

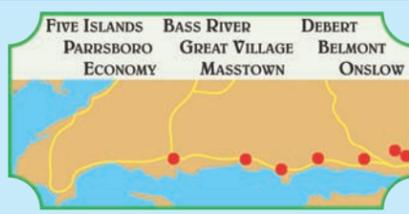
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# What? When? Cost?

By Maurice Rees

An action item, introduced by Paul Smith at Colchester's committee meeting on October 14 launched what could be the most indepth, contentious and lengthy issue council has had to deal with in decades.

The action item requested direction from Council on its intentions for the long-term

planning and provision of municipal office space.

(Unfortunately, the answers / assumptions to the headline can only be found at the end of the story).

At its strategic priority session held in mid-September 2021, Council discussed the future of the Municipal Building. At the time there was some de-

bate over how a process may be initiated that would evaluate the existing building, assess current and future operational / space needs, examine options and decide on an approach to move forward.

During discussion on October 14th, it became evident the municipal building matter will be a lengthy process. Whether or

not council renovates and updates the Georgian style building; chooses to demolish and erect a new building; decides to build a new building at a different site, and repurpose the existing structure will be a lengthy process.

In 2010, the architectural firm Harvey & MacKenzie Architects were engaged to do a functional analysis, draft design and costing assessment which led to consideration of three options:

1. Option "A" assumes NS Jus-

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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

### November 2021

The Live for Local Rally is a contest aimed at promoting shopping local. Upload a receipt from any business in Colchester County to earn an entry for our amazing prize giveaways. If you upload a receipt from one of our "Participating Businesses" you will receive two entries. Keep an eye out on our social media and our website for other fun and creative ways to enter to win!

Colchester Council Committee is recommending to Council that the proposal for Fire Dispatch Services be awarded to Valley Communications Incorporated for a total proposal price of \$407,678.58, excluding HST."

Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager, advised Colchester Council that similar to last year, there are challenges with hosting the annual Art Acquisition Program this Fall due to Covid-19. The venue where it is typically held, NSCC McCarthy Hall, is not permitting outside organizations to utilize their facility until sometime in the new year (2022). Staff presented options for consideration and is seeking Council directive on how to proceed with the 2021 Art Purchase Program. Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Mayor Blair that "Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2021 Art Purchase Program be postponed until Winter 2022; and staff investigate the logistics of hosting the event at the RECC."

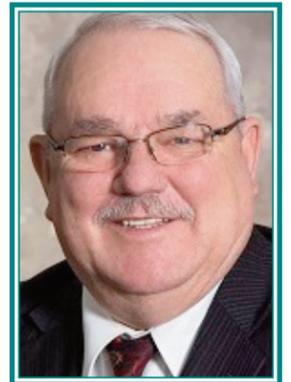
Council Committee is recommending to Council the following land acknowledgement statement for opening all Council, Council Committee and Presentation meetings be approved: In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, I would like to begin by acknowledging that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Gregory. Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County staff have been requested to begin drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality and Town of Stewiacke for the Stewiacke Library, subject to further review by Council.



Chantelle's Cystic Fibrosis Pumpkin Blast- was held on Oct. 23rd and 24th at Blake's Pumpkin Jungle in Masstown. Blake Jennings loads a pumpkin in one of the two canons to prepare for firing. The canons were made by Wayne Smith and they could launch a pumpkin as far as the eye could see. Funds raised go to the Chantelle's Legacy Fund. For more pictures see page 2.

## Former Councillor, Bill Masters Passes



By Maurice Rees

Bill Masters, former veteran Colchester Councillor for District 2, passed away at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre on October 19th after a short illness. Master was a councillor for over 20 years and did not reoffer in the 2020 municipal election.

Masters was very active in his community and also served on Colchester council as deputy mayor for eight of the 20 years he served District 2 residents as a member of municipal council. He was co-owner and General Manager of Nova Enterprises and retired in 2011. Bill served for many years on the Freightliner Dealer Council.

Arrangements were entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Because of his prominence in many aspects of Colchester, we have included his full obituary, which provides highlights of his life as chosen by his immediate family. The entire obituary published on October 21, 2021 follows:

William Gordon "Bill" Masters - 74, Old Barns, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tues-

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## Live for Local Rally Launched

By Maurice Rees

The Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce used Small Business Week to launch "Live for Local Rally" to help promote purchases from local businesses. Studies have shown for every dollar spent at a local, independently owned business, close to 70% is returned to the local economy by way of payroll, commercial taxes, sponsorships, donations to local charities, etc. Every dollar spent at a national chain in the local area, about 45% is returned to the local economy.

The CoVid-19 pandemic has hurt local businesses, because with closures and restrictions on movements in public more people have turned to "on-line" shopping, primarily from businesses far outside the local shopping area. When local residents do their shopping at stores and businesses outside the Truro/Colchester region, or online based outside of this re-

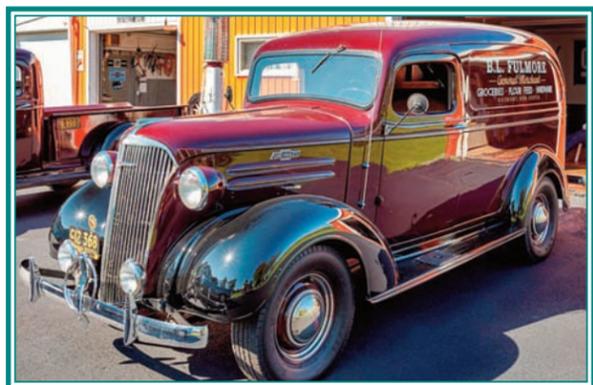
gion, none of that money is returned to the local economy.

The chamber launched the "Live for Local Rally" at the Chamber's Small Business Week fall celebration at the RECC on Monday, October 18 when Kilted Chef Alain Bosse treated 150 attending members to a variety of sample cuisine created by purchasing the ingredients which were purchased locally. At the event local musician, Jackie Putman

provided music; several volunteer CEC students acted as preparers and servers. Two \$500 bursaries were awarded to students to further their culinary education. A \$300 gift basket was won by Taylor Albert.

To promote local businesses "The Live for Local Rally" is a contest aimed at promoting shopping local. All shoppers at local businesses

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It was a panel van similar to this which Burt Fulmore drove to deliver groceries from his father's store at the age of 12. Since restored by his son, this panel van has attended many car shows in the Maritimes. We've got some of Burt's story and more photos on page 16. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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