



A cute little baby fox was brave enough to pose for a photo. (Harrington Photo)

## Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

On Tuesday, August 14th the following people were presented with \$500 bursaries by Branch President Comrade Bobby Pash: Emma Toole from North River, and Emma will be off to the "University of New Brunswick" in search of her Bachelor of Science Degree; Sophie Gilley, from Bass River who is going to Dalhousie in search of her Bachelor of Engineering Degree; Rebekah Williams from Ottawa and she will attend Acadia University in search of a Degree in Kinesiology and Rachel Mur-

phy from Little Dyke Road and Rachel will be attending University of Prince Edward Island in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Kinesiology.

To Emma, Sophie, Rebekah and Rachel, congratulations are passed along to you and good luck to you as you search for your goals in life.

The Wednesday Night Crib league will tart pegging for another year on Wednesday the 5th of September at 7:30PM sharp in the auditorium.

All crib players are welcome,

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Atlantic Canada and was interested to learn about Amherst. Neither he nor his executive assistant had ever visited the Amherst Armoury. However, he committed to come to see the Armoury and the unique military museum at the site. He also agreed to review the process which ended the use of the facility by the military. He took a lot of time to understand our community's concerns.

In the same week, I was able to meet with the new RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki about a proposal to move the RCMP Communications Center from Truro to Halifax. This is another example of centralization of a Government of Canada operation.

Not only is this harmful to the economy and employees of Colchester County, but it is the wrong decision from everything that I can learn about 911 call centers and emergency service delivery. Three reports that I shared with the commissioner strongly recommended not consolidating emergency services at one location.

I found the new commissioner very easy to talk to and I believe that she listened closely. I shared with her some ideas where we might be able to find a way to address the concerns of both the RCMP and of Colchester County. I intend to pursue this effort with her.

The federal and provincial governments should not allow consolidations in Halifax without an impact study on the community harmed by the move. Part of the problem is that the people making these decisions live and work in Halifax or Ottawa, and have no commitment or knowledge about the areas negatively impacted.

In many cases they have never visited the communities affected by their decisions. That's where governments and politicians should intervene.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester.

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Mike Gregory and I have been working on trying to raise the profile and get council and others engaged in attempting to find a solution to the High speed internet challenges we face in Colchester County. I have to say how disappointed I was to find out that the Shoreline Journal and Bill Casey hosted a roundtable discussion on Broadband in my district (the peg in Masstown) for invited only, Municipal Officials from Cumberland County and Colchester County and chose not to invite me!!

On what I hope is a more positive note. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities with funding from Global Affairs Canada has launched a 5 year initiative to assist fledgling Municipalities in Jordan struggling to manage the influx of displaced Syrians. This initiative will allow peer to peer support to Municipalities as they

manage the growing demands on their Municipal infrastructure. I became engaged in this issue as a result of my involvement in Municipal Solid Waste Provincially. Our Municipality will also be engaged in other ways. The initial mission will take place in September. District 1 Councillor Eric Boutilier, retired School Administrator and Economic Development Officer Mark Austin will also be part of the first mission.

For those concerned about cost this is all covered by Global Affairs Canada and we are going on a Volunteer basis. I look forward to reporting, first hand, the situation in these Communities and Municipalities.

Enjoy the fall

Tom Taggart is Colchester Councillor for District 10.

and you do not have to be a Legion member to play. The League takes a short break at Christmas time with a beautiful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a year ending Surf and Turf Banquet next spring. In between these events you will have a lot of laughs and fun. Get yourself a partner and come on out and have some fun.

The Debert Legion Mixed Dart League will start doubling in on Fri-

day, the 7th of September at 7:30PM sharp, in the auditorium.

Dart players mark it on your calendar and come on out and have some fun. You do not need to be a member of the Branch to come out and play. Hopefully we will see you on the 7th.

"The Chase the Ace" will start up in September and as soon as we get our license in place we will put a date out.

To all those people who

worked in the kitchen for the Ham and Potato Salad Supper for the Debert Field Day, thank you very much. It can best be described as a huge success.

Happy Anniversary wishes for August are passed along to Maureen and John Jessome; Stella and Carl Kaulback; Helen and Eric McCully; Joanne and Steve Bennett and Deanna and Dan Martell.

Happy Birthday wishes for Au-

gust are passed long to Eddie Murphy, Loyal Crocker, Carl Kaulback, David Totten, Trevor Spence, Dave MacPhee, Shayne McCully, Harry Wilson, Linda Dykens, Angela Glen and Paul Eastcott.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

## The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

### Public School Administrators Association

The Public School Administrators Association came into effect on August 1st. The association is a formal, professional network in which principals, vice-principals, and other regional education leaders will support excellence in teaching, learning and leadership in the classroom to better help students, their families and staff. They will also identify their own leadership development needs and make plans for how those needs will be met. The association will be governed by a 13-member interim board until its first annual general meeting this fall, when a permanent board will be elected by its members. Chris Boutilier and Joyce Millman are the interim representatives representing Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education.

### Five PC Candidates Make it Official

A record five candidates from across the province competing to lead the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia in a convention to take place in Halifax at the Halifax Exhibition Centre on October 26th and 27th. All candidates submitted the required second deposit of \$10,000. The five candidates vying to be leader of the PC Party are: Julie Chaisson, Executive Director of the Halifax Farmers Market; Cecil Clarke, Mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality; Tim Houston, MLA for Pictou East; John Lohr, MLA for Kings North; and Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, MLA for Cumberland North. The deadline to become a member of the Party and be entitled to vote is September 11. Party members also have the option to vote by mail-in ballot.

### Canada Child Benefit Increased

Adam Vaughan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development (Housing and Urban Affairs), announced on August 15th the CCB has been increased to keep up with the cost of living two years ahead of schedule. Indexed cheques are already out, giving parents even more money each month to help them provide for their children. Increasing the CCB sooner will ensure it will continue to play a vital role in supporting families. This means for the 2018-19 benefit year, the CCB will now have a maximum annual benefit of \$6,496 per child under age 6 and \$5,481 per child age 6 through 17 years. On average, families benefitting from the CCB received \$4,600 more over the last two years compared with 2015-16.

### Registration Opens for PC Leadership Convention

Effective August 21, 2018, Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservatives started registering to attend the Party's leadership convention. Registration opened for the convention that will be held at the Halifax Exhibition Centre on October 26 and 27. Members can register online for the Leadership Convention. Early bird registration is available until October 1. For those who are unable to attend the Convention, there is an option to vote by mail. In order for members have a vote to select the next leader, they must have an up-to-date membership by September 11.

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## Public Debate on Fracking – September 13<sup>TH</sup>

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onomically and ecologically sustainable way then should we not, as reasonable persons have an honest factual debate on the pros and cons of fracking?"

Chamber members with these reasons, "That's why even in the face of a real prejudice against fracking, they have a responsibility to take this educational risk".

The feeling amongst the SRCC officers is it is their leadership duty to our membership and to our public is to promote open

mindfulness toward both old and new business and economic opportunities and especially to those that have the potential to be mutually beneficial to all. This debate is intended to set that example.

The Chamber has indicated this debate is an educational exercise in a public forum and it is explicitly not intended to be side tracked into promoting political views nor polarized opinions. The intention is to deal solely with the facts relative to "the question".

## CBC Fracking Interview JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

By Maurice Rees

Fracking has been a contentious issue and with the attempt then abandonment of several years of test fracking near Kennetcook, government took action. Andrew Younger, who was a Minister in Stephen McNeil's government introduced a province-wide ban on fracking.

Geological research conducted over the years indicated Nova Scotia has an abundance of Natural Gas deposits/reserves, in the Windsor Basin and other areas of the province. Fracking is abundant in Western Canada, and within not more than a decade has propelled USA to being an exporter of oil and natural gas.

The subject of fracking certainly has garnered a large group of influential opponents and in the case of Nova Scotia resulted in a moratorium. One of the best explanations of fracking, which I have heard was during a CBC Mainstreet on January 10th, 2018 with Dr. Grant Wach, Director of the Basin and reservoir Lab in the Earth Sciences Department at Dalhousie University.

If memory serves me correctly, Dr. Wach said most of the problems with fracking is not because of the fracking which happens nearly far below the water table, but with flaws in the well casings near the surface. He indicated most of the fracking occurs nearly a Km below the surface, and if the well casings are installed correctly there will not be a problem with water quality.

Dr. Wach is a world-renowned research expert and is often called upon to be expert presenter at symposiums around the world. This September he is attending an event in Germany at the same time as the September 13th public debate in Pugwash.

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