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said the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Locally, the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters thanked the Harper Government and in particular the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency

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ued since his death, and to know that the recent announcement will make the lives of many residents in Colchester County more meaningful and their transportation safer and more affordable. Lewis and I spent many happy times with our grandparents. Our mothers were sisters. His contribution to this community will be

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ed that the amount from each household that goes into landfill [buried] be reduced from 500 kg per year to 300 kg per year by a certain date.

We are working toward that goal, however it is a challenge. To date items that are banned by law would be things such as beverage containers, paper, electronics, plastic containers etc. As you are aware these are required to be sorted at home and when received at the bale fill facility are sorted by hand and sold. This is very labour intensive and expensive. To date this has been a break even situation and when the markets are strong we even make a small profit.

Keep in mind that a portion of that revenue comes from the sale of these recyclables and a portion comes from the garbage fee that you pay on your tax bill. To take this a step further, the payment on your tax bill covers the operation of the recycling facility, the bale fill and the actual burying of the garbage. However it does not cover all

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through the peat to intercept ditches 20 meters away. The reported removal of phosphorus was 82%, nitrogen 90%, BOD 95%, and pathogenic bacteria 99%. This system has been in use since 1957 and is reported to be still functioning.

The funding for the Lower Onslow Community Centre system was made possible by a very hard working board of directors who are constantly supporting revenue streams for the centre. Some of these are Monday night card parties, Thursday night open mic nights and hall rentals just to mention a few. The Community Centre was also very fortunate in applying for and receiving a \$10,000 non-profit grant from the County of Colchester. Community centres throughout Colchester County would not be able to provide the services they do for their communities if it wasn't for this grant program. The costs of these peat systems are very compatible to a conventional contour system. The system installed at the centre is much larger than one needed for a residential home so the cost of installation was higher. There is also funding available for home owners through the Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program. This program is equally funded by the Federal and Provincial governments and offers financial assistance for home owners to make repairs to their homes. The maximum amount of funding available is a \$6500 forgivable loan to help cover the cost of labour and materials. There is also the Provincial Environmental Home

Preparedness, who has started a process for restoring sensibility to Canadian firearms laws. The proposed legislation has the ability to improve the shooting opportunities for both hunters and target shooters. It will also allow thousands of gun owners to purchase new firearms and that will have a positive impact on the economy of rural Canada."

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not

remembered.

At the provincial level, history was made on October 24, 2013 when Mr. Kevin Murphy, MLA, Eastern Shore was elected to serve as the Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature. His election represents the first time in Canada that a paraplegic has held the office of Speaker. With that appointment, the Speaker's chair in the Legislative Assembly was made fully accessible.

the capitol costs such as building of new cells to bury the garbage, such as the one currently under construction at a cost of over 3 million.

I bring this up only to make you aware of actual cost to you and to sort of explain why I talk about this so much. Garbage is money; it is very costly to the Municipality and as a result to you. I understand and agree with the need to reduce and recycle and our concern for the environment. A lot has changed for the better since the days of hauling everything to the old dump in Portipique, burning it and allowing all the leachate to drain away and eventually into the water system.

Now the reason I have gone thru this lengthy explanation is that in an effort to reach their stated goal of 300 kg per household the Dept of Environment has initiated a review of items they are considering adding to the ban. I applaud their effort, but am quite concerned about the costs associated with this! To date for the most part the banned items have been the easiest in that there has been some

Assessment Program. This program offers up to \$3000 towards upgrades or replacement of a septic system.

Over 400,000 Nova Scotians use septic systems in their homes and place of work every day. There may not have been a practical

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**Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Social Development.**

**MP Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley.**

Mr. Murphy's election as Speaker demonstrates there are many Nova Scotians with disabilities who can and do contribute to public office. It is our responsibility, at all levels of government, to continue to raise awareness and respond to accessibility challenges that may limit full participation by all Nova Scotians.

**Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North**

cost recovery to offset the cost of sorting, sale of paper, beverage containers and recyclable plastics. Some items such as milk containers go to bale fill but the milk producers pay for disposal, electronics you pay a recycle fee when purchasing and they are returned to the industry for recycling, the same with tires.

The new items may very well be of concern. Time will tell. A list of some of those products: Glass that is not refundable, packaging [toys etc] aerosol cans, mattress and box springs, carpet and other non wooden flooring products and shingles, drywall and other construction demolition debris that is currently buried in a separate site.

My concern is who will sort? What will the cost be? Where will these items be delivered to and how will they be recycled? I applaud the DOE initiative however; I have two very real concerns, the cost and the potential for the increase in illegal dumping! I will keep you informed.

Enjoy what is left of summer, Tom

**Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County**

solution in the past to help stop the dumping of raw sewage into our water courses but there is today. Remember the environment is your concern, not just your neighbours.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

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