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The RCMP received a report of a stolen flat deck trailer and scissor lift. The theft occurred sometime between the hours of 11 a.m. on October 8 and 11 a.m. on October 9. Both items were stolen from the rear parking lot of Iller Door Systems on the Truro Heights Rd. in Truro Heights. The Nova Scotia license plate on the trailer is T-409323. Colchester District RCMP is asking anyone with information about the theft or the whereabouts of these items to contact Colchester District RCMP at (902) 896-5000 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

On October 6, 2017 RCMP issued a release stating on September 15, Colchester District RCMP, with assistance from RCMP Police Dog Services, executed a CDSA Search Warrant at a home on the Old Tatamagouche Rd. in Onslow Mountain. A 39-year-old man is facing multiple drug and firearm related charges after RCMP seized a quantity of cocaine and marijuana in addition to numerous firearms. The man is facing charges for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine and Marijuana, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and numerous firearms related offences. He will appear in Truro Provincial Court on November, 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Since 2015, Efficiency One has run a mercury diversion program on behalf of Nova Scotia Power. People and companies can drop off products, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, for recycling or proper disposal. It is the only organization accepting a wide variety of products containing mercury. Nearly 20 kilograms of mercury were diverted in 2016. Mercury emissions will continue to decrease in Nova Scotia. The limit will be lowered to 35 kilograms in 2020 and to 30 kilograms in 2030. More information on the mercury diversion program is available at www.efficiencyns.ca/service/mercury-collection

The Halifax Convention Centre announced on October 12th introduction of a local program to showcase Nova Scotia food, culture and experiences to national and international visitors. The local program includes three key components: local flavour; showcasing Nova Scotia experiences and a pop-up program. The team is incorporating Nova Scotia flavours into their menu by working with local suppliers including Riverview Herbs, Meadowbrook Farms, Acadian Maple, Harbour Cheese and more. The centre's pop-up program will be managed through a partnership with Taste of Nova Scotia, who will work with local suppliers to showcase their products during national and international conventions. The centre's state-of-the-art digital signage network will also feature Nova Scotia photography and video, encouraging guests to explore the community and culture outside the venue.

On its 50th anniversary, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission invites Nova Scotians to nominate individuals or groups for the 2017 Human Rights Awards. The awards are presented annually by the commission and Partners for Human Rights, a group of organizations dedicated to creating more respectful communities through promotion of human rights. Award recipients are chosen in three categories: youth, individual and organization. The individual award is named the Dr. Burnley Allan "Rocky" Jones Award in honour of the late community leader. Nominations should include people or groups that support projects advancing human rights. Last year Nova Scotia Human Rights Awards were given to the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (organization), The Alexa McDonough Institute (organization), El Jones (individual), Dr. David Leitch (individual), and Raymond G. Tynes (individual), and Samuel Gregan (youth). Deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 10, at 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced on December 8 during the province's International Human Rights Day celebrations. For more information and to download the nomination form, visit <http://humanrights.novascotia.ca>

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ducted to determine the energy efficiency upgrades required. To determine if you are eligible, contact Efficiency Nova Scotia at 1-877-434-2136 (toll free) or by visiting HomeWarming.ca.

Another program for low income families is the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP). The HARP program is available to Nova Scotians who buy energy to heat their homes with oil, electricity, natural gas, wood, wood pellets, coal, or other heating source. You may be eligible to receive a rebate on those costs. Eligibility is based on program requirements. Service Nova Scotia, as of October 16, 2017, is accepting applications for the HARP program to help with up to \$200 toward home heating costs. Those who were recipients of the HARP program last year will receive an application automatically to ensure that the process is as convenient as possible for homeowners. Last year, almost 42,600 people and families received a rebate from the Heating Assistance Rebate Program. This year (2017) the income thresholds have increased from \$27 000 to \$29 000 for single households and from \$42 000 to \$44 000 for family households. This means that five

thousand more households will be eligible to receive help with home heating costs this winter.

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. Before now, applicants had to call Service Nova Scotia to ask for an update on their application. Those registered for direct deposit with Canada Revenue Agency can also receive their rebate directly to their bank account.

HARP paper applications will still be available by contacting the Public Enquiries phone number at 1-800-670-4357, at Access Nova Scotia locations, Department of Community Services' offices, MLA offices and through more than 70 community groups, and other locations across the province. Go to <http://www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp> for more information and to apply online.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North and is Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier

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be demolished. Any and all demolition orders must go through this committee.

On the evening of Sept 17 I attended an event organized by the United Way and Sponsored by the Community Credit Union entitled "Living on the Edge". This was an interactive sort of Role playing event where each group represented families or individuals who for the most part were living on the edge or day to day.

Typically, in each role some sort of unexpected event would happen, loss of Job, illness or some other life changing event. We were then challenged to deal with these new and unexpected financial challenges and attempt to feed, house and support our families. It was a very eye opening experience and one we must all keep in mind as we come in contact with some of the less fortunate in our communities.

Afternoon of Oct 19 and all day Oct 20 was spent meeting with Priorities committee for the Regional Chairs across the Province to discuss and attempt to solve or improve Municipal Solid Waste issues and find ways to reduce costs in the system. We are currently

in the process of sending out a request for proposals for a study to find or determine if and where we can find efficiencies in the overall collection and disposal of Garbage across Nova Scotia.

Enough of that.

As stated earlier it is another beautiful fall day. There are many, many spectacular vistas around Nova Scotia and across Colchester County this time of year. However, the view from Economy Mountain looking out over the Bay of Fundy, the Islands and back across the community of Five Islands and the Cobequid Mountains is second to none.

November 11 is in my opinion the most important day of the year. Across West Colchester there will be five services. Beginning with Economy Rec Center at 10:45 on Sunday Nov 5. On Remembrance Day there will be regular 11 am services at Bass River (Veterans Memorial Park); Great Village (Cenotaph). as well as 2 pm services in Five Islands (Fire Hall) and Londonderry Cenotaph).

Please take time to go out and Honour the men and women that we owe so much to.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County and has served on council since 2008.

Taggart Serves as Vice-Chair



Tom Taggart

As a board member at Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart serves as Vice Chair of the Social Economic Development Committee that is currently developing policy papers with a Municipal prospective on Affordable Housing and Poverty Reduction. The Federal Government is expected to release its new National Housing Strategy this fall.

Some of the commitments FCM is asking federal government for are: grants for social housing repairs and new construction of affordable housing; and the replacement of the expiring Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) subsidies for low income households.

The Federal government is also working on a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy that is expected to be released in late 2018 early 2019. FCM has pro-

vided a submission with recommendations for this strategy entitled "Ending Poverty Starts Locally".

Across Canada, in communities large and small, urban and rural, municipalities are the order of government closest to people's lives. Their local solutions are helping tackle national challenges—from growth and productivity to climate change—and are building a more livable, competitive Canada.

You can Participate in Administrative Review

Parents and members of the public are being asked to comment on the recently announced Education System Administrative Review.

The review, by Ms. Glaze, is looking specifically at the education system administrative model, including governing school boards, central administrative offices and administration at the Department of

Education and Early Childhood Development.

The goal of the review is to ensure the right administrative structure is in place that best supports student success. Feedback on three questions available at <https://novascotia.ca/adminsurvey/>

The deadline for feedback is Nov. 3. The final report is expected Dec. 31.

Saltscapes to Return to Masstown

Over 100 vendors will participate in Saltscapes Harvest Greets the Holiday across the highway from Masstown Market behind the Peg. The event has been popular in recent years and this year an even larger crowd should attend as 4-H members will have a variety of small animals on display, similar to a petting zoo.

The three day event will be held Nov 10, 11 and 12th. Hours will be noon to 6 pm

on 10th and 11th with the final showing on Sunday running from 10 am to 4 pm. As part of ongoing education to explain growing food there will be an agricultural component showcasing farm to the table.

For those who are into larger animals there will be display of oxen, draft horses and quarter horses. A listing of additional events, please refer to the Masstown Market ad on Page 19.

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