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Funding to Support Municipal Infrastructure, Innovation

Four area municipalities will receive \$208,478 out of a total pot of \$703,762 announced for 16 province-wide municipalities under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for 2023-24 to support infrastructure and innovation.

The area municipalities are: Town of Stewiacke - \$85,000 for Phase 5 well water study;

Municipality of the County of Colchester - \$85,000 water and sewer capacity studies; Town of Oxford - \$27,526 for Foundry Street water main replacement project - design and Municipality of the District of East Hants - \$10,950 for a generator for the waste management centre.

George Lloyd, Mayor, Town of

Stewiacke said "During the last fiscal year, the Town of Stewiacke realized unprecedented growth. The Provincial Capital Assistance Program funding will provide essential funds to facilitate the water infrastructure upgrade to meet the current demands of our town and anticipated demand in the future."

Three projects under the Municipal Innovation Program for 2023-24 will receive \$450,120 comprising:

Municipality of the District of Clare and Municipality of the District of Shelburne, \$195,120 for inter-municipal planning strategy; Alternative Resource Energy Authority - \$249,000 for municipal electric utility modernization (Town of Mahone Bay, Town of Berwick and the Riverport Electric Light Commission) and Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Argyle and Acadian Shores Tourism Association - \$6,000 for Yarmouth County interactive accessibility map.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS November 2023

We are Sorry... if we gave the wrong impression. On page 14 of the October issue in the coverage of Hearts Haven Memorial Playground, a single column photo may have given the impression, Dax's Playground, sign was provided by Colchester Signs & Promo. It was not. Another firm provided the sign. We apologize to all those involved.

A Remembrance Day service and wreath laying will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on November 11th. Parking is limited. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 10:45 am. A reception following the service will not be held.

Just so you know, I'm looking forward to getting a copy of a newly released book, PREQUEL, by American MSNBC television show host and podcaster, Rachel Maddow. Promotion of the book says it explores USA experiment with fascism back in the 30's, 40's and onward, when several congressmen, senators and prominent business people tried to develop a plan to overthrow the government. Is there a connection from 80 to 90 years ago?

4-H Provincial Show in Windsor last weekend in September brought out the best from 4-H members around the province. The annual showcase is reported to be the largest 4-H showcase in Canada. Two Colchester 4-Hers won top awards at the event. Marion Porter was selected as Grand Champion Overall Judge, while Luke Hendsbee was selected as Grand Champion Overall Showperson. Several reports of various classifications of winners and champions from Colchester, Cumberland and Halifax East Hants are scattered through this issue. Next issue, we anticipate providing the judging results in many of the various livestock categories, including those who whose category also includes "Royal Team", The Shoreline Journal sponsored 8 individual awards at the 2023 show.

2024 4-H Provincial Show site has not been announced. An announcement is not expected until January. Local 4-H volunteer administration personnel and local clubs are hoping the show will return to Colchester. In addition to clubs, and leaders, the three day event can attract a crowd of up to 10,000. Any area selected to host the show receives a large local economic boost.

AGM of Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark will be held Oct 30th at 7pm over ZOOM. Contact office at 902-641-2225 for ZOOM link to attend meeting online.

A Community Meeting of the Great Village St James Preservation Society (name change pending) will be held November 12, 2023 - 2:00 pm upstairs at the Great Village Arts & Entertainment Centre located at 8729 Hwy 2 Great Village. Everyone welcome: discussing name change and focus of the Preservation Society.



2023 Specialty Award Recipients
Nova Scotia Strong Award
Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Truro, NS

Volunteers embody the core values and the resilient vision of the Truro/Colchester community, as exemplified by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC). At the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, the value of volunteering goes deeper and well beyond the number of hours that volunteers contribute. Understanding and recognizing that value has been the key to the organization's success because most volunteers want to know and experience the impact they are having.

The RECC Volunteers provide value through their leadership and governance and by setting strategic direction as a member of the Board, by raising needed funds, building community alliances, and executing fiscal oversight. RECC Board members help raise the profile of the organization, open doors and bring important perspectives from members and stakeholders. The value of a board's role goes well beyond the number of hours spent preparing for and attending meetings. Board members also bring cultural competencies to the organization that expand the capacity to serve diverse populations and create bridges with new stakeholders. And of course, many other volunteers provide direct hands-on support services that have increased the impact of RECC programs and major events. Together through strong volunteerism and a dedicated staff team, the RECC was able to remain resilient through the pandemic and offer the region a comfort centre during Hurricane Fiona. This was then capped off with the delivery of a free "Re-Ignite the Spirit" campaign featuring a variety of free live entertainment opportunities for residents and using this platform to recognize the contributions of front-line workers. See the rest of the regions Volunteer Awards on pages 10, 11 and 12.

BASS RIVER BRIDGE: Not Everyone Happy

By Linda Harrington

Several options were discussed, but the consensus of the meeting "concluded each of the bridge proposals presented pros and cons and not everyone would be happy" with the final outcome of the new bridge to be constructed in Bass River 2024-25.

It was almost a full house as over 60 people gathered at the Victoria Hall, Bass River on Sept. 28th to revisit a discussion about the proposed location for a new bridge to replace the existing Hwy 2 structure between the Veterans Memorial Park and the Dominion Chair General Store. There were varied opinions on what location would be best, considering existing businesses, pedestrian traffic (including young children, to and from school), costs, traffic patterns and infringement on the existing parks in the community.

Colchester North MLA Tom Taggart hosted the meeting, providing an opportunity for concerned citizens to express their concerns and opinions and to ask questions of those in charge of the project.

Greg Chisholm, Construction Manager for Dept. Of Transportation Northern District said it is hoped tenders for the new bridge and deconstruction of the existing bridge could go out this fall with the project beginning in the Spring/Summer of 2024.

Small Business Start-Up Legacy Award

Kyle Nolan, Northern Lights Aerial Photography

The Small Business Start-Up Legacy Award celebrates promising start-ups in the region with a \$2,500 cash prize and in-kind support from local businesses. Eligible applicants must be local entrepreneurs, demonstrating the uniqueness of their ventures and the positive impact the grant and support will have on local business growth and job creation.

Northern Lights Aerial Photography, a family-run

business based in Portapique, NS, is the recipient of this year's Start-up Legacy Award. This recognition is a testament to their exceptional journey from adversity to success and their dedication to providing innovative drone services.

Founded by Kyle Nolan who overcame a challenging childhood marked by substance abuse and social assistance dependency, Northern Lights Aerial Photography has emerged as a beacon of resilience and ambition. His transformation from a laborer in the oil



Kyle Nolan, Northern Lights Aerial Photography, Portapique accepts the Small Business Start-Up Legacy Award from Sherry Martell, Executive Director, Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce. The award includes \$2,500 cash and in-kind support from several chamber members. (Submitted)

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