

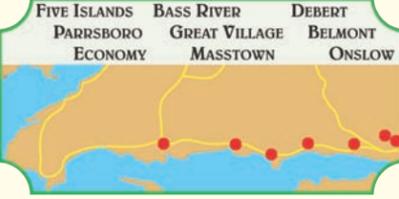
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## Three New Female Councillors

By *Maurice Rees*

Karen MacKenzie, District 6, other than Mayor Christine Blair, sat for four years as the only female on Colchester Municipal Council, but that will end soon. Around the council table she will be joined by Laurie Sandeson, District 2; Lisa Patton, District 8; and Marie

Benoit, District 9. The new council, including new members and incumbents, will be sworn in on October 29th.

At press time, because of CoVid-19 restrictions, the municipal office was unable to confirm the type of meeting. It might be held in a location other than council chambers;

it may or may not be open to the public. Four of the eleven councillors were elected by acclamation.

Councillors who were elected by acclamation, were: Eric Boutilier, District 1; Geoffrey Stewart, District 3; Karen MacKenzie, District 6 and Tom Taggart, District 10.

Male councillors, or councillors-elect who faced opposition and were successful were Mike Cooper, District 4; Tim Johnson, District 5; Mike Gregory, District 7, and Wade Parker, District 11.

Poll by poll, unofficial results, for the Mayor's position and all districts requiring councillor selection are presented in a spreadsheet elsewhere in this issue.

After swearing in ceremonies for the new four year term of the new council, four familiar faces will be absent from the chambers. Bill Masters, District 2 retired after serving five terms, three of them as Deputy Mayor. He was first elected in 2000. Ron Cavanaugh who was first elected in District 8 in Council in 1988, serving two terms until 1994. He was re-elected in 1997, and returned by acclamation in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016.

Lloyd Gibbs, who was first elected in 2012 in District 5; and Bob Pash, elected in 2016 in Debert area for District 9 both list their bid for re-election.

Here are the unofficial summary totals for Mayor and all council positions as of October 19th: For the mayor's position incumbent Mayor Christine Smith garnered 5,739 votes to Bob Taylor's, 3,071. Blair dethroned Taylor

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**FRONT PAGE BRIEFS**  
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Joy Laking's New Book  
Arrives

It may have been 20 years in the making, but Joy Laking's new book published by Pottersfield Press, recently arrived. The Painted Province; Nova Scotia through an artist's eyes, starts and ends in Portauisque. The book contains over two hundred of her paintings paired with text. Covid has sure changed Joy's life, she is not able to hold her annual open house. Because of the large crowds who attend her annual open house, which has become a "must go" for over 30 continuous years. However, she had found a way to accommodate her many customers. It they abide by CoVid-19 protocols of masks and social distancing, she will be open on Saturdays until Christmas. Upon their visit to Portauisque, customers will be able to view all her new paintings, and purchase the book. Purchased at her studio, the book will be signed, and costs \$26.20m including tax. Mail orders have an additional \$5.85 shipping charge. Joy was part of an international exhibition in Portugal this year and the new paintings done in Portugal will also be on display. The Laking's can be reached at: [www.joylakinggallery.com](http://www.joylakinggallery.com), 902 890 8450 or 902 890 8730. See a few of Joy's creations on page 2.



Joy Laking is shown during one of her many outdoor painting sessions.

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On Remembrance Day this year, many Canadians will be reflecting on the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Among those will be war amputee veteran Bob Gondek, of Toronto, who served alongside the Allied Forces with the 2nd Polish Corps during the Italian Campaign. In 1944, Bob was based outside Loretto, Italy when heavy gun fire broke out, resulting in the loss of part of his left arm below the elbow. Bob immigrated to Canada where he became a member of The War Amps, an Association originally started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees. For the last 50 years on Remembrance Day, Bob has laid a wreath to honour his comrades and pay tribute to all those who lost their lives. (Submitted)

## Third Commissioner Appointed

By *Maurice Rees*

Anne MacLellan resigned from the review panel into the murders in Portauisque when Bill Blair, federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Mark Furey, Nova Scotia Attorney General and Minister of Justice, changed the investigation into a public inquiry early in July.

On October 22nd the two ministers announced Kim Stanton as the third commissioner. She joins J. Michael MacDonald, chief commissioner, and Leanne J. Fitch. The inquiry will help determine what happened and will make recommendations to help prevent similar tragic events in the future. The commissioners will work at arm's-length from both levels of government.

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## AIMS Outlines Way To Pay Off Covid-19 Debt

By *Maurice Rees*

The Atlantic Institute for Mark Studies (AIMS) policy paper, "The Size and Cost of Atlantic Canada's Public Sector", published six years ago in September 2014 might have provided the outline of a initiative without raising taxes or cutting government service, to pay for all the money which the provincial governments has shoved out the doors to help those most needy as a result of CoVid-19 pandemic.

The report details the extent to which the civil public service employment levels in Atlantic Canada included 29,900 employees that compared to the national average, based on populations of the various provinces. The report concluded that those additional employees increased the size of the four governments payroll annually by \$1.89-Billion, when the combined annual provincial budget deficits was \$1.08-Billion. (In this issue, please see, "Rees'

Pieces" starting on Page 4).

A simple math calculation indicates if the reductions were achieved, instant cash-flow improvements to provide additional services or pay down other long-term debt by \$81-Million per year. Based on 2012-13 fiscal year, those numbers would go a long way to easing the tax burden in the post-CoVid-19 era when government revenues will certainly be much lower in the immediate years once the pandemic is wrestled to the ground, and the "new economy" starts to rebound.

The 12 page report, which can be found at [www.AIMS.ca](http://www.AIMS.ca) or by emailing, [aims@AIMS.ca](mailto:aims@AIMS.ca) details payroll for the 2012-13 fiscal year, above the national average, for civilian public service in each of the provinces was: Newfoundland & Labrador, \$880-Million, (13,253 employees); Nova Scotia, \$836-Million, (14,127 employees);

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Five Islands Fire Chief Darrel Spence assists MLA Karen Casey in trying on turnout gear. Deputy Minister Casey learned the complete gear weighs 60lbs and is very hot to wear in warmer weather. Story and more photos on page 14. (Harrington Photo)

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