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All five federal election candidates running in Cumberland-Colchester will participate in a debate in Truro on Oct. 6 hosted by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce. Incumbent Conservative MP Scott Armstrong will join Liberal candidate Bill Casey, NDP Wendy Robinson, Green Party Jason Blanch and independent Kenneth Jackson on the debate panel at the Marigold Cultural Centre, 605 Prince St. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the debate will get underway at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

TshirtsRus.ca and the Shoreline Journal are giving away over 130 tickets to the Grand Slam of Curling, which will be held at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. To enter the contest, simply visit tshirtsRus.ca at 94 Esplanade and fill out a ballot. Each winner will also receive a free t-shirt.

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce is soliciting questions for their October 6th all candidate debate from the businesses community, as well as the general public by email until 12 p.m. on Oct. 5. Questions should be sent to ed@tcchamber.ca. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) marked the third year of its board-wide healthy relationships initiative, Stand Up. Speak Out. Stop Bullying. Together., on Thursday, September 17, at all schools and offices across the board, mobilizing close to 24,000 people. This year CCRSB focused on the theme "What's in your backpack?", broadening the meaning of Stand Up. Speak Out. to better encompass the tenets of Social Justice.

Bass River's Victoria Hall Renovation Project will receive \$6,000 from municipal council following a motion by Councillor Taggart based on letter submitted by Wendy Cox, secretary of the organization. The committee through various fund raising efforts has raised \$6,950 since early June, but need \$15,000 to install a new roof this fall. The 130 year old building has fallen into disrepair over the last few years. Residents have formed an active committee, which raised over \$3,300 with a concert in September in which the Elliott's played a large part. The Shoreline Journal also assisted with a subscription drive, offering \$11.50 from each subscription sold. An ongoing bottle drive, BBQ's, donations, Chinese auction and 50/50 draws have realized over \$3,500. The committee anticipates having the new roof installed before the snow flies. The next event being planned at the hall is a Christmas Concert in December.

Earlier last week, before the Municipal Council meeting, a group of RASCALS members meeting at Joy Laking's residence expressed concern about the amount of garbage on the beaches throughout West Colchester. It was noted there were two sources – the general public and Bass fishermen, who frequent the shore on a daily basis. Some estimate when the tides are right there can be as many as 300 fishermen and some of them travel great distances to enjoy the sport. Tom Taggart mentioned that last year, he visited beaches in the Bass River area and on one weekend noticed approximately 30 vehicles, many of them from out of province, including some being American enthusiasts. At council's meeting on September 24th, Taggart added Garbage containers to the agenda. After some discussion he moved a motion, to have garbage receptacles placed at West Colchester beaches in 2016 and for staff to clear them of debris on a weekly basis. The motion received unanimous approval of council.

Canada Votes



The Shoreline Journal put out a series of questions for each of the candidates in the Cumberland-Colchester constituency. Questions and answers are featured on pages 18 and 19 of this issue.

Federal Candidates Run the Gauntlet

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

Parrsboro Regional High School on September 18 provided the opportunity for students to be engaged in the election process, and hopefully recognize the value that their vote will carry in the future. Scott Armstrong, Conservative; Jason Blanch,

Green Party; Bill Casey, Liberal, Kenneth Jackson, Independent and Wendy Robinson, NDP all made an appearance. PRHS also held a similar event during the provincial election.

Candidates outlined their personal stance covering topics across the board; free edu-

cation, legalizing marijuana, free trade, creating Maritime employment, investing in rural businesses, infrastructure, reduced child care expenses, raising minimum wage and many other topics.

Bill Casey (Liberal) had to leave early to attend a meeting with former Prime

Minister Jean Chretien. The students then had the opportunity to question the candidates, demonstrating a clear understanding of the challenges we face.

The strongest questioning came to Wendy and Scott on decriminalizing prostitution or/and protection of sex workers and women's rights in general.

Scott and Jason on their stance on marijuana and Jason was questioned in depth on how he intended to pay for free education.

The 150 students appeared focused and interested in understanding government process, and the lively question period clearly demonstrated their level of engagement in that process.

Motorcycling Boosts Economy

On September 21st, the Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) released a major study into the impact of recreational motorcycling on the Canadian economy. The study conducted by Smith Gunther Associates Ltd. identified strong performance on several key indicators including: Overall economic impact from direct and indirect recreational motorcycling expenditures was \$2.68 billion in 2014; In 2014, direct expenditures alone on recreational motorcycling were \$1.89 billion; Motorcyclists contributed \$332 million to all three levels of government in the form of taxes on goods and services; At least 17,500 Canadians are currently employed in motorcycling-dependent jobs; Recreational motorcyclists raised and made \$13.2 million in charitable donations in 2014 and 708,700 people participate in recreational motorcycling in Canada.

Using widely accepted projection methodologies the study also forecast that the annual direct and indirect economic impact of recreational motorcycling will climb to \$4 billion annually by 2040 with motorcycling-dependent jobs reaching as many as 23,100 people.

The Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) is the national not-for-profit advocacy organization for the promotion of motorcycling safety and interests.



Higher than normal tides on Sunday, Sept. 27th were a great time for fishing at Little Dyke Beach. The fall equinox, plus perigee moon (closest orbit to earth) at the time of a full moon were joining forces to bring the highest tides on Earth to the Bay of Fundy peaking on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Fire Brigade Receives \$20,000

By Linda Harrington

Municipal Affairs Minister Zach Churchill announced approximately \$500,000 in investments under the provincial Emergency Services Provider Fund on Aug. 26th. The funding will provide new equipment for 47 emergency service providers, including Debert Fire Brigade in Colchester North.

Equipment to be purchased includes personal pro-

tection equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus, hoses, radios, pagers and rescue tools. First responders include fire departments, HAZ-MAT organizations, and ground search and rescue teams.

"This funding helps fire departments and other first responders obtain the equipment necessary to respond to emergencies and keep us all safe," said Karen Casey, MLA

for Colchester North. "We need to ensure our first responders are protected and have the tools they need to do their jobs as safely as possible."

Debert Fire Brigade's Chief Wade Jennings was pleased to accept a \$20,000 cheque from MLA Karen Casey, on behalf of Minister Churchill, during a cheque presentation at the Fire Hall on Sept. 8th.

"The Brigade will use this money to purchase a telescopic ram, spreader and cutter, to replace our outdated equipment," says Chief Jennings. "We certainly hope to never have to use these tools, but in specific emergency situations they are a huge asset." The present equipment owned by the Debert Fire Department for use in the extrication of passengers from a motor vehicle accident is incapable of cutting the metal now used in many vehicles.

Organizations may receive up to 50 per cent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$20,000, once every three years.



Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North, presents Brandon Slack (left) and Chief Wade Jennings of the Debert Fire Brigade, with \$20,000 in funding from the provincial Emergency Services Provider Fund. (Harrington Photo)

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