible by the CAO; Provide information (telephone number, service providers, e-mail addresses) about any device or account used for any Council duties and will not permit any other person to use the device or have access to municipal records.

Other stipulations to meet municipal policies also apply. The rate of reimbursement will be \$50 per month per

councillor for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

A Councillor who prefers not to use his/her personal device for Council business may request the use of a County-owned device and is not eligible for cell phone or internet costs reimbursement.

Council approved a Gift Receiving Policy as presented which is designed to provide Members of Council clear and appropriate guidelines for receiving gifts in relation to their work. No Member of Council or any of his or her family shall accept any gift that might reasonably be seen or interpreted to have been given to influence the Council Member in the exercise of an official power, duty or function.

Father and Son Injured in Search for 12 Year Old



Jeff Davis and his son Carter were injured in an ATV accident as they were heading to volunteer in the search for a missing 12-year-old boy. Jeff is shown the day after arriving home from hospital, where he underwent surgery to repair his crushed elbow. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Debert: The call went out on social media around 8PM on Saturday, October 14th. Family members of a missing 12-year-old boy, who had gotten lost while orienteering with the cadets earlier in the day, were asking people in the area to keep an eye out for the boy.

Jeff Davis, and his son Carter, were two of the dozens of volunteers who headed to the location, many bringing their 4-wheelers to help search the extensive trails in the area behind Ritchie Bros.

Jeff saw Carter was trapped under the heavy machine. Even though he was injured, adrenaline kicked in and he was able to jump up and get the bike off Carter. Carter couldn't move or help his father. Later Jeff was unable to even put one foot in front of the other due to his injuries.

This was when Gwen Davis received a call from her grandson's cell phone saying they had been in an accident. She and her husband Bob headed directly to the scene, which was not far from their home.

"I think we were all in shock, there was no thought to call 911 at the time, we just got there as fast as we could and when we saw how bad they were injured Bob, and a friend of Carter's, loaded them both in my car and I started for the hospital," says Gwen. "Carter was able to sit in the front seat but Jeff was in bad shape, and he was lying face down in the back seat."

As Gwen sped off to the hospital the reality of the situation sank in. She realized she had two injured people and there was no way she was going to be able to get them both into outpatients on her own. Once at the hospital, Gwen was able to get Carter into a wheelchair and when a police officer saw her in distress outside the hospital, he was able to get assistance for Jeff.

The next day, Jeff was sent over to New Glasgow for consult on his crushed elbow and returned to Truro for the night with the operation scheduled for Monday.

Jeff, who works at TML Construction, had to have his elbow reconstructed with plates and pins, he has broken and bruised ribs, a muscle torn off his femur and a broken pelvis. He was sent home from hospital on Tuesday at noon and is recovering at home.

Carter's collarbone was broken in three places and he dislocated his shoulder. His arm is in a sling and the doctor will check it in a month to see if surgery will be necessary.

A visit with Jeff on Thursday, saw him in good spirits but not wanting any undue attention. "It was simply an accident," Jeff says, hoping to get back on his feet as soon as he can. He and his family are very appreciative to friends and family who were pitching in to help since the accident but it will be a slow process and he will be unable to work for quite some time.

But the best news of all... the young boy, Bret Kitchin-Strong, was found safe and sound by searchers before midnight the day he went missing.

Bret's dad said the family is thankful for all the support. "We are holding all four of our children close today and thankful for Bret being found safe and sound and all the support from family, friends, the community, air cadets, search and rescue and local authorities," said Derek Strong in a Facebook message to CBC News.

RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Clarke told CBC News so many volunteers turned out to help that trained searchers had trouble getting into the woods. "I've never seen so much commu-

Saturday October 14th our 12 yr old son, Bret Kitchin-Strong was missing in Debert. It was a nightmare...a feeling we can not describe. We shared that night with many many people who came to support our family and search for Bret.
To see such a large amount of people come together to help find a boy and support his family who they did not know speaks volumes for the Debert community!
Thank you to everyone that searched, sent prayers, gave hugs and words of support. A special thank you to Erin who was there to give our son a hug when he was finally found. Our happy ending was possible because of all of you.
Forever Thankful,
Kelli, Derek, Bret and family

nity involvement in trying to help someone who was missing in the woods," said Clarke. "It was really actually quite impressive the number of people that were out trying to help."

A GOFUNDME page has been set up to help with unforeseen expenses as Jeff and Carter get back on their feet... <https://www.gofundme.com/help-jeff-davis-recover>

There will be a Benefit

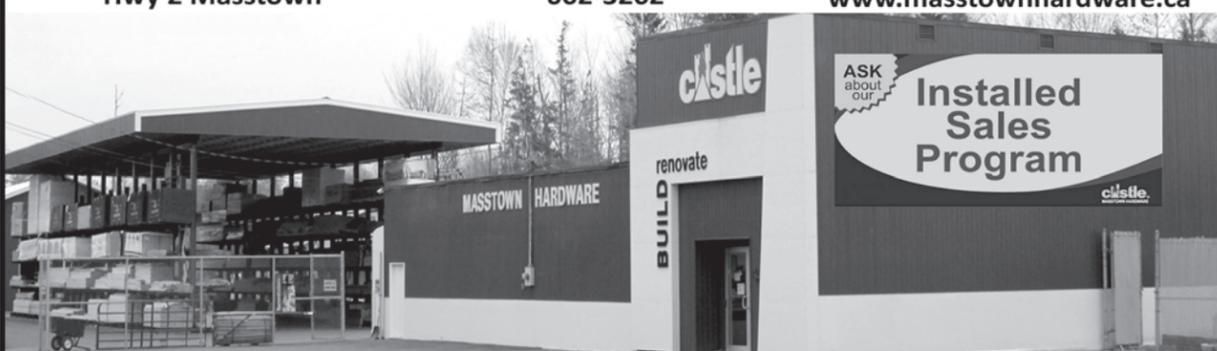
Dance & Silent Auction on November 18th for Jeff Davis and family at the Debert Legion with "Nowhere Road" playing from 7pm to 1am. Private cash donations and silent auction donations can be given to Nick Beaton (902-957-0781) or Trevor Lynds (902-890-4985). Anyone wishing to volunteer or help out in anyway please contact Nick or Trevor.

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