

The Moose Ain't Loose... He's in the Goat Pen!

Photos by Linda Harrington, who also posted videos on our Shoreline Journal Facebook Page.



A moose in a goat pen on Plains Road, Debert is not something you see everyday!



The moose didn't seem to mind all the attention and decided it was time to lie down for a nap.



The moose was quite content and eventually laid down in the goat pen.



Kevin Lumsden had his camera out to snap some photos of the moose who had set up residence on his property on Oct. 3rd and 4th.



The news of a moose in the neighbourhood spread quickly, with people anxious to snap a photo. Chris MacIntyre, a Forest Technician at NS Department of Lands and Forestry, stopped by to make sure the moose stayed off the highway.

Moose on the Loose in Debert

By Linda Harrington

Kevin Lumsden, Plains Road in Debert, says he first noticed the moose on October 3rd when it was bothering the cattle in a field next to his house.

It stayed around overnight and the next morning he discovered the moose had moved to a goat pen closer to road. It didn't take long for the news to spread. Cars were stopping and cell phones snapping, with everyone anxious to get such a close-up picture of a mainland moose. The moose was calm, and the goats were not the least bit put out by their new companion.

Chris MacIntyre, a Forest

Technician at NS Department of Lands and Forestry, stopped by to check on things and make sure the moose did not head for the road. He was in touch with a wildlife specialist to see if there was any concern for the health of the moose. After lunch, a tractor was used to coax the moose toward the back field and it eventually move on.

Local photographer, Matt Robinson, says he was sent a photo of a moose recently seen in Wallace and it matched the photos of this moose, who has unique antler configuration and a white mark on the side of its head.

Other moose sightings

have been reported in Londonderry and Portapique areas recently. I posted videos of the moose on the Shoreline Journal's Facebook Page, and it didn't take long for other residents to post videos or photos of A different moose in Londonderry and another on the highway not far from the pharmacy in Bass River.

On Wednesday, October 9th DNR was back to the farm as the moose was still in the fields behind the house. The moose was sedated and moved to a new location. Kevin Lumsden says they were told the moose would be going for a full veterinary work up before it would be released.

Crystal-balling Capital Budget 2019/2024

By Maurice Rees

Forward planning is required by all Municipalities. Recently, Colchester council has been reviewing the Capital Budget for 2019/2020 to 2023/2024 realizing it is a daunting task to project what will be the priorities of the day in five years time, but they have been diligent in their analysis of grasping the crystal ball.

The columns of projects, associated costs and sources of funding, as presented at the September 3rd council committee meeting was contained in a 19 page document. To assist councillors, Director Corporate Services, Scott Fraser, added a colour scheme to identify: work in progress; newly added and in existing capital budget.

There is far more data in the overall document than space permits, but I've highlighted the newly added Large Capital Project for the five year period, followed by the Smaller Capital and Equipment. Included in the 2019/2020, two new items appeared: Internet Project, allocated at \$4-Million with source of funding to be Gas Tax Reserve and VDF Energy Efficiency Project at \$260,000 also funded by the Gas Tax Reserve.

In the fiscal year, 2020/21 there were five "newly added", which included: Inflow / Infiltration repairs, Brookfield (moved up from 2021/22 listed at \$200,000 funded by Sewer Capital; Inflow / Infiltration repairs, Tatamagouche, \$200,000, also funded by Sewer Capital; Sidewalk reconstruction, Truro Road, Hilden Hill, Phases 1 & 2 (1.5 KM), \$500,000 funding from the Active Transportation Account; Great Village STP Replacement, (Design), \$100,000 from Sewer Capital and Demolition Debert Buildings, \$75,000 funded by Debert House Sales account.

For fiscal 2021/22, there are five newly added large capital projects. Sidewalk Reconstruction, Barry Avenue, (Moved up from 2022/23), \$200,000 with \$100,000 from Federal/Provincial Infrastructure and \$100,000 Active Transportation; Truro Heights Sewer Upgrades Ph 1 of 3 (Delayed

from 2019/20) \$370,00 with Gas Tax and Sewer Capital each contributing \$185,000; Inflow / Infiltration Repairs, Hilden (delayed from 2020/21) \$100,000 with Gas Tax and Sewer Capital each contributing, \$50,000; Inflow / Infiltration Repairs, Debert (delayed from 2020/21) \$250,000 with Gas Tax and Sewer Capital each contributing, \$125,000 and Great Village Sewage Treatment Plant Replacement-Construction, \$2,000,000 to be sourced from federal Provincial Infrastructure, \$1,500,000 and \$500,000 from sewer capital.

Fiscal 2022/23 included two new items: Truro Heights Sewer Upgrades, Ph 2 of 3 (delayed from 2020/21) \$511,000 with Gas Tax providing \$383,250 and sewer capital the remaining, \$127,750 and Sidewalk, Highway 2, Hilden, "Avalon to Edward (700 m), \$800,000 without source of funding identified.

The final two items for large projects will occur in 2023/24 to include Truro Heights Sewer Upgrades, Ph 3 of 3 (delayed from 2021/22), \$393,000 equally shared with \$196,500 from Gas Tax and Sewer Capital. Final items was Sidewalk, Highway 2, Brookfield, Hwy 289 to Whidden Road, (1000 m), \$1,200,000 shared equally with \$600,000 from Gas Tax and Active Transportation Accounts.

Schedule B of the 19 page spreadsheet included small capital and equipment expenditures for the 2019 to 2024 five year period.

In 2019/20, three new items to be funded by other sources / Special Capital will

include Runway Sweeper, \$10,000; Siding and Windows, ECC, \$40,000 and Crosswalk Highway 236 / trail, \$42,000. Paving - Palliser, \$90,000 did not have source of funding indicated.

Fiscal 23020/21 included 11 items. Roof Replacement, at Tatamagouche Sewer Treat Plant, \$20,000 will be funded from Sewer Capital; Five items from the Kempton site included: Balefill Cell Cap, \$1,000,000 will have \$250,000 from each of Balefill Cell construction and Balefill Capital, while \$500,000 is listed at Other sources / federal funding. A cell loader at \$250,000 will be funded from the Balefill Equipment Reserve. Idle sites for \$56,000 will be funded from Balefill Capital; while a garbage compactor for \$100,000 will also be funded from the balefill equipment reserve. A baler for Kempton is budgets at \$8000,000 Balefill Equipment Reserve supplying \$400,000 with the remainder slated for other sources - gas tax.

Five items completed projections for 20/21 to include: Gator, WWTF, \$20,000 from Public Works Vehicle Reserve, while a 1/2 ton Truck (moved from 2022/23) is listed to be \$37,000 from Public works vehicle reserve. Three items are budgeted to reduce the balefill capital account: baler incline conveyor, \$40,000; loading dock retrofit, \$100,000 and HVAC, \$35,000.

Final item on the five year capital budget was Silverwood Drive Repaving at \$150,000 source of funding being Street re-paving reserve.



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