

This photo shows some of the roadside motel units of the Palliser, prior to its acquisition by the County of Colchester. (Contributed)



This photo shows part of the curved seating area of the amphitheatre located behind the Information Centre and preparations underway for the concrete performing area. (Contributed)



Mark Bonnell's crew at Gutter Done supplied and installed steel roofing and seamless gutters for the washroom facilities at the **Fundy Discovery Site.**

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ON YOUR GRAND OPENING! IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS PROJECT.



Temporary fencing and barricades show the dyke under construction along the Salmon River, near the natural playground area, at Fundy Discovery Centre. (Contributed)



Children with musical talents can form their own musical group with these tools. (Rees Photo)



This young lady is proud of the "mud cake" she just finished making in the natural kitchen. (Rees Photo)



Colchester councillors Lloyd Gibbs, Mike Cooper and Deputy Mayor, Geoff Stewart chat with Colchester South MLA, Larry Harrison, second from right. (Rees Photo)



An opportunity to play with water or a replica of construction equipment kept these children busy with a water pump and excavator arm. (Rees Photo)



The natural kitchen, next to the sandbox, provides plenty of opportunity to active children with creative talents to make things such as mud pies. (Rees Photo)



Colchester Councillors, Bill Masters, Lloyd Gibbs and Deputy Mayor, Geoff Stewart discuss their pleasure with the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Fundy **Discovery Site.** (Rees Photo)

Over \$215,000 Contributed to Phase 1

Several contributing sources have invested over \$215,000 into various phases of Phase 1, Fundy Discovery Site and have resulted in the Municipality of Colchester being able to host a public open house and ribbon cutting event at the Fundy Discovery Site. The event was held on Saturday, September 21 from 3:30-6:00pm.

The municipality proudly involved local bands at the new outdoor amphitheatre, opening of the natural playground, official ribbon-cutting ceremony free barbecue, cake and refreshments. The tidal bore was predicted to arrive at 5:55pm to close out the event.

Staff in essence were the construction managers ensuring a lot more local input from

contractors, trades people and suppliers than might have occurred if the contract had been awarded to a large firm from outside the county.

The open house celebrated the completion of Phase 1 of development at the site. In addition to the Municipality's investment to date, the event recognized the support of the project's various partners including the Province of Nova Scotia, Trans Canada Trail, Town of Truro and several local businesses.

Since 2018, Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage has contributed over \$145,000 to the project through its Community AC-CESS-ability, Planning Assistance, and Recreation Facility Development Programs.

A total of \$45,000 was secured from NS Municipal Affairs' Streetscape and Beautification Pilot Program since 2018. Trans Canada Trail contributed \$42,400, the Town of Truro supported the project with an in-kind contribution of equipment and labour for service extensions, while several donations have been received by local businesses including a \$25,000 grant from Michelin.

Council wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge those who have contributed to the development of Phase 1 of the Site and to share this wonderful progress with the community," Christine Blair, Mayor of the Municipality of Colchester said at the opening ceremonies.



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