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Everyone and anyone who is interested in "Our Shore" (Masstown to Five Islands) please consider coming to RASCALS (Rural Association for Sustainable Communities Along our Shore). Next meeting is Wednesday September 23, 7 pm at the Joy Laking Gallery in Portauquipe. This is an important meeting because we will discuss our continuation and our goals and what projects we might do. Need more info? Call Joy 902-890-8730.

Ship's Company Theatre in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia is receiving \$187,525 from the Government of Canada for a capital renovation project, which was announced by Scott Armstrong on July 27, 2015. Of the \$187,525, \$87,525 is being contributed by the Canadian Heritage's Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, an \$80,000 contribution from the Innovative Communities Fund of ACOA. Contributions have also been made from the Municipality of Cumberland, the Town of Parrsboro, and the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

A **28 year old male** from Colchester County was arrested on August 20th and will be charged with Production of Marijuana, Breach of Probation, and Firearms offenses following a search of a property at 339 Station Road, Great Village. RCMP seized 60 marijuana plants, an illegally stored loaded firearm and removed a Rottweiler dog from the property. A Crime Stoppers Tip provided RCMP with the information they needed.

The Municipality of County of Colchester has been slow to publicly announce Ramesh K. Ummat resigned early in August as Chief Administration Officer. Apparently he is taken up a new position as the lead executive for a major water treatment plant. The municipality is in discussions with a head-hunting firm to find a replacement.

Labour costs are the largest single expense for the Province of Nova Scotia at \$5.2-billion per year representing 52% of all tax revenue spent. In a statement issued on August 19th, Finance and Treasury Board Minister, Randy Delorey said the last round of wage agreements were among the most lucrative in Canada outpacing economic growth and have added hundreds of millions of dollars to our province's expenses. In his statement he continued, "Our new approach to collective bargaining clearly states that we will protect and preserve the services Nova Scotians need. Furthermore, we will not ask taxpayers to shoulder a heavier tax burden to fund wage increases. There is only so much money available". If frontline public employees can find ways to operate more efficiently and if those changes create concrete savings, we are willing to share those savings with our hard-working employees. The government's entire approach to collective bargaining has been posted for all Nova Scotians to see. For more information, visit <http://novascotia.ca/PublicServiceSustainability/>

Debert may soon get a new water reservoir as the result of a pre-election funding announcement that The Federal and Provincial governments have committed over \$2 million to help construct a new water tower as well as update the aging water control system. The entire project has been in the works for years, and will cost in excess of \$4-Million.



Bass River Heritage Days were held on August 8th under beautiful sunny skies. Above, Bob Burns pulled the original Bass River Chair Factory Whistle. See photos on page 10.

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CTCL Receives Close to \$70,000⁰⁰

By Linda Harrington

Sue Taylor only recently started her job as Business Manager at Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd (CTCL) and she is already thrilled to receive close to \$70,000 in Provincial funding. MLA Karen Casey stopped

by the CTCL office on August 13th to present Transit Research Incentive funds in the amounts of \$15,000 to develop a business plan and Accessible Transportation Assistance Program funds of \$54,120 towards a new 18 passenger van. The presenta-

tion was on behalf of Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey, who announced on July 15th that \$366,000 in funding was being made available to 14 transportation organizations across the province.

The Cumberland County

Transportation Society will also receive \$7,500 to develop a business plan and \$33,137 towards a five passenger bus.

Taylor said the money couldn't come at a better time. "The new bus will be more efficient and will replace an old one that is starting to cost a lot in repairs," she says, noting the balance of the total bus cost will come from rider fees and a bank loan.

The CTCL has a total of five buses serving the whole county. The vehicles are pay-to-use at a cost of \$5 for the first 5km, \$7 for 10km and 75cents/km after that. The buses can be hired for charter rides at a cost of \$2/km or \$40/hr, whichever is the greater.

Taylor wants to clear up any misconceptions about usage of the CTCL buses. "These buses are available to anyone who needs them, in any area of the county. We have clients who take them to work and school, doctor

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MLA Colchester North, Karen Casey presented Sue Taylor, Business Manager for Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd (CTCL) with \$15,000 to develop a business plan and \$54,120 towards a new passenger van. The Provincial Funds were from the Transit Research Incentive and Accessible Transportation Assistance programs. (Harrington Photo)

Win Tickets to Grand Slam of Curling

By Maurice Rees

The Shoreline Journal and tshirtsRus.ca will be giving away 140 tickets to The Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling which will be held at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre October 27 - November 1. Grand Prize in the free ticket promotion will be two Full Event Passes.

The Masters is the second stop on the expanded seven-event 2015-16 Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling schedule and features 15 of the top men's and 15 of the top women's curling teams from around the world. Last season's Masters event saw Brad Gushue, from St. John's, N.L., defeat Winnipeg's Mike McEwen in a thrilling men's final and Edmonton's Val Sweeting beat Margaretha Sigfridsson of Sweden to capture her first career Grand Slam title.

The event is anticipated to be one of the largest events ever held at the RECC. Curling will get underway with the Opening of the round robin draws at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27th.

Four Round Robin draws

will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with starting times at 8:30 am, noon, and 3:30 pm and in the evening at 7:00 pm.

If tie-breakers are required they will be held 9 am on Saturday, October 31st followed by the men's quarter final at 1:00 pm with the ladies quarter finals at 6:00 pm.

Both men's and women's semi-finals will start at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 1st. The men's final will start and 1:00 pm, with the Women's

Final closing out the six day event at 6:00 pm.

To win tickets entry ballots for the event will be available at tshirtsRus.ca, 94 Esplanade, Truro commencing on September 1. No purchase is necessary. Those interested in entering the draw only need to fill out a ballot at the store. Ticket winners will also receive a free customized t-shirt to be worn to the events.

The Shoreline Journal and tshirtsRus.ca tickets will be awarded as follows: 130 tickets for the Opening Draw at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27th; four passes to all round robin draws, two passes to the Quarter final games, and two passes to the finals. The Grand Prize of the Shoreline Journal and tshirtsRus.ca Grand Slam of Curling will be two passes to the entire six day event.

Full event passes, plus weekend passes (Friday night round-robin draw plus all playoff rounds) and single draw tickets are also available.

Tickets can be purchased at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, online at ticketpro.ca, or by phone at 1-888-311-9090.

We Are Off To The Polls

By Maurice Rees

Whether or not we like it, summer of 2015 will be remembered as one in which a federal election was called with one of the longest campaigns in Canadian History. In late spring and summer, the election date of October 19th wasn't really in doubt, but speculation was rampant that we'd be facing a much longer campaign.

So far, the campaign has been low-key with all parties getting organized, training volunteers, ordering and placing signs, to be ready when the campaign hits high gear after Labour Day, making it essentially a 37+ intense campaign.

As of August 23rd, five candidates were in place, with Jason Blanch, who also ran in the 2011 federal election will again carry the banner for the Green Party of Canada. Other candidates are: Incumbent, Scott Armstrong, Conservative Party of Canada; Bill Casey who previously represented the area for many years under the conservatives, but was kicked out of the party in 2008 has switched to carry the Liberal flag, and Wendy Robinson, who also ran in the

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