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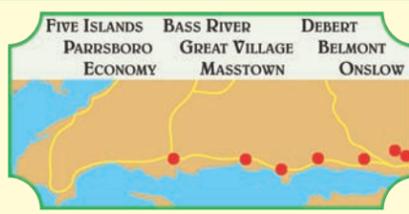


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## Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund to Distribute \$19,700

By Maurice Rees

The Board of Directors of the Jed Ritcey fund have announced on October 15th they will be disbursing \$19,700 of the fund to grassroots program development and equipment support to the four minor hockey associations in Colchester County that submitted requests for funding.

The 2017 World Junior A Challenge (WJAC), hosted in Truro at the Rath Eastlink

Community Centre from December 10 - 16 featured 6 teams, including Canada East, Canada West, USA, Czech Republic, Russia, and Switzerland. Canada West defeated USA in front of a sold-out crowd to take home the gold. 88,000 viewers tuned in to TSN to watch Canada win the title where Truro was highlighted to the entire Country.

It is estimated that the event had a net economic impact of \$1.9 million in the

Country. Of that, \$1.7 million directly impacted the Province of Nova Scotia, with \$1.5 million in the Truro/Colchester Region alone.

Dave Ritcey, Chair of the 2017 WJAC Host Organizing Committee and JRLF Board member said that "We are pleased to share with everyone that approximately \$40,000 was raised through the 2017 World Junior A Challenge event last December. Jed Ritcey was Dave's father.

The Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund' (JRLF) fund was developed in memory of Colchester Sports Hall of Famer and community leader Jed Ritcey. His long-term service and contribution to Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, the Maritime Junior Hockey League, Truro Minor Hockey - the Truro resident always believed in the importance of giving back to his community.

Applications for funding were sent out to the local minor hockey associations with specific criteria in late August. There were four applications received by the board at the deadline.

The associations that will benefit from this year's funding are the Truro Minor Hockey Association, Colch-

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## Why We Have Cannabis

By Maurice Rees

The reason we have legalization of Cannabis in Canada is GREED.

However let's explore over a century of activities which brought about similar greed decisions.

Income tax was "temporarily implemented" to pay for World War I.

During the prohibition era starting nearly a century ago the flow of liquor couldn't be stopped.

Many family fortunes were amassed during that time, including some of Nova Scotians most prominent families, who are still in business and continue at or near the top of power and success.

Eventually some smart number crunchers convinced politicians, "If we can't fight

them, why not make money off liquor and put them out of business".

Hence "The War on Prohibition" ended with government "getting into the business" as a tax grab.

Then we had to deal with World War II: get our troops home; resettled and start a population boom.

Since the mid 60's consumption of weed has become more acceptable, but you had to stay below the radar line by being secretive.

Those who started smoking weed in the 60's, as part of the "hippie revolution", now sport grey hair are receiving their old age pensions.

During the ensuing 50 years, the age of "trying it" has lowered. It would not be a sur-

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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

### November 2018

**STRESS RELIEF:** I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names, so consider yourself lucky!

**Remembrance Day** service at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River begins at 10:45AM On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month one hundred years ago, the Armistice was signed ending WWI. Join us as we remember all souls lost in war. Fellowship to follow at West Colchester Consolidated School, Maple Ave. All are welcome. To order a natural bough wreath in Memory or in Honour, please call 902-647-2478. Wreaths are available for \$25.00 until Nov 6th.

**Community Credit Union** has upped its staffing by appointing Dave Ritcey as Director of Community and Business Development for both Amherst and Truro branches. In another appointment, Sarah Doyle has been appointed Director, Member Services for both branches.

**For the third consecutive** year the Shoreline Journal will sponsor the annual "Wheels to Meals" Christmas Dinner at the Great Village Legion on December 4th beginning at 12 noon. Doors open at 11:15 am.

**The 123rd Annual Meeting** of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture will be held at the Best Western Glengarry on November 29th and 30th. Farmers from across Nova Scotia will gather to provide direction on key industry issues, hear from prominent political and industry figures. Keynote speaker is Andrew Campbell.

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## Future Fire Fighter!

One-year old Cooper Ferdinand is ready to roll during his visit to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Open House. The annual Fire Prevention week Open House was held on Oct. 13. See Linda Harrington's OBFB Open House Photo Feature on page 18.

## LaFarge Gets Industrial Permit

By Maurice Rees

On October 10th the Environment Department granted Lafarge Canada an industrial permit for a one-year pilot project to burn discarded tires as kiln fuel in its cement plant near Brookfield. The company will have to do air quality monitoring at regular intervals when the kiln is operating. Groundwater and surface water monitoring are also required.

In July 2017, Lafarge got an environmental assessment approval for the pilot project, to be conducted in conjunction with the Dalhousie research team. Six weeks later, a residents group that opposed the

pilot project filed notice with the Nova Scotia Supreme Court for a judicial review of then-minister Iain Rankin's decision. The group claimed the minister failed to properly consult the public, to protect human health and to prevent pollution.

Justice James Chipman dismissed the complaints, ruling that the minister's approval of the pilot project was reasonable, that the process considered the risks, and that the minister was satisfied that any significant adverse environmental effects could be mitigated.

The company plans to burn 350,000 tires, predicting that it

will reduce carbon emissions in one year by 30 per cent for every tonne of coal and petcoke fuel replaced by tires. It also predicts a 10 to 15 per cent reduction in the nitrogen oxides that form smog and acid rain and constitute most air pollutants.

There are about one-million tires discarded every year in the province. Divert Nova Scotia, a not-for-profit corporation that operates at arm's length from government, picks up the \$4.50 per tire environmental fee that Nova Scotia consumers pay for tires at retail outlets.

Through its tire management

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## \$6-Million TAAC Revitalization?

By Maurice Rees

A \$6-Million investment in Truro/Colchester TAAC facilities might be just around the corner. Colchester Council approved support for the TAAC Revitalization Project by agreeing to co-sign a promissory note on 50/50 basis with Truro for \$1.62-Million and to agree to contribute up to a maximum of \$310,000 financial support for the project. It is reported Truro has okayed the same commitment.

The municipal commitment of \$1.62-Million will enable the TAAC revitalization Society to proceed with an application for \$4.38-Million under the Canada Infrastructure Program, for joint Federal and provincial funding for the project.

This does not indicate taxpayers are on the hook for \$1.62-Million, plus \$310,000. If the federal and provincial funding is not approved, the project will be dead in the water. However, if funding is secured Truro and Colchester each will be responsible for \$310,000.

Brian Wood, President, TAAC Revitalization Society and his team have high hopes to put Colchester and Truro back in first place. With presentations to Truro and Colchester councils they have been gaining support and hope to submit additional applications

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