



The Coldstream Distilling store in Mastadon Ridge has a large display of all the distilled products they produce. (Rees Photo)

## Fire Dispatch Services Tender Awarded

By Maurice Rees

Valley Communications Incorporated, Kentville has been awarded a four year tender, by County of Colchester, for a total proposal price of \$391,489.80 excluding taxes to cover associated costs of providing Fire Dispatch Services for its 15 Volunteer Fire Services and the Special Hazard Response Unit. Valley Communications Inc. has been providing the fire dispatch service for the Municipality since 2004.

A total of three requests were made for the RFP with the lone proposal submitted by Valley Communications Incorporated in Kentville. The proposal included the Stewiacke Fire Department, which is financially covered by the Town of Stewiacke. The breakdown is as follows: Year 1 - \$95,533.20; Year 2 - \$97,406.40; Year 3 - \$99,279.60 and Year 4 - \$99,279.60

On motion by Councillor Taggart and

Gibbs, council approved the five year Capital budget for years 2017-2022 as presented. If required council can revisit the budget at anytime to make changes for a current or emerging emergency situation.

To formalize the records, council approved, upon motion of Councillor Boutiller and Gregory, the proclamation of July 16-22 as National Drowning Prevention Week. In the data presented to council, it was noted that almost 500 people.

Colchester council has changed its meeting date for September to Monday, September 25th, because several councillors and staff will be involved as co-hosts with the Town of Truro for the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMANS) on September 26-29th. As a result, the date for presentations to council has been moved to October 2nd.



Part of the décor at Coldstream Distilling shop at Mastadon Ridge. (Rees Photo)

## Rural Entrepreneurs to Adopt Clean Technology

A \$4 million investment by the Government of Canada will assist Atlantic Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will be better equipped to transition to a low-carbon economy. The investment will enable businesses to develop clean growth capacity that will lead to well-paying middle-class

jobs, new business opportunities for rural entrepreneurs, and will result in less pollution and healthier communities.

With this investment, the Atlantic Association of Community Business Development Corporations (AACBDC) will encourage rural entrepreneurs to adopt

clean technology. A new loan program will provide businesses with capital to develop clean technology products, services and solutions and sell these at home and abroad. Entrepreneurs will also be able to access Clean Technology Advisory Services which will allow them to hire outside professional ex-

pertise who can help them address opportunities or challenges related to their use of clean technologies.

This funding is allocated through ACOA's Business Development Program which helps Atlantic Canadian SMEs grow, become competitive and increase their productivity.



## September 1, 2, & 3, 2017

### Friday, September 1:

- 6:00 – 10:00 pm - Evening Entertainment

### Saturday, September 2:

- 1:00 pm - Grand Entry
- 6:00 pm - Supper Break
- 7:00 pm - Grand Entry #2 – Ironman / Ironwoman
- 8:00 pm - Special

### Sunday, September 3:

- 1:00 pm - Grand Entry
- 6:00 pm - Grand Exit

## Colchester gets \$60,000

Under the province's sustainable transportation grant program, \$60,000 has been provided to the Municipality of Colchester towards the cost of connecting Robie Street to the Cobequid Trail. The project has been under construction for the past few weeks to create a multi-use path for walking or cycling extending from Robie Street to Truro

Heights Road and the Cobequid Trail.

"We know that people are more likely to get out and walk or cycle when there are safe options available to them, especially in high traffic areas," said Municipality of Colchester Mayor Christine Blair. "On top of that, we are also encouraging healthy living and improving our environment."

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