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- including 380,000 seniors;
- The number of Canadians living below the Low Income Cut-off is at its lowest number ever;
- 1.4 million Canadians are no longer living in poverty, including 250,000 children;
- Since 2006 after tax disposable income has increased 10% across all income levels;

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enhance their ability to respond on site to a fire. Government's contribution to the Tatamagouche Volunteer Fire Department again was 50% of their eligible cost for a maximum contribution of \$5,624. On hand to receive the funding and to receive congratulations for their ongoing service to the community were Captain Matt Forbes, Firefighter Jeremy Russell, Deputy Chief Tim Colburn, and Retired Chief Jim Forbes. It is

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Mayor Taylor, Councillor McInnis and myself. In the end elected officials will be making the final decision on this. Those elected had better be informed and educated on this subject. I, for one, am not prepared to make this kind of commitment (yet to be decided) without a tremendous amount of information. To make my point I reflect on 5 1/2 years ago I was a councillor with 6 months experience. I sat in meetings where high paid consultants, engineers, designers and construction manage-

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up by suggesting a levy be placed on this natural resource. Council has not talked about what this levy would look like or even how much it would be because we need permission from the Provincial Government to implement such a levy or tax. Council had asked the province to investigate the possibility of placing some type of levy on bottling companies within the province and received the following response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs Mark Furey. "Staff has completed a cross country review and has not been able to locate any province that

- The amount families in the two lowest personal income tax brackets can earn before paying taxes has increased;
 - The net worth of Canadian families has increased by 44.5% since 2005, with the largest increase happening in middle class families.
- A strong economy, lower taxes and more money in the pockets of our working families and seniors; these things don't just happen - they require a government that is willing to work hard and make the right choices for Canadians. Our Conservative gov-

interesting to note that the fire truck in the picture dates back to 1941 and is still a proud member of the brigade's fleet. A maximum contribution of \$13,655 was provided to the North River Fire Brigade and they are to be congratulated for their successful application. The matching 50% from the brigade itself will be covered by fundraising activities by both the Brigade and the Auxiliary and our thanks goes to the community who continue to support their firefighters. In order for the North River Fire Brigade firefighters to be better equipped, this money will go

ment officials, many of whom would be paid millions by our municipality tell me that should we build a new civic center it would be ON TIME, ON BUDGET, ENERGY EFFICIENT, as a matter of fact they said it would be CLOSE TO LEEDS GOLD STANDARD in terms of energy efficiency. Recent events would lead me to think they may not have been straight up with us. Hence it will be hard for me to put my faith in these so called experts in the future. It is critical elected officials actually interact with those on the ground who are actually operating and facing the challenges of a project of this magnitude.

has designated this authority to a municipality. As such, we have no intention of placing royalties on natural resources, such as spring water". It is time the Provincial and Municipal governments came together on this. We need to implement a program to monitor the environmental, social and economic benefits of this industry for all Nova Scotians. Even though the Ivany Report and the provincial government are asking municipalities to think outside of the box and find new revenue streams we Nova Scotians always seem to sit back and wait for someone else to do it first? What's wrong with being the first province in Canada to not

ernment is proud of record and we will continue to do what is best for all Canadians. As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll - free at 1-888-752-0552; visit my website at www.scottarmstrongmp.ca; add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong_MP
Scott Armstrong, MP represents Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley.

towards the purchase of personal protective equipment for the firefighters and first responders. Joining me at the North River Fire Hall were LeRoy Hansen and Doug McNutt. I want to congratulate these brigades and all others in Colchester North who continue to provide protection in their communities and to encourage them to take advantage of the Emergency Services Provider Fund as they look to upgrading or enhancing their firefighting and emergency response equipment.
Karen Casey, MLA, represents Colchester North

Many are probably wondering about the Economy Post office. I met with a representative of Canada Post approximately 3 weeks ago. I was told they were going to review the operations at Economy to determine the hours of operation and they would make a decision after that. They said at this time they intended to go forward with an office in Economy. They told me the same thing in Londonderry. As it stands now they are in the process of a 60 day review and have promised to advise me as soon as that is complete.
Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

only protect this natural resource that keeps us alive but also to benefit financially from it to help stabilize taxes? A royalty of half a cent per litre would generate millions of dollars which would be shared 50/50 between the province and the municipalities. A portion of this money could be used for a monitoring program so our grandchildren will be able to experience the luxury of having an abundance of clean fresh drinking water. Water is no different than any other recourse, "If you abuse it you lose it," and we can't survive without clean fresh drinking water. We're missing the boat on this one folks.
Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Welcome back to a new school year! Some staffing changes include: Miss MacLeod is returning to the Grade Primary classroom. In Grade One, welcome to Miss Shaw, she is coming from Harmony Heights Elementary in Truro. In Grade Two/Three classroom, welcome to Miss Jones who is travelling to Chiganois from New Glasgow. Miss Blaikie is returning this year to help teach the Grade Two class. Over the summer Mrs. Tait got married and she too is returning to our Grade Four/Five classroom. This year there will be having a French Specialist, Mrs. McCully, coming each day to deliver French curriculum to Grade 4 and 5 students. Ms. Joice Faulkner is returning as an Educational Assistant. "Meet the Chiganois School Community" was held on Wednesday, Sept. 17th. A new twist this year was the passport experience, which seemed to be a big hit. School communication will be by email and school website



Chiganois Elementary School's first Parent Visitation of the year had a bit of a twist. Students led their parents on an adventure to have their passports filled in, as shown by Grace Lumsden and Olivia Murphy.

which can be found at <http://ces.ccrsb.ca>. The website has the monthly newsletters, calendar and menus, parent handbook, teacher and school communication plans, minutes from PTG and SAC, emails for all staff and important notices. It is a good idea to check the website weekly to stay up to date with Chiganois happenings. Teacher and school communication plans will be housed on the website. Please make sure your email address on your child's registration form is correct. Last year the Library was very successful, due to a group of dedicated volunteers. In order to have this same success parent volunteers are required for the upcoming year. Library Days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings; 9:15-11:15. Please seriously consider helping out this year in the Library so students can continue to borrow books on a weekly basis. Please email Mrs. Weatherbee at weatherbee@ccrsb.ca if you are available. The entire school community says, Thank You! Stand Up. Speak Out., the CCRSB's board-wide day of action against bullying and in support of positive, healthy relationships took place on Thursday, Sept. 18th. This year the theme was, "We are not afraid..." or "I am not afraid..." and students need to be the driving force! Students showed what that theme means to them by designing post cards and these were hung in the school entryway. The Terry Fox Run was held on Sept. 19th. September 24th & 25th, Grade 3 will write the Provincial Assessment in ELA. Principal Breakfast for Aug & Sept. Birthdays will be held on September 30th. No School for Students on October 13th (Thanksgiving) & October 24th (In-service). All parents, visitors, etc. report to the office. Please do not go directly to the classroom. We want to keep all children safe!

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

All Legion Members are reminded that the General Meetings of Branch 106 are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month and start at 8:00PM and you are encouraged to attend. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. Support your Branch. Well folks, the fall season is upon us and our course with it comes the Wednesday Night Crib League and Friday Night Darts. The Crib League opened the new season on the 3rd of September, with the first two weeks dedicated to ironing out the wrinkles and sort of a Meet & Greet. The highlight of the second weeks was a 28 hand by "The Old Scribe", he had the Queen of Hearts instead of the Jack, and it was a good feeling. If any of our readers are interested in playing crib, grab a partner and come on out and have some fun, there is always room for some more teams and you are guaranteed to have some fun and plenty of laughs. The Dart League is hoping to start doubling in on Friday, September 26th, everyone is welcome, and start time is 7:30PM. For those Legionnaires and people who so willing gave of their time to visit Camp Hill Veterans Complex to treat our Vets to a BBQ with all the treats, our next visit will be in mid-June 2015. Sharon Kyle tried to get us in for a date this fall, but she was a bit late in booking and the next open date is/was 15 June 2015. Sharon sends along an apology. Happy Birthday wishes for September are passed along to Marcia Eastcott, Tina Cooke, Donnie Totten and George Blackie. Happy Anniversary wishes for September are passed along to Paula and Bill Wood, Diane and Carmen Milner, Wendy and David Totten. Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy are freedom. Please say a prayer for troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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