

MP Scott Armstrong Holds Holds First Public Town Hall Meeting



By Linda Harrington

Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong held the first in a series of Town Hall meetings at the Bass River Fire Hall on August 18th. About a dozen people attended the event, including local County Councillor Tom Taggart and MLA Karen Casey.

Mr. Armstrong began the evening by explaining the services offered by his offices in Truro, Amherst and Ottawa. He said he hoped to clarify where people can go for help with specific issues, as often times his staff fields calls from people looking for information from the wrong office. Services offered at his offices usually deal with Federal issues related to Canadian Revenue, Employment Insurance or Immigration.

Several questions were

asked from those in attendance. One referred to garbage collection, which was referred to Councillor Tom Taggart. Mr. Taggart explained the new clear bag policy which will begin this fall. He said the County has been mandated by the Province to divert more garbage from the landfill and it is hoped clear bags will get more people to sort the recyclables from their garbage. Mr. Armstrong asked if this might lead to more illegal dumping and Mr. Taggart said the County is taking steps to see this is severely enforced, including amending bylaws. "There is no question it is a problem and clear bags might increase it but the County will deal with it," says Councillor Taggart. "If there is any illegal dumping, we will deal with it. Just report it."

Mr. Armstrong discussed

the Long Gun Registry and he said the plan is to bring it back as a government bill this fall and with the majority government in place, he expects the Registry will be eliminated by Christmas.

Ship Building Contracts and the Tidal Power Project were discussed at length. Mr. Armstrong said he is very encouraged by the potential for thousands of new jobs in the Province, not only in the Halifax but for tradespeople in rural areas, as well. He hoped this would help to "migrate our young people back from out west."

A question was asked about the state of the new seawall for Advocate Harbour. Mr. Armstrong said this is the number one priority in the riding at the moment. An environmental assessment has been carried out, the surveying is being done, money is in place and he expects tenders to go out at the end of September, with most of the work completed in this calendar year.

Tom Taggart gave an update on the new Civic Centre, saying 90% of tenders are on or ahead of schedule and on budget.

Mr. Armstrong said he was very pleased with the turnout at the first of four scheduled Town Hall meetings. "The purpose of this meeting was to give people an opportunity to bring up and discuss any issues," he says. "I try to get out to many public events and I want people to know they can approach me at any time."

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

This summer is relatively quiet in Londonderry. The only action is from the little league baseball players. Their games are on Monday and Wednesday evenings with a fairly good attendance. Memorial Square is being spruced up by the Dept. of Natural Resources. The replica of the iron ore cart is being rebuilt to scale, the flag poles will be painted and the benches replaced. The paving project from Londonderry Station to Great Village is a great improvement and much easier on our vehicles. It takes a bit of getting use to not to make the sharp turn at the mile stretch.

Pete and Bertha Johnson created a fun day by celebrating Christmas in July when their daughter Jocelyn and husband Ray visited from Florida. Bertha decorated with lights, artificial tree, snowman and other ornaments. Pete and Bertha's daughter Paula, grandson Corey Spencer, their son Peter and granddaughter Billie Joe were also there to join in to make a special day to remember.

Ann and David Spencer were thrilled to have their sons Peter Campbell and Corey Spencer (mentioned above) visit for two weeks from Alberta. Ann mentioned

that she was just lost when they left for the West. Some other visitors to Londonderry were Aaron, HeJung and Clive Richard. Ottawa visited Aaron's parents Dan and Maxine. Jonathan, Lisa, Ethan and Logan Richard, Oromocto, NB visited Jonathan's parents Sally and John. Jean Nappi of Florida and San Diego reopened her summer home after the fire during the winter months.

Cyril Brooks, St. Catharines, Ont. visited Ed and Carlotta Langille for a week. Bev and Barb Potter spent several weeks visiting Bev's home area of the Miramichi, NB living in their travel trailer. Their granddaughter, Emily Potter, Toronto, joined them for a few weeks there before returning home to Londonderry.

On August 7, Helen (Patriquin) Slack was honoured by her family at the Community Centre with a 90th birthday party. It was to be a surprise but Helen's wisdom told her something was up. However, she was pleasantly surprised that so many of her family and friends were there for the celebration. Her three daughters Patsy, Linda and Barbara and son David were all able to attend. Several

of her nieces were also there including Marjorie Porter from Florida. Best wishes Helen from all the community.

Sorry to hear that Lydia Fisher, now living in Great Village, is not well and that Glen Fields, Londonderry Station was hospitalized recently. Best wishes to both and also to Marjorie Hayward and Helen Lane who are still patients in the Truro hospital.

Our condolences are sent to Elsie Eagles on the passing of her brother Samuel Lindsay of Onslow Mountain; Valerie and DeVerne Rushton on the passing of Valerie's sister Brenda White of Monastery, Antigonish County and the Mattix and Corbett families on the passing of Muriel (Mattix) Corbett. Muriel was the daughter of the late Arthur and Annie Mattix.

Congratulations to Great Village and the planning committee responsible for planning such an awesome three day celebration hosting the first Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Arts Festival.

Our monthly meeting will begin on Thursday, September 8, at 7 pm. Card parties are not finalized at this date.

Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries at 668-2300.

Bass River Fire Brigade News



Bass River Fire Brigade is the proud new owner of a 14 Foot, 25hp Mercury inflatable boat to assist with water rescues along the shore. Members have already undergone training, with more team training in the coming months. New PFD's have been purchased and the brigade hopes to acquire flotation suits, as well. (Harrington Photo)

By Peter Christensen

Well it has been a quiet summer so far at the hall.

In July, we finally got our Zodiac for off shore water rescues. We've been doing ongoing training all summer on the rescue craft as well as fire apparatus and M.F.R. training. Now that we are in August, we continue to train and be ready at a moments notice to help those who need it.

Bass River Heritage Day were held on August 20. The brigade had trucks on display, and our new Zodiac. Of course we sold tickets for our seventh annual wooden boat race.

These boats were all hand made and are built for speed, or rocks, sand, or tree limbs, or old tires or little eddies that will snatch those boats and devour them or just slow them down enough to frustrate the heck out of the poor person who spent his money on it.

I was along the Bass River this morning, and the river was speaking to me as I watched it flow over those boulders and slap the branches that are low enough to be reached. The water was fast flowing and I believe the race will last, maybe five minutes OR less. The water was saying,

hope you can run, cause by the time you get off the bridge after those boats hit the water, I'm going to grab them and take them on a wild ride to the finish line. We will see, old man river, we will see.

We have another dance at the hall on Sept 3rd. Dance from 9 pm until 1 pm. The band is Sweet Revenge, a great band with a great sound. This will be the last dance of the year probably at the hall, because once the cold comes the trucks can not be left out in case the water freezes. But for now let the music play on.

While down at the hall, there are lots of cars and trucks going by the hall. And I just hope and pray the folks who are in those cars drive safely and are wearing their seat belts.

Accidents are usually the result of not paying attention, as a result things happen that sometimes go bad. So if you are traveling, take your time, get lots of rest and remember, when you are heading back home the house will be there when you get home. No need to speed.

Hope you all have your wood ready to go for the cooler weather. And if not I hope you have cleaned your pipes out from last winter.

Well, must get ready to count wooden boats for the race. See you there, or at the hall

PUBLIC NOTICE

Species at Risk Act

Public comments are being solicited on the proposed addition of the following species to the List of Wildlife Species at Risk in the **Species at Risk Act**:

Atlantic Mud-piddock

The Atlantic Mud-piddock has been assessed as a "threatened" species by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and is being considered for legal listing on Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act** (SARA). If listed under SARA as "threatened", this species would be subject to prohibitions and therefore it would be illegal to harvest or harm them. A SARA Recovery Strategy would also be developed to aid in their conservation, protection and recovery.

A package of information about the species and the SARA consultation process is available on the SARA Public Registry (www.sararegistry.gc.ca). This package includes a short survey to gather information on the impacts that listing this species would have on you, your industry, or your community.

If you would like to receive a copy of the consultation package by mail, provide comments, or request a meeting to discuss the proposed listing of the Atlantic Mud-piddock, please contact:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
The Species at Risk Management Division
P.O. Box 1006
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Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2
Toll free: 1-866-891-0771
Email: XMARSARA@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

For more information on SARA or aquatic species at risk, visit:
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