



Three representatives from Colchester are in Jordan on a Global Canada mission. Shown above representing the county are Councillor Tom Taggart on the left, while Economic Development officer, Mark Austin and Councillor Eric Boutillier can be seen on the right during the meeting. (Submitted)

Tom Taggart Reports from Jordan

By Tom Taggart,
Good Morning Maurice.

The photo I sent you was of a meeting we held yesterday in Al Jaza Municipality in Southern Jordan. At the head of the table is Local Economic Development Officer, Eyadah Alyahy; on his left out right looking at Photo Eric Boutillier; Deputy Mayor, Aef Alzaban; next councillor, Oglah Alzoobi and Mark Austin.

On my side Mr Alyahya's assistant, FCM field Officer

Adnin and myself.

This is our first formal meeting with Municipal Staff. We have spent the first 2 days getting acclimated and meeting with Staff of the FCM, Global Affairs Canada in Amman as well as officials with the Central Government.

When you arrive in this part of the world you only really know what has been presented to you in the world media. My first impression is the people of Jordan are ex-

ceptionally nice people, very friendly, very courteous and very anxious to please. I am not just speaking about the government officials, whom you could suggest just want money, but the people overall.

This meeting lasted 3 hours and was mostly a relationship building exercise. We discussed many things in common, with respect to our Municipalities. During these conversations it became very clear we have the same moti-

ations and desire for our respective communities and municipalities

We touched briefly on Municipal solid waste, just in terms of challenges faced and in preparation for the next trip that will include Darlene Proctor, waste reduction Specialist with the Municipality of Colchester and Bob Kenny, who's official title is Waste Reduction Officer, Nova Scotia Dept of Environment.

It is truly a rewarding experience and I look forward to playing a small part in improving the waste management in this Country.



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Grand Slam of Curling RETURNS TO TRURO

By Maurice Rees

The last week of October the focus will be on Truro and the RECC centre when the area hosts the Grand Slam of Curling Masters, running Oct. 23 to Oct. 28, 2018. The event will feature 15 of the top men's teams and 15 of the top women's teams in the world.

The Masters is an elite-level competition with \$250,000 and valuable tour points on the line. In 2015, the event enjoyed huge success in Truro, as over

130 volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure fans and athletes had a great experience. Following the tournament, local Curling Clubs saw a noticeable jump in the level of interest in the sport.

Owned and operated by Sportsnet, a Rogers Media company, the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling is an annual series of seven curling tournaments that attract the world's best curlers. The Masters will be the second stop on the 2018-2019 Grand

Slam schedule.

"The Truro Colchester Community is proud once again to play host to the best male and female curlers in the world," said Craig Burgess, Community Chair of the Organizing Committee. In 2015, the event generated \$1.94 million in economic activity from above average ticket sales compared to other tournament locations. Organizers anticipate even greater success at this year's Truro-Colchester venue.



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