



Eric & Priscilla Jennings celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 9th with an Open House at their home in Lower Debert. (Harrington Photo)

Truro to hold Special Ward 3 Election



Truro Town Council met on September 6th to announce the resignation of former Ward 3 Councillor, Juliana Barnard, and to formally recognize the vacant seat on Town Council. Council also announced the date for a Special Election to fill this vacancy.

A Special Election in Ward 3 will take place on Saturday, November 18. Only residents in Ward 3 will be eligible to vote in the Special Election or nominate a candidate.

Those interested in becoming a candidate for Ward 3 must file their nomination papers before Nomination Day, which is

October 24th. Anyone on the list of electors in the Town of Truro is eligible to be a candidate. Those interested in becoming a candidate can get more information on the requirements and the process by going to the Town's website: <https://www.truro.ca/how-to-become-a-member-of-council.html> or by contacting Returning Officer, Ken Henderson by email at elections@truro.ca.

Eligible voters in Ward 3 will receive a voter information letter by mail leading up to the Special Election.

The Special Election will

be done exclusively by e-voting and residents will be able to vote between November 9 - November 18. There will also be a number of voter kiosks located in Town during this time, where equipment will be available to residents as required. Anyone who re-

quires assistance with voting can vote at the Returning Office, by appointment.

For more information:
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The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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Program Still Available to Agriculture Sector

Nova Scotia farmers affected by this year's extreme weather events can still receive assistance under the AgriStability program, even if they did not previously enrol. AgriStability supports farmers experiencing a large decline in farm income by providing protection for income losses of more than 30 per cent.

"Nova Scotia's agricultural businesses have faced real challenges due to several extreme weather events this year. That's why we are working with the Government of Canada to help the agriculture sector," said Agriculture Minister Greg Morrow. "We are giving farmers who need income support more opportunity to get it, if their incomes have dropped sharply due to damaging rains, extreme heat, wildfires or other conditions."

Farmers who did not previously enrol in AgriStability for 2023 can now participate in the program as late participants until December 31, 2024. AgriStability is one of the business risk management programs offered under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The program is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially.

180 Compliance Visits Since April 2023

By Phillip Redden B. Sc.Eng.

Phillip Redden B. Sc.Eng., Director of Solid Waste presented an extensive report of solid waste activities at the August meeting of Colchester Council. Due to the length of the report, it has been divided into separate stories, based on the various operations at the Kemptown site and are scattered throughout this issue. This segment covers the Education/Compliance/Program section of his report.

Waste Compliance Officer Education/Compliance/Program Management

For the reporting period of April 2023 until present, there have been 180 visits made from the standpoint of either education, compliance or program management, along with another 480+ visits for cart deliveries/replacements.

From the enforcement side, when complaints are received about solid waste being an issue on a given property, Section 14, No Accumulation of Solid Waste, is used to bring that property back into compliance. This section of the Solid Waste By-law is easier to navigate through enforcement to compliance as staff are dealing with specific properties and property owners. When dealing with illegal dumping complaints (breakdown down for this period shown below), there are many times staff are unable to determine the culprit when dealing with property owners who didn't dump the material themselves. For sites of smaller quantities, the material is sifted through and taken away to avoid further litter and dumping.

If sites are comprised of larger piles on private property, the property owner is brought in on the cleanup plan as Municipal and Provincial legislation holds property owners accountable for their property. For situations where large cleanups are required, tipping fees can be reduced or waived to help with the cleanup cost.

Here is a breakdown of the 180 visits made during this period for education, compliance and program management: Accumulation of Solid Waste/Litter: 24 in total; 14 complaints with 10 follow up visits. Location breakdown of 14 complaints: Truro and Salmon River

with 3 each; Bible Hill 2; and 1 each in Belmont, Glenholme, Harmony, Kemptown, Stewiacke and Truro Heights.

Illegal Dump: 23 in total; 13 complaints with 10 follow up visits Location breakdown of 13 complaints: Truro 3; Pleasant Valley 2; and 1 each for Bass River, Debert, Fort Ellis, Kemptown, Londonderry, North River, Salmon River and Camden.

Collection Complaints/Issues: 53 in total. These visits are generated from calls to the Helpline or by the hauler for residential non-compliance or hauler collection issue. Also, changes in collection can result in these types of educational visits.

Waste Reduction Education Visits: 26 in total. Dropping off educational material to businesses or residences that request it. Battery Collection: 33 in total; Open Burning: 2 in total - Salmon River 1 and Tata-magouche 1.

Sharps Follow Up: 1 (Brookfield). Sharps/medical waste found in recycling with identification also found resulting in follow up. Usually, there isn't ID found for follow up visits to be done.

Tax Office Visits: 7. These visits are made at the request of the tax office or resident to confirm how many units are onsite to appropriately charge and ensure proper limits for waste collection.

Municipality of the County of Colchester Battery Collection Program: There are over 20 locations that contribute to the County's battery collection program which has been in place since 2011. Weekly/bi-weekly/monthly visits are made to collect when needed resulting in the totals shown below.

The batteries collected through this program are picked up by GFL out of New Brunswick and are sent to a GFL facility in Hamilton to further sort/prepare them for recycling. They are processed through the Call2Recycle program where material can be recovered and used in the making of new products such as silverware, pots, pans and new batteries. Over 100,000 kg/100 tonnes of batteries have been collected and diverted from landfill since the inception of the program in 2011.

Green Cart Program:

Since Covid there has been a steady rise in total cart jobs completed per year.

Upcoming:

Posting of the combined curbside Residential Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection tender completed - five-year contract expires on October 31, 2023. Tender responses due September 6, 2023.

The Nova Scotia government announced on August 2, new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs for batteries, lamps, and small household electric appliances, as well as packaging, paper products and other blue bag materials. New programs will take effect on various dates over the next 28 months.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) contract renewal upcoming. Paper Shredding even September 16, 2023 at the RECC. October is Circular Economy month and has Waste Reduction Week, partnering with Living Earth Council - Care and repair market.

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Let's Revive the 90+ Birthday Party

For 10 years, during my ownership of the Shoreline Journal, I organized a Birthday Party for life-long area residents who had reached the milestone of 90 years young.

Then along came CoVid-19 and we were forced to stop.

Now that we are feeling more comfortable about going out in public,

I would like to re-start the birthday party.

Maybe reducing the age requirement to 80.

I'll be contacting local volunteer groups and local churches to assist with pre-registration. I'll start accepting registrations.

Before December 31, 2023, I will need:

Complete name; mailing address, date of birth, phone number and email address if available. Further details to be announced later.



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