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Residents with an Acadian background will be pleased to learn government strategist, Mark Bannerman will be the new executive director of Acadian Affairs. Mr. Bannerman joins Acadian Affairs from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development where he spent many years working with the Acadian and francophone community. Most recently he served as executive lead for Strategic Initiatives. He started the new position on September 19th.

RCMP Colchester detachment are investigating vandalism at the Great Village Ball field on the evening of Thursday, September 22nd or early morning Friday, September 23rd. Signage was torn down, and they raced around the ball field creating large ruts in the outfield. Moulds of the ruts have been taken and RCMP are asking anyone with information to contact them as soon as possible.

Chase the Ace has resumed at the Debert Legion. The pot is just starting to build. Support the legion's contribution to the community by attending on Saturday afternoon.

Bobby Pash president of the Debert Legion is in hospital awaiting surgery for a quadruple by-pass. As of press time, he had not undergone the procedure.

Three half hour episodes of Lumberjacks filmed at the 2016 Nova Scotia Pro Lumberjack Championship held in Truro in June will air the first 3 weeks of October on TSN. The airing times for each TSN channel in the Atlantic Time Zone are: Mon, TSN 5, 1:30pm; Tues, TSN 3, 1:30pm; Weds, TSN 4, 12:30pm; Thurs, TSN 5, 1:00pm and Sat, TSN 1, 12:30pm. The competition was enjoyed by some 400 spectators as well as the 30 competitors who put on an amazing show for the crowd. There has been endless positive feedback from attendees making this a successful first year for the competition and a good base to build upon for 2017. This season of Lumberjacks begins next week, and airs on those days at those times for the next several months. Episode 2, 3 & 4 are the Truro competition and will air the first 3 weeks of October. Episode 2 airs October 2-8; Episode 3 airs October 9-15 and Episode 4 airs October 16-22.

Brojects: In The House Season 2, a television series produced by Brojects NS Limited, (located in Great Village) has been approved for a funding commitment of \$68,463 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$232,078. The funding was announced on September 20th by Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund.

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Truro Film Festival – Sept 30 & Oct 1

By Samantha Madore

The 2nd Annual Showcase Truro Film Festival will be held September 30 and October 1, 2016 at the Marigold Cultural Centre in downtown Truro. The event will showcase and celebrate the successes in film from homegrown talents and area favourites.

The Friday night spotlight this year will showcase the short films of Truro's own Cory Bowles in chronological order starting with The Scavengers from 2008 and finishing with his latest, Black Cop. Saturday afternoon and evening will highlight short films featuring Truro and Atlantic Canadian connections. The festival will conclude with an after party at Lokal Resto and Market, featuring Steven MacDougall from the band Slowcoaster.

Friday, September 30, 2016 - Showcase Cory Bowles, 7:00 PM. 1. The Scavengers (2008); 2. Heart of Rhyme (2011); 3. Free Throw (2012); 4. Anatomy of Assistance (2013); 5. Righteous (2014); 6. Wagon (2015); 7. Black Cop (2016). Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Cory Bowles.

Saturday, October 1, 2016 - Atlantic Shorts, Part I, 3:00 PM. A Song, Esther McDonald; Anthem, Paul McCurdy; Becoming Marilyn, Lenore Zann; Charlie Wilcox, Chloe

Trites; Edge of East, Jackie Torrens; Teaching Eagles to Fly, Murdo Messer and You Ran From Me, Kristy Wagner. Followed by a Q&A with Edge of East filmmaker Jackie Torrens and producer Jessica Brown.

Atlantic Shorts, Part II, 7:00 PM. a list, Matt Rogers; Bill's Landscape & Exorcism Services, Angus Swantee; Black Guitar, Devin Casario; BOUND, Daniel Boos; Cartaphilus, Luke Freeman; Charlie's P.O.C., Kevin Hartford; Choices, Joshua Young; Flash Mob Funeral, Sheila Lane & Walter Forsyth; Gnomedizzle, Nicole Steeves; God, Gary Fontaine; Healthcare On Tap, Janelle White; Ingrid and the Black Hole, Leah Johnston; No Funswick, Todd Fraser; Not When But How, Danté M. Petty; Shoreline, Yalitsa Riden; and The Last Reunion, Chris Rivest. Followed by a performance by Steven MacDougall.

After Party will be held 9:00 PM with Steven MacDougall at Lokal Resto and Market. Tickets are available at the Marigold Cultural Centre Box Office or online at: bit.ly/TruroFilmTix.

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duction capacity can be lost. Instead of allowing that to happen, I believe Canada should fight for every market it can reach to be

tariff free. With the help of the Wild Blueberry Association of North America, processors and provincial governments, I believe Canada can open up new markets for the wild blueberry.

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester

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contributing up to 50% of the eligible costs toward Bank Stabilization in both the Salmon River and the North River. Also, under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program, the province is supporting a System Repairs Project in the Tatamagouche Water Tower.

To be eligible for Federal and Provincial funding, these projects must meet established criteria, and must be submitted by the Municipality for consideration. As the MLA, I am excited about the improvements that these investments will provide to the residents of Colchester North. This is truly an example of co-operation between and among all levels of government.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North

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councillors about the political climate of the day. However, I can assure you that is checked at the door. It is very satisfying to debate and make decisions based on what I truly believe is the best for the residents of my district (right or wrong) and never once have any pressure to toe the party line or be influenced by anyone other than the residents I serve.

The associate professor said that it was too hard to defeat an incumbent without a party behind you and that you could have party politics without involving the big national and provincial parties. Once again I say give your head a shake!!!

Once this got started does anyone really believe for one minute those political parties would not have their fingers in it. I am rather confident in the cities they likely have their fingers in it now. As for defeating an incumbent, I am also confident that if that incumbent councillor does not have the best interest of the residents in mind, their time would be limited.

The one thing she did say where I totally agree was she felt most do not recognize the importance of decisions made at the

local levels. I believe this is becoming increasingly more important. In this time of environmental safety concerns and ever increasing regulations on Solid Waste management, water and waste water there are ever increasing costs that are born by Municipalities.

Our Municipality currently has an annual operating budget in excess of \$32 million.

So that's it for that rant!

I would like to note the consultant's initial report on the development of the Palliser property was released last week. This has the potential to have a positive impact on our shore. Unfortunately, I missed the actual public release as I was away in Oakville ONT at meetings of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Please rest assured I will study, understand and have input on this project in the very near future. Anyone with any comments or concerns please give me a call.

Tom.

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

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such equipment (County's Wastes Water Treatment Facility has very similar equipment) believe the issue could be resolved with the replacement of the aerators. Envirosystems however explains it has more to do with the Ph levels in the waste water holding ponds getting to high and thus creating an odor.

Controlling Ph levels is very inexpensive and extremely unpredictable, they seem to be able to get out of control in a very short period of time and take a considerable amount of time to get them back under control. I'm familiar with odors from high Ph levels from our experience with the county waste water facility in Lower Truro.

One of the main factors in that issue was a certain contaminant entering the system which shouldn't have been there in the first place which was causing spikes in the Ph levels. The contaminant was removed. The other major component to resolving this issue was the replacement of outdated aerators. This was an investment of several million dollars of taxes payer's money on the county's part.

The end result is we have residents who can once again BBQ on their back decks and enjoy their yards without being forced into their homes with the windows shut due to the bad odors in the air. We also have one of the most efficient state of the art waste water treatment facilities in all of Eastern Canada. A very good investment when you consider how clean the end product really is and where it is going.

With residents from Belmont, Crowes Mills and the Cross Roads area still experiencing odors after all these years it's now time Envirosystems committed to solving their problem. This will no doubt be an expensive investment for the company to upgrade their facility in Debert but at the same time they will be investing back into the community they chose to be part of. No one's quality of life should suffer over an issue which to my understanding is 100% fixable.

As I noted at the beginning Envirosystems operates under a permit issued by DOE. The permit is issued for several years and I believe the one they hold currently is still good for a few more years. It was explained to me by a DOE representative this way, even if DOE wanted to try and force the company to make upgrades to the facility they couldn't do so until the existing permit expires and a new one is applied for by Envirosystems.

This issue has been ongoing so long some residents have quit complaining about it due to the lack of action over the years. Please don't quit calling myself and or Envirosystems when this odor arrives in your yard. Each incident needs to be documented with the time and date in order to keep an accurate record of when the smells occur. The company believes these are isolated incidences but considering the amount of calls I receive on these odors it appears to be at least two or three times per week. It all depends on the air currents as to who will call on any given day.

Council has requested Envirosystems appear before council for a presentation and a talk around how we are going to resolve this. Once this date has been set I will be notifying area residents so they can attend this presentation and hear the facts from the horse's mouth.

Some of the other issues I have been dealing with the past four years are as follows: Heavy truck traffic on Plains Rd from Dakota Rd through to the intersection of East Village Rd and the #4 Highway. Once again this is a Provincial matter but the department in charge of correcting it refuses to acknowledge the problem even exists. Many independent truckers take this route rather than going around exiting at the Debert Tim Horton's exit because it is approximately 9 km shorter to reach Lancaster Dr for example. The truckers get off the #104 at Station Rd in Great Village and come across the Carrobie Rd and then onto Plains Rd.

There are sections of Onslow Rd in the vicinity of the Onslow Junior High School that have been in disrepair ever since the new sidewalk was installed. Once again it is difficult to find a department who wants to take ownership of this issue.

The Debert Airport and Business Park play a huge role in what I do as a councillor. The potential for job growth and the future prosperity of our County lies within these two entities, in my opinion. Our first steps will be to secure the Airport with new fencing and the preparation of new hanger sites. One of the 5000 foot runways needs to be resurfaced as well. I would like to see us secure an anchor company or organization for the Airport to help with revenue moving forward rather than investing only tax dollars.

There are many more issue needing attention but these are a few of the ongoing ones. If you have any issues you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to give me a call at Home - 902-895-2242.

Remember to exercise your right to vote on October 15 and be part of selecting your Mayor for the next four years.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

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