



You would be all smiles too, standing in front of one of Truro's Town Jewels, the Colchester East-Hants Public Library. This fellow is one of one hundred and twenty-five scarecrows on display as part of the Harvest Festival running until October thirty-first. See our collection of photos of the Scarecrows in downtown Truro on pages 12 and 13.



Skyler Blackie Fit To Be A Hero Challenge

As part of the Downtown Truro Partnership Harvest Festival, the Skyler Blackie Fit To Be A Hero Challenge is creating a buzz.

The 5k Obstacle Course Race in Victoria Park provides two levels of opportunity for participation, the Elite Challenge and the Open Category.

Elite Challenge - If you are an elite athlete and like to compete against the best, this challenge is for you. All racers must adhere to the rules of the event. Elite race start time is at 10am on October 2nd. There is no same day registration.

Open Category - Be prepared to get out of your comfort zone. In the Open category, racers have an opportunity to compete without the pressure of elite endurance. Start time for the Open Category is 10:30 am, however times may change due to COVID-19 requirements. All racers must follow the rules of the race for this event.

To register and or find out more about registration fees, course outline, rules and general information visit <https://raceroster.com> or <https://truro.ca.fittobe.html> or email Shannon Jarvis at sjarvis@truro.ca.

Portapique Playground Opening, October 3rd

By Maurice Rees

Overall the Portapique Community Hall build up and construction of the playground have been proceeding on the timeline which was established last fall and early winter. Engineers are still working on completing blueprints for construction while property lot migration has taken longer than anticipated according to spokesperson, Andrew MacDonald, who is on the organizing committee along with several representatives from the Truro Rotary

Club and community representatives.

MacDonald reported, without being specific, numerous corporate donations are being finalized for extensive work requiring larger timbers, foundation and basement.

A worker bee scheduled to build shelter huts with Bjorn scheduled for Sunday, September 26th was rained out. The working session is scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd.

A work party to lay sod, scheduled also for October 3rd is still planned to go

ahead.

The much anticipate Grand Opening of the playground will be held Sunday, October 17th at 1:00 pm.

The organizing committee's fund raising arm is still seeking corporate and private donations to help raise the remainder of the needed funds. Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity or to arrange a donation should contact the committee at: portapique-hall@gmail.com

Local Solutions are Key to the Recovery

During the federal election campaign the Municipality of Colchester joined the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)'s calling all federal parties to work with communities of all sizes to drive a stronger, more inclusive nationwide recovery—releasing a package of achievable frontline solutions to pressing challenges, from job creation to climate resilience to the housing crisis.

“All pandemic long, municipal leaders have supported Canadians through these times, and we're equally vital to Canada's recovery,” said Geoff Stewart FCM Third Vice President. “We are the level of government closest to the people, we know the issues that are affecting everyday lives of our residents.”

Frontline Solutions for Canada's Recovery consolidates proposals that leverage municipal and federal leadership to drive sustainable growth and build better lives for Canadians. They include:

Frontline community investment: including doubling the job-creating Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax Fund) that empowers communities of all sizes to renew core infrastructure— from safe roads that keep people moving to cultural/recreation facilities that

promote social inclusion. D

Digital inclusion for all Canadians: building on recent progress to ensure everyone can access a reliable, affordable, high-speed Internet connection—focussing on rural, remote, northern and Indigenous communities, where the digital divide has been so starkly exposed by the pandemic.

Frontline solutions to the housing crisis: from scaling up the proven Rapid Housing Initiative to end homelessness to expanding affordable rental options for Canadians facing inadequate, overcrowded housing—disproportionately among Indigenous, racialized and newcomer communities.

“What municipalities called for is important not only for the future of our country, but also here, in Colchester,” said Geoff Stewart. Our housing, infrastructure and climate solutions generate good jobs. By empowering our community to renew infrastructure faster—from expanding and enhancing broadband and cell coverage to our residents, maintaining and upgrading water treatment facilities and road networks—we'll also be supporting the local economy and improving our quality of life.”

Free Pancake Breakfast

Annie Phillips, the devoted volunteer from Debert is helping to organize a community helping organize an a free pancake breakfast to welcome newcomers to the area. The Shore Pancake Breakfast will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon on Saturday, October 2nd.

A poster developed by the

organizers states, “Come join locals and newcomers alike for a chance to connect over a free pancake breakfast, games, local info and live music. The poster indicates Maggie's Place, Cobequid Supper Club, Along the Shore Community Health Board and United Way Colchester County are contributing sponsors.

Those attending are encouraged to burn off the pancakes on the lovely walking trail 38 Station Road, Great Village, behind Faith Baptist Church. Attendees are requested to respect COVID guidelines for all parts of the event.

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