

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The Wednesday Night Crib League is up and running for another year and there is still room for a few more teams. You do not have to be a Legion member to play, so why not get a partner and come on out and play some crib and have a laugh or two.

In keeping with crib, congratulations are passed along to Earl Harvey, Dave Pratt and Reg Barley. Just recently our trio of crib players headed to West St. Andrews to take part in a Crib Tournament and came away with some extra quid in their pockets.

Dave and Earl came away with First Place money, while Reg had a 28 hand for High Hand and got a pocket full of quid for his big hand. Once again Dave, Earl and Reg, congratulations.

The Friday Night Dart League is up and running for another year and there is always a need and room for more players, come on out and have some fun and a laugh or two. You do not have to be a Legion member.

Congratulations are passed along to Marica and Norman Eastcott who headed to B.C. to see their good friends Shelly Duguay and Peter Murphy. While there Norm got in some fishing and caught three beautiful keepers. He was hoping for a halibut or two but no

luck there. By gosh Norm, you have had yourself a fabulous fishing season.

The bass fishermen here on the Bay are getting an awful lot of bass but most of them are on the small side.

To all those people who are saving and dropping off their pull tabs, thank you very much for your contributions. They are much appreciated, and the funds are helping some charities.

The Friday Night suppers are up and feeding for another year, why not drop in and have a beautiful supper prepared by some of the best cooks in Eastern Canada.

The Branch hopes to have the Chase the Ace up and running by the first week in October. Trouble getting the license is the problem.

Happy Birthday wishes for September are passed along to Barb Warren, Marcia Eastcott, Tina Cooke and Donnie Totten.

Happy Anniversary wishes for September are passed along to Wendy and David Totten, Paula and Bill Wood and Diane and Carmen Milner.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedoms and our country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

Council to Form Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

By Maurice Rees

At the request of Councillor Boutilier, Colchester will form an ad hoc committee to deal with Cannabis issues. In the committee's composition, Boutilier at the council's committee meeting on September 13th, asked for the committee to include at least two councillors and one staff member. Names will be collected by the nominating committee who will present a report at the August 27th monthly meeting.

In asking for an update on Truro Heights Playground, Deputy Mayor Masters was informed by Craig Burgess, Director of Recreation Services, the material will be on a truck by September 24th and will be installed by staff with an opening in October.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, who have purchased Molly's Dairy Bar on Route 311, requested and were granted tax exemption status on the property effective in the 2019/20 taxation year on motions by Councillors Boutilier and Parker. As a commercial property, it generated \$7,551 in commercial tax. With the construction of an 24 x 45 foot addition the value of the tax forgiveness is estimated to be \$4,500 per year.

An item dealing with mowing ditches in Brookfield

was tabled until Councillor Stewart was in attendance. He missed the committee meeting, because as president of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, he was attending meetings in Annapolis Royal.

Hidden Valley Drive, a County-owned street, will get paved this fall. Council decided to award the tender to Will-Kare Paving & Contracting in the amount of \$135,000 excluding HST to complete the repaving of the full length of Hidden Valley Drive. The work would be completed in October.

Original plans were to do half this year and the remainder next year, but the prices submitted for this year's half were significantly below budget, council decided to complete the project this year. Three bids were submitted: Will-Kare Paving & Contracting, \$55,000; Basin Contracting, \$56,400 and Dexter Construction, \$67,850.

With a two year plan estimated to cost \$350,000, council decided to resurface the entire street this year at a cost of \$135,000. The remaining half of the street, approximately \$80,000, was more expensive because there are more driveways, manholes and intersections involved.

Colchester County Finally Buys Truck

By Maurice Rees

Bruce Leasing will not be able to supply the new truck for the wastewater plant, that it had been the low bidder in a tender in June. On September 4th the company advise they could not fill the tender. Staff went back to the bids and awarded the tender to Hollis Ford in the amount of \$25,531. Hollis' original bid was \$24,769, which was approximately \$800 higher than Bruce Leasing Submission, however, Hollis's price increased by \$762 to \$25,331, but it was still lower than Pye's bid of \$27,022.

Solicitor Dennis James, asked if Bruce Leasing had been requested to pay the price differential. Staff had not considered, that as a request, but will discuss with the solicitor for future action.

Paul Smith provided an update on the Fundy Discovery Site. The components of the update included a new public washroom, dyke trail, natural playground, service extensions and signage. Excessively high tenders for the washrooms and the water service extension prompted staff to recommend these projects be contracted in-house. With three of the five projects completed, staff reported:

Public Washroom: Approved Capital Budget: \$241,326; Actual Project Cost: \$193,697; Surplus: \$47,629. Tender Price: \$345,000; Net "Contract-Out" Savings: \$151,303

Water Service Extension: Approved Capital Budget: \$125,000; Actual Project Cost: \$26,319; Surplus: \$96,681; Tender Price: \$149,552; Net ("Contract-Out") Savings: \$123,233

Pylon Sign: Approved Capital Budget: \$10,000; Actual Project Cost: \$10,339; Net Overrun: (\$339)

Staff have also pursued several funding opportunities that

will assist in reducing Council's future expenditures for project components at the Fundy Discovery Site. Within the last four months, the following contributions have been realized from grant applications and through the development of community partnerships: (1). \$50,000 Recreation Facilities Grant from the Province of Nova Scotia for the dyke trail and natural playground. (2). \$57,000 from the Province for trail connections. (3). \$20,000 from the Michelin Community Improvement Fund for the natural playground. (4). \$50,000 from Stella Jones (in-kind value) for poles and wood for the natural playground. (5). \$25,000 from Municipal Affairs' Beautification and Streetscaping Program for signage, interpretive panels and other site improvements.

(6). \$25,000 (tentative) from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation for trail head improvements and site amenities. (7). \$10,000 (tentative) from the Community Accessibility Program for site amenities and pathway surfacing to improve accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges.

Collectively, these account for \$237,000 of additional but unexpected funding that will serve to enhance features at the Site while enabling Council to redirect future capital funding needs to other components.

Planning is underway for successive phases (approved by Joint Council in March 2017) which will include an outdoor amphitheatre, tidal bore viewing areas, interpretation, additional landscaping and roadway / parking improvements.

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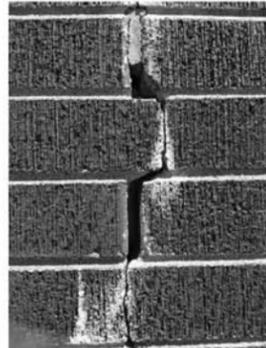
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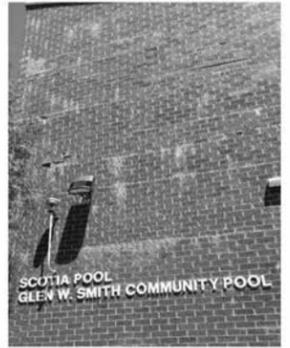
Glen W. Smith Community Pool

HELP!

Our walls are tumbling down – literally!



BUT - work starts soon. This wall will be torn down and completely rebuilt. Bricks will be salvaged and used to repair the other walls.



Help us rebuild these walls; fund a brick - even better, fund a whole bunch of bricks! \$10.00 each, and your name will be put on a "Thank You Donor list" at the pool.

If you wish to fund a brick, please contact one of our Customer Service Reps, our Pool Manager or one of our Board Members at 902-893-6364.

Scotia Pool Society manages Scotia Pool as a non-profit charity; we must fundraise and rely on donations. We are passionate in our belief that it is important to keep our 88-degree warm-water pool in our community of Colchester to benefit local families and individuals of all ages and abilities. Our board of directors are hard-working volunteers; every dollar donated goes directly to maintaining and improving the pool.

We offer warm-water classes for Aqua Fitness, Aqua Therapy and Aqua Zumba as well as lane swims, pool rentals, swimming lessons for kids and adults and summer camps for kids.

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