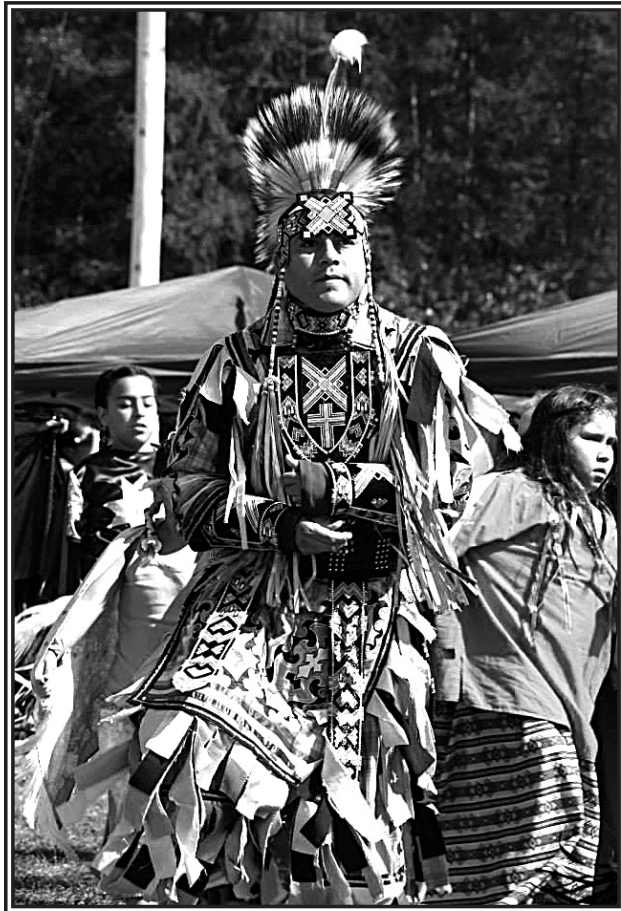


Millbrook First Nation's 19th Annual Pow Wow

Friday, September 1 - Sunday, September 3, 2017



Millbrook Pow Wow dancer Bert Milberg (Submitted)



Appearing again at the Millbrook Pow Wow as a dancer is Armando Lucio, Lipan Apache Tribe, Texas. (Submitted)

Update on Colchester Internet Improvement Study

Colchester municipal staff have begun work exploring roles for the County in improving internet offerings for underserved areas. The project, called Colchester Internet Improvement Feasibility Study and Plan, was commissioned by Council at its 29 June 2017 meeting.

"What we are attempting to do", said Mark Austin, who works on pol-

icy and economic development matters for the Municipality, "is plan a series of localized improvements ready for future funding opportunities from the Province and Federal Government. But, we also hope to identify some quick wins that we can move on right away in partnerships with local service providers."

The project team is mapping existing service and internet in-

frastructure in relation to population clusters within the vicinity of open public access high-speed fibre that routes through the County. Part of the mapping involves noting high structures with potential for mounting antennas. For example, discussions are underway about using the top of the new Debert water tower, slated for fall construction, for

this purpose.

Part of the team's research will be consider how other municipalities have become involved in internet improvements. Annapolis County, for instance, has embarked on a projected \$18 million program involving placement of new 'backbone' fibre.

The Colchester Internet Improvement Feasibility Study and Plan will be presented to Council in November.

Envirosystems odours in Debert

By Maurice Rees

The ongoing problems of unacceptable odours from the Envirosystems facility in Debert came before Council committee on August 17th. The company indicated it informed council in January increased odour in the wastewater stream was resulting from a higher than usual increase in residual sulphides.

The company continues to treat and discharge water within Lagoon 4 during the first three quarters of this year and now that capital expenditure funds have been allocated, the company will dredge the solids from Lagoon 4 starting mid-to-late September, 2017.

During the discussion, councillor Taggart said an urgent but polite conversation must be held soon and the citizens need our support, find a solution and ensure this does not happen again. It was agreed, ROB Simonds, CAO would soon discuss the matter with Envirosystems management and to report to council on actions to be taken.

In its communication with Debert area residents, when new and unusual odours were reported in July, it immediately undertook baseline ambient air sampling. Envirosystems promised it would undertake an emissions monitoring plan to further evaluate the cause and type of odours.

The matter is expected to come back to council at its September meeting on August 31st.



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