

# Community Workshop Campaign Launch

By Linda Harrington

A few days before the official campaign launch for the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation, Campaign Champions, Eric & Priscilla Jennings hosted an informal reception at The Peg in Masstown on October 15th.

Supporters of the Campaign, including Mayor Bill Mills, clients and their families attended the event to share information about one of Colchester County's greatest success stories.

For nearly 35 years, Colchester Community Workshops

(CCW) has operated a not-for-profit organization and social enterprise, providing excellent professional development, educational, social and training programs for clients with intellectual disabilities.

Maura and Joel Hunter, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign introduced Eric Jennings to the CCW a few months ago. "Maura gave me a tour of the facility and I was surprised at all the programs offered. A lot of people think it is simply a place to buy used clothes and household goods but behind the scenes it is so much more," says Eric. "I was amazed to see all the people involved in the programs and how happy they were about the work they are doing."

Maura Hunter says it is because of the variety of programs CCW needs to expand. "There is no longer enough space in the current building, and we have had to turn away contracts." The clients run many recycling programs keeping materials out of the landfill, including refurbishing remote-control devices, removing covers from books so the paper can be turned into in-

sulation material and making work cloths out of old clothing. "These programs provide social development for individuals who may not have had the opportunity. They know they are doing valuable work, and this gives them more self confidence," says Maura.

The official campaign launch was held on Oct. 19th in Truro and a second information session was hosted by Joy Laking and Laurie Gunn in Portapique on Oct. 23rd.

The CCW's plan is to utilize 3,200 sq. ft in the recently acquired two storey building on Arthur Street, next door to the current facility. Structural and environmental issues have been resolved and plans developed. This \$2.2 million initial phase of the \$4.5 million project has been fully funded through the CCW Foundation. Financial support from the Capital Campaign will help develop the property into a modern facility to best serve the CCW's needs.

If you wish a tour of the existing facility or more information on how you can make a donation to the Capital Campaign, please phone Maura Hunter at 902-890-7172.



Eric and Priscilla Jennings hosted an informal reception to introduce the Colchester Community Workshop Campaign at The Peg in Masstown on October 15th. Left to right- Jud Pearson, Amber Cameron, Eric Jennings, Priscilla Jennings, Dwayne Carroll and Joel Hunter

## PHOTO FEATURE



Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade's 58th Annual Harvest Sale & Auction was held Sept. 27th and 28th - bidding was once again strong and the two-day event well attended.

The final tally saw over \$30,000 raised for the Brigade and several truck loads of auction goods were donated to the Bass River Fire Brigade Auction which was held on Oct. 12th (Harrington Photos)

John Robben auctioned off a lot of interesting items, including the kitchen sink, during the two-day OBFB Harvest Sale & Auction.



OBFB Chief Greg Muise found himself a date for the annual Harvest Sale & Auction held Sept. 27th and 28th at the Fire Hall.



SOLD!- You have to be careful not to fall asleep during the OBFB Harvest Sale & Auction or you might end up auctioned off to the highest bidder!



The annual OBFB Harvest Sale & Auction received so many donations there was not room for everything inside the hall. The auctioneers took the bidding outside for a couple hours on the sunny Saturday afternoon.



Colchester Trefoil Guild members (L-R) pictured at the September meeting included: Sheila Stewart, Donna Taylor, Caroline Blair, Becky Penney and Goldie Chisholm. (Jane Herring Photo)

## Dorian Cancels Trefoil Event

By Goldie Chisholm

Colchester Trefoil Guild members met at the Truro Mall Community Room for the first meeting of the fall season on September 16, 2019. Our Co-Ordinator, Sheila Stewart, opened the meeting with a poem on Friendship, followed by members repeating the Trefoil Prayer.

Regrets and updates were given from those not present and birthday cards were signed for Kay Mattatall and Sheila Stewart who are celebrating September birthdays. Annual dues were collected and will be forwarded to Provincial Headquarters where the Annual Meeting will be held at the Guide House October 19th, hosted by Saltwater Sisters.

Camp Burning Spirit which was to have been held September 6 - 8th, at Camp Mockingee, Upper Vaughn, N.S. was cancelled due to the recent storm, Dorian, and is rescheduled for November 8 - 10th. A couple of our members had planned to attend.

During the summer Sheila Stewart along with Mary Beckett, a resident of Townsview Estates, enjoyed a Strawberry Shortcake and Tea at Townsview. Also, several of our members attended the 60th wedding anniversary celebration of Guiding sister Anne and husband Graham Leggett.

We were reminded of the Blanket Exercise taking place on November 16th, at the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre on Gottingen Street, Halifax. Also, dates were given for two plays being held later this fall in Truro for those who may be interested in attending. A print out of the new structure of Guiding was read, followed by members giving a highlight they most enjoyed during the summer. We then had refreshments while making plans for the new Guid-

ing year.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Truro Mall Community Room, Robie Street, Truro.

## FORESTRY -

# Difficult Times and THE ASK

By Maurice Rees

With the uncertainty of what will evolve in 2020, equipment and trucking sales companies are having a difficult time retaining employees and continuance of a strong forest industry is important to private landowners and good forest practices absolutely depend on a market for low grade wood to ensure sustained value of their woodlots.

Improved forestry products depends on markets for low quality timber from woodlot owners, who adopt silviculture programs to improve their woodlots, and high quality by-products chips, fines and bark from sawmills. Installing a debarker at a sawmill is important, because approximately 14% of timber received is bark. Previously it was dangerous waste, now it's part of the revenue stream for sawmills.

During the presentation it

was noted 1,248 jobs in Colchester are attributable to the forest sector. Before their ask of council, Miller and Wilber concluded the presentation stating, it will be possible to have an environmental protection and a healthy forest sector, but enough time is needed to make sure the job is done right.

**THE ASK:** County of Colchester write a letter to the Premier asking for an Extension to the date identified in the Boat Harbour Act to permit Northern Pulp sufficient time to complete the effluent plant and pipeline installation with the condition Northern Pulp complete their required studies and obtain Environmental Approval (EA) - jobs must not come at a sacrifice to the environment. Note: Boat Harbour clean up requires its own federal EA with indications it will be two years before cleanup can start.

## Value of Forestry to Nova Scotia

By Maurice Rees

With upwards of a dozen forest industry executives in the gallery, the Miller-Wilber presentation to Colchester council, using 2015 data from Gardner Pinfold and Statistics Canada, changes in the province's forestry sector has helped evolve the industry to generate over \$2-Billion in Economic Impact with \$275-Million in direct income for good paying jobs and GDP impact increasing 5% over the previous 5 years and 7% over 10 years.

Other economic impacts have included Substantial Economic Multipliers (1.49% in Logging; 3.43 % in Pulp & Paper); Above Average Tax Revenue Generation and Renewable Resource and Positive Environmental Footprint. If you follow the money, the forest sector is responsible for \$300-Million in spin-off GDP;

\$226-Million spin-off income and 5,400 spin-off jobs.

The rural economy benefits from 493 forestry firms, of which 89% have less than 20 employees, suggesting they are mostly locally developed family operations also located in rural areas. In total the industry has \$1.2-Billion direct economic output.

In other areas, Miller and Wilber noted: Northern Pulp invested over \$80-Million a short time ago to improve air quality so that it now greatly exceeds federal requirements; The recent May 25-June 10 shutdown Northern Pulp spent an additional \$9-Million on pulpmill maintenance and Northern Pulp is committed to spending \$130-Million on the most modern Effluent Treatment Plant, which only a small percentage of global pulpmills have in operation.



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