

Local Brigades Receive \$151,487.80

By Maurice Rees

Eight Fire Brigades in Cumberland and Colchester are among 74 provincial fire brigades and organizations receiving funding for 2020-2021. The province is helping first responder organizations buy more than \$1.25 million of emergency equipment.

The fund offers financial assistance to fire departments and ground search and rescue organizations, including hazardous materials (HAZMAT) organizations, to upgrade equipment that is used di-



rectly in response to a fire or emergency.

Categories include personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus, communications, rescue equipment, miscella-

neous firefighting equipment, hazardous material (HAZMAT) equipment, water supply and suppression equipment, emergency power for buildings. Organizations can apply every three years.

Six of the local organizations receiving \$20,000 each included fire brigades: FPW, Great Village and District, Joggins, River Herbert, Salmon River, and Westchester. Debert will receive, \$19,486.12 and Stewiacke \$12,001.69.

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Prince Edward Island, \$112-Million, (1,686 employees) and New Brunswick, \$58-Million, (834 employees). Readers who are unable to find the entire report, please email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com and we will send copy to you.

The report was authored by Ben Eisen Director of Research and Programmes, Atlantic Institute for Market Studies, assisted by Shaun Fantauzzo, Policy Analyst, AIMS. The report did not indicate where and how to make the cuts, but simply provided the savings which could be achieved if actions were taken.

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Truro Engineer Elected to Council of Engineers NS

Truro engineer Oliver Browning, PMP, FEC, P.Eng. has been elected to serve on Council of Engineers Nova Scotia.

"It's certainly an honour for me to have this opportunity," said Oliver, "I believe that it's also recognition that there are a lot of very successful professionals and business people right here within our own community."

Oliver is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now Dalhousie Agriculture Campus) and the University of New Brunswick and has been a practicing professional engineer for over 15 years. In 2012, Oliver established and continues to manage PDI Engineering Group Inc., a consulting engineering firm in Truro delivering innovative solutions to clients and communities of Nova Scotia.

To date, Oliver has won a number of awards including recently alumni achievement awards from both the University of New Brunswick (2010) and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (2009). He was also the recipient of the L.A. White Young Engineer of the Year Award in 2008 and the J. D. Fraser Service Award in



Oliver Browning, PMP, FEC, P.Eng

2018 from Engineers Nova Scotia. He was bestowed the honour of Fellowship of Engineers Canada in 2016 recognizing his contributions to advance the recognition of the engineering profession. He is largely involved in the activities of Engineers Nova Scotia serving as the Colchester Zone Representative of Engineers Nova Scotia since 2006.

Oliver has also contributed to the Department of Engineering of the Dalhousie Agriculture Campus in Truro having served as a part-time Professor / Sessional Lecturer for first year engineering degree courses as well as providing talks and presentations to students of the department on the engineering profession.

He is also involved in various industry associations including serving on the Atlantic Board of Directors of the American Concrete Institute.

Oliver assumed the position following the Engineers Annual General Meeting on September 18th.

Wild Blueberry Solutions Challenge Winner of \$126,000

Clever Fruit Products of Mahone Bay, Lunenburg Co., is this year's winner of the Wild Blueberry Solutions Challenge and has been awarded \$126,000, to be used to help grow sales, pursue new export markets and develop new products.

The Nova Scotia company produces nutritionally enhanced wild blueberries using fermentation to increase the nutritional strength of fruits such as wild blueberries. Its blueberries are sold as high-quality ingredients

to manufacturers of foods and food supplements that have medicinal benefits, including potential improvement in cholesterol health.

The Wild Blueberry Solutions Challenge is a competition among Nova Scotia companies to develop innovative value-

added products and packaging solutions. It is a joint initiative between the Department of Agriculture and the Wild Blueberry Producers' Association of Nova Scotia.

Wild blueberries are Nova Scotia's largest agriculture export at \$104.4 million in 2018.



Third Commissioner Appointed

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Their work and mandate are outlined in two Orders in Council that established the Joint Public Inquiry. Under Part 1 of the federal Inquiries Act and the Nova Scotia Public Inquiries Act, the commissioners have the power to call witnesses under oath, and require them to provide documents or other items that the commissioners consider necessary to carry out a full investigation.

The commissioners' first task is setting up their secre-

tariat which will be located in Nova Scotia. This includes hiring support staff, creating their work plan and other tasks. They must submit two reports on their findings, lessons learned and recommendations - an interim report by May 1, 2022 and a final report by Nov. 1, 2022.

Additional information can be found at: Joint Public Inquiry into the Nova Scotia April 2020 Tragedy: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/2020-nsir-en.aspx>

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