

8TH Annual Umbrella Walk Huge Success



Keith Smith and First time Walker, Elizabeth Campbell prepared for take-off in the Cobequid Pastoral Charge 8th Annual Umbrella Relay Walk September 8, 2012.



Dorothy Carson, Elizabeth Campbell and Judy Lewis on the steps of Economy United Church, relieved the Cobequid Pastoral Charge 8th Annual Umbrella Relay Walk is over. Let the party begin.

By Dorothy Carson
The 8th Annual Umbrella Relay Walk was held on September 08, 2012. It was a great success! The Official Board of the Cobequid Pastoral Charge, United Church of Canada, expresses sincere gratitude to all those who walked, those who sponsored walkers, businesses who donated money and supplies.
The Board expresses sincere thanks to the organizers, to Rev. Florence for her ongoing leadership and enthusiasm. This is a major fund raiser for the Charge and helps ensure there is "Church" in the community when it is needed by the community.
With rural churches closing all around the country, we are fortunate we are still able to support a full time minister and Manse and three church buildings in this Charge. This is only possible through the generous support of the communities and the volunteers who continue to work to keep it so. Your efforts are truly appreciated and may God bless all.

Dorothy Carson is Board Chairperson for the Umbrella Walk Official Board

Masstown Refundable Drive October 13TH

By Christine Urquhart
The Masstown Stewards & Trustees, i.e.; management committee, have tentatively set a date of October 13th for our next Refundable Drive. I hope you have been saving up your refundables all summer for our Church, this money goes towards our new, desperately needed roof! If your refundables are taking up too much space at your home please feel free to either drop them off at the Church or call 662-3550 to have them picked up. If you wish to make a donation towards our roof fund you can give this to either Betty Yorsten or Irene Gratto.
We thank you for all your help this fund raiser, and if you can help on the day of our refundable drive, please be at the Church by 9am. We

need drivers and sorters for pickups and counting. Your children can also be a big help, as long as they can count to 100! It is always a good idea to teach your children from a young age about volunteering.



The warm sun and green grass has the horses of Cumberland County expressing some of their frisky behaviour with a challenge of see who finishes first. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



These young Clydsdales in Cumberland County acting out as the race is on. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Two horses from rural Cumberland County defining who is boss (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Tom Taggart
Candidate for Councilor – District 10

What in your opinion are the three most challenging issues facing the Municipality?
Jobs, declining population in rural areas and provincial downloading.

If you had the sole responsibility to solve them what would you do?
I believe that the best way to create jobs and end the population decline in our rural communities is to develop the Debert Air Industrial Park. To date development has been difficult due to Provincial Government supported requirements for excess and expensive archeological clearance. These requirements are the most stringent of any province in Canada and I am told the only person who can bring them in line is the Premier. It is critical this industrial park be positioned to take advantage of the spin off from the ship building contract.
As for downloading we need to work closely with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to lobby and negotiate with the provincial government.

What is the most difficult topic you expect to come before council in the next year, which will have voters upset?
Atlantic Industrial Services has made application to Dept of Environment to release approximately 4.5 million liters of treated fracking fluids into the municipalities waste water treatment plant in Debert and thus into the river and on into the Bay of Fundy. I have been told by an anti-fracking group in Tatamagouche there are dangerous chemicals such as uranium in these fluids. You can be certain we will get evidence from the folks at Atlantic Industrial Services who claim there is no danger. To me it is very clear. IT IS NOT WORTH THE RISK. I am confident council will see it the same way.

Since rural areas are declining in population and the residents are getting older, how will you help community groups in your district to develop plans to bring younger families to your electoral district?
I will continue to work with and support local community groups as they work to maintain our community centers, parks and recreational facilities. However I believe to grow communities and encourage young families to put down roots we need good paying stable employment close to home. Once again our best opportunity for those jobs is the Debert Air Industrial Park.

Why do you think you are the best candidate to represent the residents on Municipal Council?
The past 4 years as councillor for District 10 have been an absolute pleasure. The experience has been both rewarding and educational. Your council representative has 2 main responsibilities; First to the residents of district 10 and second to Colchester County as a whole. I have worked hard at both. I have worked to satisfy and resolve all local issues, whether from individuals to community issues to County issues.
The past four years have given me the experience needed to represent you well in what most certainly will be challenging times ahead. It is my hope I have proven to you I can stand and be heard on the issues affecting district 10. I am not shy about voicing my opinion and sometimes asked the difficult questions needing to be asked gaining the respect of my fellow councillors, which is very important when I am asking for or debating issues which benefit our district.
I have been very active as your councillor. I am vice-chair of the Unsightly Premises Committee; I sit on the Flood Advisory Committee and the Planning Advisory Committee. As well on the provincial level I have been fortunate enough to be selected as a member of the Sustainable Practices Committee. All these activities allow me to learn and be a better representative of constituents and the Municipality. I am a very aggressive person and would like to be even more active in Municipal Government. To do that I need your support!

What types of businesses do you think are most appropriate for your district and what will you do to attract them?
Over the past 10 to 15 years agriculture has had a very significant impact on and created many jobs in our district. I will do all I can to support the farmers and to encourage all to buy local. I also believe due to the very persistent work of many entrepreneurs our tourism has increased. I will continue to support those folks and to raise the profile of our shore. However, it still comes back to the Debert Air Industrial Park It is CRITICAL we get the park in a position to take advantage of new industry wishing to re-locate or build their business in Central Nova Scotia

What are the most critical problems being faced by your constituents?
Most critical issues are good jobs and strong, healthy growing communities.

If you are elected to council, how will you communicate with residents to understand their problems and what you are doing to solve them?
Over the past 4 years I have been fortunate enough to write a report from council in the Shoreline Journal. I hope to continue. As well, I have begun a Facebook page. Facebook is quite new to me but does appear to be an effective way to get out a message. Therefore, I will continue after the election to use this to communicate. I can always be reached at home, 647-2025.

Tom Taggart

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