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The Economy Rec Centre will be rollin' on September 17th when the Bill Elliot-led Economy Hall Sessions hosts Jimmy Flynn for a two hour fund raising concert from 8-10 pm. Flynn has appeared in Economy on two previous occasions, back in 2004 and 2005 as part of the weekend entertainment package during the Economy Clam Festival. "We're overdue for an evening of music and continuous laughs for a mature audience, from this well-known entertainer", said Bill Elliott whose Economy Hall Sessions committee is hosting Jimmy for some side-splitting entertainment. On September 17th doors open at 7pm. Steward in attendance. Must be 19 years of age. Advance tickets: \$20. At the Door: \$25. Tickets available from Debbie Moore, 902-647-2753; or Micheline Beaton, 902-647-2985. Book your tickets soon as seats are selling out quickly.

The Elections Officer for Nova Scotia Municipal and School Elections has appointed the Town of Truro Returning Office to act as Returning Officer for the Truro District of the Conseil Scolaire Provincial Acadien. The election for the District of Truro will be part of the regular Municipal and School Board elections in October.

Dr. David Milne, anesthetist and past president of Doctors Nova Scotia presented an emerging issue on the loss of physician autonomy to the health policy agenda at the 149th Canadian Medical Association (CMA) General Council (GC) in Vancouver. "As more physicians are being told where to practice, how to practice and what services to provide, there are concerns that the autonomy of the physician as an independent contractor and patient advocate is significantly eroding". The restructuring of Nova Scotia's health-care system in combination with increasing oversight of physicians, has left many doctors uneasy about their independence and in particular, their ability to advocate on behalf of their patients. The Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (College) are increasing their oversight of physicians through privileging

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Chamber Hosts "Red Tape" Roundtable

By Maurice Rees

Andrew Lake, President, Truro & Area Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to put Colchester area businesses position forward that business has a key role to play in working with provincial officials to reduce regulatory burdens directly impacting economic growth.

Through his efforts, the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a roundtable meeting providing its members with an opportunity to share their personal regulatory burden experiences directly with officials working to reduce the impact of "red tape" across government departments.

"Red tape has a financial cost and places demands on human resources," said Andrew Lake, president of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce. "As businesses navigate red tape it is distracting them from growing by taking people away from focusing on what they know best, the operation of their business."

Leanne Hachey, executive director, stakeholder relations for the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness, and Tatiana Morren Fraser, director, regulatory modernization, listened to concerns voiced by local business people during the hour and a half long conversation.

Some of the topics discussed related to frustration over lack of co-ordination and communication between government departments, downloading of provincial services onto business, confusion caused by duplication between municipal and provincial regulations requiring different standards and provincial procurement practices.

"In lots of ways things are cumbersome and not streamlined. I would suggest that a number of items that were brought forward are common themes that the Office is familiar with and have heard before," said Lake. "In general, the businesses represented there had some micro issues but collectively issues fell under broad areas such as fire codes, inefficiencies of procurement practices and overall frustration with service offered by some government departments."

Hachey provided an overview of the work the Office has achieved since it was established about 18 months ago, along with identifying several future priorities such as financial measurement of regulatory burdens, service improvement, Worker's Compensation improvements aligning practices across Atlantic Canada and more.

The Chamber is continuing to work with the Office to

improve the business climate in this region.

For more information contact the Chamber at 902-895-6328.

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Birds Gathering For Trip South

By Christine Urquhart

At this time of year as the birds are gathering before heading south it is very important that they have a good food supply. If you have not been feeding the birds all summer now is the time to start feeding them again. You may be surprised at the different birds you attract at this time of year!

It is also important for you to offer the birds a source of water. Where it has been such a dry summer the birds have been using bird baths more often so it is important to not only have water in your bird bath but to have a clean bird bath! You should change the water in your bird bath every two days. Be sure to scrub the bath and make sure you have rinsed away any soap used in the cleaning process.

I rarely put out suet this time of year - it melts in the hot sun - but if you have a good, shady area you can put out suet for the birds. Truly though, the birds don't need the fat source until the cold weather hits. If you grew sun flowers this year, dry out the flower heads and place in a safe area for the birds to enjoy! Sun flower seeds are a favourite of all the birds that are seed eaters.

You can also put out orange halves and apple slices or other berries. Dried corn is always popular with such birds as blue jays and grackles (and squirrels!)

The hummingbirds are still with us so be sure you are keeping your sugar feeders filled up. Whatever you use to attract the birds, they will be a source of enjoyment to you!



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