

REES' Pieces

The Hardest Job in Canada

(Before I get onto the main subject matter, I need some assistance. I prefer to shop downtown. Where in Downtown Truro can I find regular shoelaces? Found one store on the Esplanade which had sneakers laces, not appropriate and about 40 inches long. Of all the things available, hard to imagine, not easily found. Can someone let me know?)

If you analyze election results over the past few years, the hardest job in Canada is being an elected official, who wishes to get re-elected. Yes, I mean the elected at any level of government.

The electorate is irate and willing to try anything or anyone other than those who are there. Voters normally don't elect a favourite, their intent is to turf out the ones who don't listen.

Look at Alberta. Who in their wildest imagination would have believed after four decades of Conservative rule voters would elect an NDP government?

Internationally, we saw signs of upheaval, which came to the forefront, when UK voted to leave the European Economic Union. Earlier Nova Scotians flirted with the NDP giving them a four year term, but decided it wasn't to their liking.

New Brunswick voters decided traditional ways had to go and they would usher in and be more content with a period of turmoil and uncertainty. With 49 MLA's a majority required 25 seats. When the ballots were counted the Liberals attracted the most votes, but only 21 seats. The Conservatives finished with 22 seats, while the Green and the upstart People's Alliance each got three. Do the math. To have a majority in the house, the best the Conservatives or Liberals could hope to gain is 26 or 25 seats, if they formed an alliance with members of the Green Party or People's Alliance. The House has been recalled, but there is speculation NB may have another election in spring 2019.

The October 1 Quebec election ousted the ruling Liberals, and devastated the PQ. The upstart CAQ obtained an decisive majority of 74 seats in the 135 seat Legislature. It's uncertain what may happen south of the border on November 6th. Trump may lose control of Congress, and remotely possible the Senate may fall to the Democrats. Other speculators maintain he will keep Congress and increase his majority in the Senate by one or two seats.

This suggests, globally and in Nova Scotia the political landscape is as unstable as swimming in quicksand. In the last provincial election the Liberals squeaked through, not because they were better, but because the opposition was extremely weak.

As the spread between extremely rich, the 1%'s, and those at the bottom of the economic scale has intensified, it has become socially acceptable for voters to be unpredictable how they will achieve their wants.

Let's take a look at our "disposable" society. You can buy a printer for your computer for less than \$40. When it runs out of ink, it's more economical to throw away than to buy replacement cartridges. Are we feeling the same way about politicians? Is it true if they don't appeal to us, turf them out and get someone else even if unproven?

To refocus us, I suggest Premier McNeil should appoint a "Council of Previous Provincial Premiers" to hold town hall meetings throughout the province to listen to voters. It could be achieved in six months. The report should be made public. Workshops must be mandatory for the elected and potential candidates at all three levels.

Locally, if we want to understand why voters are irate, look at the reaction to the proposed Kennel By-law. There are many lessons to be learned from that initiative. In the heat of the moment some kennel operators and dog lovers suggested seeking candidates to run in all Colchester districts in the next municipal election.

I am not casting my vote either way, but from my observation point, all elected representatives must learn to consult and listen. Town Hall meetings would be a start. Those intent on re-election or running must vow to restoring sanity and calmness to politics their priority, regardless if the federal, provincial or municipal level.

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Letters to the editor

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Talking Circle Series with Catherine Martin



Catherine Martin

The first of four traditional Mi'kmaq Learning Circles, en-

titled "Ego to Eco: Learning the Mi'kmaq calendar to Experience Human and Ecological Health's Interdependence," will be held at the Truro Public Library on November 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Reading Room.

Catherine Martin, B.A., Theatre Arts (Dalhousie U.), M. Ed., Media Literacy (Mount Saint Vincent U.) and Member of the Order of Canada and of the Millbrook Mi'kmaq Community in Truro is an independent producer, director, writer, facilitator, communications consultant, drummer and the first woman Mi'kmaq filmmaker

from the Atlantic Region.

Martin will present thoughts on the Mi'kmaq teachings on the interdependence of environmental and human health as exemplified in the Mi'kmaq traditional calendar of thirteen moons that focuses on the natural events of our climate cycle and what other species are doing in each moon cycle. This focus on the "other" helps humans to be more aware of the ecological needs of all species and how we are a part of those same needs.

Going from our own "ego wants" to "eco needs," through

Trefoil Guild plans 30TH Anniversary

By Goldie Chisholm

The first meeting of the fall season was held September 17th at Sobeys' Community Room, Robie Street, Truro, N.S. Co-Cordinator, Sheila Stewart, welcomed the members present and each one gave highlights of their summer.

A reading entitled "Everybody Knows" was read by Jane Herring, followed by our Trefoil Prayer Updates were given on members not present and Birthday cards were signed by those present. Members Sheila Stewart and Kay Mattatall celebrated September birthdays on the same date.

Following the reading of the minutes, the Treasurer gave her report and then collected the annual membership dues for the year. Sadly, none of our members are planning to attend the National Trefoil Gathering in Sudbury, Ontario, June 2019.

We didn't attend Camp

Burning Spirit 2018 but sent along our contribution of favourite Guide songs for the Campfire. The Trefoil Guild Semi-Annual, The Bounty of the Valley, was held in Wilmot, N. S. October 13th. We continue our Service Projects of collecting Card Covers (I.W.K.), stamps, etc.

During lunch break we reviewed the planning done previously to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. It is confirmed it will be held at the Cobequid

Fire Hall, Lower Truro, N.S. on Saturday, November 24, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We then spent time making decisions on invitations, displays, lunch and confirming other plans needed to host this event.

Our program for September's meeting was to make "Pinwheels For Peace" but time did not allow us to do this. We brought the materials home for completion and planting on September 21st when the International Day of Peace is celebrated.

Invitation to 30TH Anniversary

By Sheila Stewart

Colchester Trefoil Guild met on October 15th in Sobeys Community Room. The thrust of the meeting was to finalize the arrangements for our 30th Anniversary next month.

We extend an invitation to all former Colchester Trefoil Guild members, Guiders, former Guiders, and Girl Guides of all ages to join us in our celebration: 30th Anniversary of Colchester Trefoil Guild, Saturday, November 24, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Cobequid Fire Hall, 3830 Highway 236. Help us celebrate our 30 years of "Keeping the Spirit Alive", Displays, light refreshments, brief campfire. RSVP to shstewart@bellaliant.net

Council Members Appointed to Committees

By Maurice Rees

At Colchester Council meeting of September 27, on motion by Deputy Mayor Masters

Seconded by Councillor Gregory council accepted a Nomination Committee report to fill several committee positions.

Councillors Gregory and Taggart to serve on the Rural Broadband Working Committee; Mayor Blair and Deputy Mayor Masters to serve on the Physician Recruitment Working Committee; and Councillors Stewart and Cooper to serve on the Cannabis Adhoc Committee.

The September meeting was held one day after the October issue of the Shoreline Journal was published. In other council business at September's monthly

meeting, council approved awarding a tender for the Debert Incubator Mall roof replacement to PMC Roofing for a total contract value of

\$264,556 excluding HST; and, That staff proceed with acquiring two additional quotes for the completion

of the Water Utility building roof, with authority for staff to award up to a maximum of \$52,235, excluding HST.

Director of Public Works, Michelle Newell indicated the Debert Sale of Houses fund would be the source for the Incubator Mall. Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services advised that it would be the same for the Water Utility building.

Tax changes implemented by the federal government that will discontinue the one third tax exemption for municipal elected officials has prompted Colchester council to hire a consultant to undertake a review of the one third tax implications and, since it has been over five years since a review of Council remuneration has been done, this should also be included in the scope of the study.

Council approved an independent consultant be hired to conduct a full review of the levels of compensation for municipal elected officials of the Municipality of Colchester, and that this review take into account the loss of income associated with discontinuing the tax

exposure to indigenous cultural reality, is necessary to change our ways in the cause of the planet's and our own health. Unmitigated destructive polluting and resource extraction practices, along with our own misplaced focus on egocentric "wants," has led us to environmental degradation and climate instability. Such issues as wellness & motivation.

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