



Two trucks from the fleet of 6 from Great Village & District Fire Brigade in front of the Fire Hall.

Great Village to Get New Truck

By Linda Harrington

Great Village & District Fire Brigade has a fleet of 6 vehicles. One of the pumper/tankers will be replaced by the end of the year

with a new Freightliner Truck, currently undergoing a refit at Lantz Truck, Port Williams.

Fundraising for the brigade is an important method for the ongoing success of the impor-



Great Village & District Fire truck in the Canada Day Parade.

tant community service. The annual Auction fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The auction proceeds help provide training and equipment for the members. At the auction you will find many items new and old. There is also a canteen available.

Great Village and District Fire Brigade needs your help to make this event a success. If you have anything in your household or business that you would like to donate, please call the firehall at (902) 668-2784 and leave a message. One of the volunteers would be happy to make arrangements with you for pick up. You can also fax us at (902) 668-2115.

Great Village and District Volunteer Fire Brigade is in its 92nd Year of Service. The brigade is under the leadership of: Chief Dave Lundie; Deputy Chief Larry Kinsman; 1st Captain Gregg Kinsman; 2nd Captain Joe Slack; 3rd Captain Chris Congdon; 4th Captain Barrett Jenkins; Lieutenant of Fire Police George Hudson; 1st Lieutenant David Slack and 2nd Lieutenant Gary Slack.

The Brigade answered a total of 121 calls in 2017. This was broken down to 64 medical, 18 motor vehicle accidents, 4 structure fires, 4 chimney fires, 2 grass fires, 6 Mutual Aid calls, 7 fire alarms, 1 assist the RCMP, 1 tractor rollover, 4 vehicle fires, 2 electrical fires, 1 fuel spill, 1 trailer fire, 1 illegal burn, 1 controlled burn, 1 power pole fire, 1 man stuck on roof, 1 CO2 detection and 1 smoke in house.

The calls totaled 1097 man hours and members put in another 770 training hours plus 586 man hours working on equipment and maintenance. So far in 2018, there have been 75 calls.

Great Village Elementary School will receive a visit from the Brigade during Fire Prevention Week.

Improving Fish Habitat in Local Rivers

By Maurice Rees

A community engagement session for the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Councils Five Watersheds Project will be held from 11 am to 3:00 pm on October 17th in Masstown Market, near the cafeteria. The five year project will address areas of fish habitat concerns in the Chiganois, Debert, Folly, Great Village and Portapique Watersheds.

The project group are reaching out to the public for information on the above watersheds, and gain knowledge on how the watersheds may have changed over the years and what they use it for. Areas of habitat concern include: Barriers to fish passage - debris, improperly installed culverts; Areas with unsuitable Ph or temperature and Concentrations of metals or contaminants.

Four of the five watersheds within the project scope are identified as critical habitat for the endangered inner Bay of

Fundy (iBoF) Atlantic Salmon. Through reconnaissance and surveys, planning, engineering, physical labour, and community support, there will be help to restore fish habitat by enhancing coastal entry points and removing obstructions from migration routes for iBoF Atlantic Salmon and other migratory fish.

Part of the process is an as-

essment and to propose innovative solutions for modification or replacement of the aboiteau on the Chiganois River in collaboration with project partners and community members.

Project Outcomes are planned to include: Map all areas of habitat concern within the project area; Develop a management plan to

prioritize fish habitat restoration actions; Recruit volunteers to continue monitoring and reporting areas of habitat concern; Document water conditions and fish presence prior to restoration activities; Undertake actions to restore fish habitat and Increase knowledge and capacity of local communities to protect, monitor, and restore fish habitat.

Tatamagouche Water Budget Approved

By Maurice Rees

Council committee on motions by Councillors Gregory and Gibbs council committee approved the three year operating budget for the Tatamagouche Water Utility for years 2018/2019/ 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

At the start of the 2018/2019, the utility had an accumulated deficit of \$201,811. During the year it expects revenue of \$401,155, but expenses of \$406,646 will exceed revenue by \$5,491 in-

creasing deficit to \$207,303.

In 2019/2020 revenues are budgeted to increase to \$425,178, but expenses will decrease to \$396,598 creating a year-end surplus of \$28,580 reducing the accumulated deficit to \$178,723.

2020/2021 will see the reduced deficit reduced even further. Revenues are budgeted at \$425,323; expenses of \$413,730 will help to provide a year-end surplus of \$11,593. At the end of the third year the accumulated deficit will be re-

duced to \$167,130.

In the year just ended (2017/2018), non-operating expenses which included such items as repayment of debt, interest and capital projects amounted to \$56,512.

In 2018/2019 the same non-operating items is reduced to \$14,713. The final two years of approved operating budget there are no calculations for debt repayment, interest and capital projects.

Four Productions Receiving \$643,542.00

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) announced on September 18 approved productions through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund for 4 productions with assistance totaling \$643,542.

The television series, En Route Pour Rire, produced by 3313268 Nova Scotia Limited,

has been approved for a funding commitment of \$105,909 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$385,122.

The television series, What Happened to Holly Bartlett, produced by TCAK TV Inc. (Ocean Entertainment Ltd.), has been approved for a funding commitment of \$315,000

based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$1,050,000.

Documentary, Bridge Over The Atlantic - Live, produced by Skye Larke Productions Limited, has been approved for a funding commitment of \$8,585 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$27,694.

The television series, Here,

I Am, produced by Fancy Monster Media Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$214,048 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$668,900.

More details about productions approved for incentives through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund are available on the NSBI website at <http://www.nsbi.ca/filmfunding>

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The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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Building permits totaled \$7,011,200

Colchester's 41 building permits reported to the end of July totaled a value of \$7,011,200 compared to 41 reports in 2017 totaling \$3,078,800. Five commercial reports valued at \$2,687,000 and 2 institutional permits for \$1,660,000 helped drive up July 2018 values. In 2017, the two categories totaled \$191,000. On a year to date, the first seven months 227 permits were valued at \$26.14-Million, whereas in 2017 270 permits were valued at \$34.06-Million. In fiscal 2108 168 permits issued totaled \$20.048-Million, with 191 permits totaling \$18.345-Million in fiscal year-to-date for 2017.

Discriminatory & Harmful Therapy Legislation Introduced

Legislation was introduced on Sept. 11, to prohibit the use of a discriminatory and harmful therapy that attempts to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of young people who identify as 2SLGBTIQ+. The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Act will protect and uphold the rights of 2SLGBTIQ+ Nova Scotians by prohibiting people in positions of trust or authority from undertaking such change efforts with minors. The legislation will also prohibit regulated health professionals from providing any practice or service that seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of Nova Scotians under the age of 19, the age of majority in the province.

Day Care Act amendments introduced

Amendments to the Day Care Act were introduced on September 11 to ensure families continue to have access to safe and high-quality care in family home child care programs. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will now have increased regulatory authority for family home child care programs. The amendments will: Give the department more authority over inspections conducted by family home daycare agencies; Change the title of the act from the Day Care Act to the Early Learning and Child Care Act and remove or revise outdated language, terms and definitions. Family home child care agencies provide support, oversight and accountability to approved family home child care providers.

Less red tape for new wineries, craft breweries, etc.

Amendments to the Liquor Control Act will mean less red tape for new wineries, craft breweries, distilleries and lounges, and the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC). The amendments introduced in the House of Assembly on September 11, will remove the requirement to hold plebiscites in communities where the sale of alcohol is restricted. "This change to the act will allow businesses to better plan and make timely decisions when opening a new establishment," said Karen Casey.

Drag Kids approved for funding

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) announced on September 11 a newly approved production through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund today. Documentary, Drag Kids, produced by Drag Kids Media Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$114,912 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$417,860.

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