

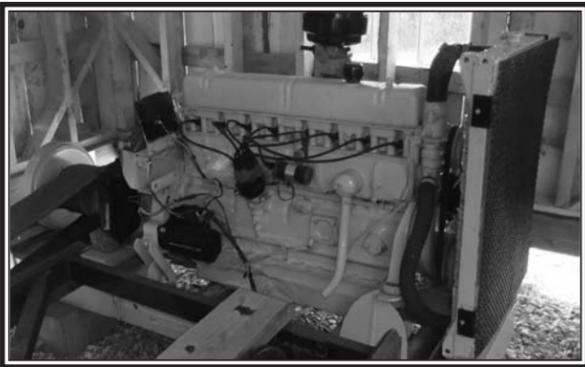
Bass River Heritage Society



The construction phase of the new sawmill display in Bass River is nearing completion by area volunteers. (Rees Photo)



The replica sawmill can easily handle this 30" log, which has been partially sawn. (Rees Photo)



A new engine has been purchased and installed to power the sawmill. (Rees Photo)



The blade started to make a cut, but the blade needs to be raised to penetrate the full diameter of the log. (Rees Photo)



A monument dedicated to the Loggers and Woods Workers has been installed at the head of the woodchip walking trail and adjacent to the replica mill. The park is a project of the Bass River Heritage Society. (Rees Photo)

Snowbirds, Both Success and Loss

By Maurice Rees

The Snowbirds June appearance in Debert seems to have two outcomes, a crowd success and a financial loss. Crawford MacPherson's report to council handled the positive aspects of the event. The Snowbirds visit and show at Debert was a great success in June. 5,000 visitors were treated to a great show along with a static display of various types of aircraft. The airshow was a way to reinforce the airport is a community asset and there are compatible community events that can be held at the airport.

MacPherson's also brought into reality the importance of the Air Cadet program held at the flying club each summer, which stated: Staff were able to chat with many pilots from various organizations about whether they use Debert airport and what their thoughts

and observations were. The young EHS pilot who was talking with Mark Austin first learned to fly under the Air Cadets glider program at Debert. He and his fellow pilot went on to gain their pilots license through the Debert Flight Centre.

On the other side of the coin was Mark Austin's revelation to council's inquiry on the financial status, because council had invested \$15,000 in the airshow and a further \$5,000 to purchase Jet Fuel, which was supposed to be repaid, plus 50% of any profit in excess of \$5,000 on fuel sales.

Austin reported he has been having difficulty getting information. He did share with council the organizers had indicated to him the event in Debert had suffered financial losses. He is expected to have present a final report at August council meeting on August 28th.

Fundy Discovery Site Working Ongoing

By Maurice Rees

Even though council committee asked for improved security at the Fundy Discovery Site which would assist in keeping washrooms open longer each day, Crawford MacPherson's report to council indicate construction is ongoing at the Fundy Discovery Site. At the time of preparing his report the amphitheater was more than 50% complete and weather depending, should be complete by the end of July. The seating is constructed of precast concrete block that looks like stone and the walkways are grassed. Power has been installed to support performances and provide ambient lighting.

The report also indicated a stamped concrete walkway/plaza is being installed in front of the washroom. It leads to a pathway down to the play-



ground and amphitheater, making both sites accessible.

The raising of the dike/trail project is complete and open. The trail is a popular strolling area as people wait for the tidal bore. Plans are underway to link the dike trail to the Cobequid Trail and provide interpretation at the aboiteau.

Final touches are being completed on the first phase of the playground and it will be opened once the concrete pathway work is complete. Phase II of the playground will commence shortly and the area will be fenced off for safety purposes.

Chamber Marketing Strategy

By Maurice Rees

Sherry Martell, Executive Director, Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce has been reaching out to members seeking approval on a possible change in the Chamber's marketing strategy. In her approach to members, she states, "In order to better promote and market our members, we may choose in the future to publicize lists of members as part of a marketing strategy to recognize businesses that participate in the Chamber of Commerce organization".

"This may include promoting businesses within similar sectors such as health, pet services, hospitality, construction, etc. or as part of an honor roll for milestone celebrations. Our intent is to showcase the businesses that, through Chamber membership, are supporting the local economy" she continues.

In reviewing marketing

strategies, it is being considered, the list of member businesses may be available on the Chamber's website, where many of you are already listed in the business directory. The approach to members is necessary because current governance does not allow the Chamber to share lists of any kind. Staff is seeking permission to allow better promotion of members as a whole.

Reaching out to members gives them an opportunity to notify the office should a company choose to decline inclusion in a list. No action is required if you a company consents to be included in future marketing plans.

Contact the Chamber office at 902-895-6328 or email Fran at oa@tcchamber.ca A third and final reminder note will be sent to members in September regarding this issue.

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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All MLA biographies online

Biographies of every member of Nova Scotia's legislative assembly since its founding are now online. As part of the 200th anniversary of Province House, where elected members of the House of Assembly meet, biographies of all members since 1984 were just posted. This complements the 1984 print edition of biographies, edited and compiled by Shirley Elliott, which is also online and the 1958 edition by Bruce Ferguson.

"Now, academics, researchers, and all Nova Scotians have access to biographies of all MLAs since 1758," said David McDonald, legislative librarian. The biographies include information such as terms of office, positions they held, occupations, birth and death dates, political party affiliations, and family connections to other MLAs. The new posting also includes lists of premiers, speakers, and ministers since 1984. The information is available at, <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/people/mlabios.pdf>

4-H Canada Launches Fundraising Campaign

4-H Canada has announced the launch of its first-ever national fundraising campaign, in partnership with Veseys Seeds Ltd. Developed in consultation with 4-H youth members and volunteer leaders across Canada, the initiative will give 4-H'ers the opportunity to explore the joys of gardening, and develop hands-on leadership and fundraising skills through the sale of seeds, bulbs, and roots.

Interested 4-H regions, counties and clubs can sign up online until the fall. Sixty per cent of their retail sales will go back into supporting 4-H in Canada, with over half of the profit staying local. For the first time, a national fundraiser will benefit all levels of the 4-H movement - from grassroots to provincial and national organizations - thus strengthening and ensuring a thriving, bright future for 4-H in Canada.

The 4-H Canada Veseys fundraiser is available across Canada but participation in the fall pilot is limited. 4-H regions, counties and clubs can sign up by September 30 at 4h-canada.ca/fundraising

MyHealthNS is moving to a new software vendor

MyHealthNS, the province's secure online service that allows patients to access their health information and securely communicate with their doctor, is moving to a new software vendor. McKesson Canada, which now provides the software, is not renewing its contract with the province. "MyHealthNS is a valuable tool for physicians and patients, with positive user feedback," said Randy Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness. "We are putting a plan in place with McKesson Canada and are actively working towards a new software solution, that will minimize the impact to patients and providers." About 300 physicians and 30,000 patients now use MyHealthNS. For the time being, doctors and patients will continue to have access to all features. Family doctors who are enrolled in the Technology Incentive for Virtual Care, and have met the terms of use, will continue to receive their quarterly payments.

No new doctors or patients will be registered until the new service provider is in place. Current users who require additional information, or who have questions, can contact the department at MyHealthNS@novascotia.ca

Ski Cape Smokey to Become a Year-Round Destination

Cape Smokey Holding Ltd., the new owner of Ski Cape Smokey plan to transform the ski hill in Ingonish Beach, Victoria Co., into a year-round recreation and tourism destination. The province sold the property to a private-sector group for \$370,000. The property includes almost 162 hectares (400 acres) of land, a lodge and a chairlift. The lodge needs significant updating, while the chairlift is no longer safe and needs to be replaced.

The group says it will update the ski hill and plans to expand seasonal use to allow for year-round recreational activities, such as a signature tree walk. Under the terms of the sale, once the construction and developments are completed designated areas of the property will be accessible to the public for recreational use, such as hiking and snowmobiling.

"We are excited to begin work on this development," said Joseph Balaz, president of Cape Smokey Holding Ltd. "With the support and assistance of the Cape Breton Partnership, we engaged with the local municipal government and the Mi'kmaq First Nation communities. Together we see a lot of opportunity for the future of Cape Smokey."

About 20 per cent of the property can be subdivided for residential development. Until the recent sale, the property had been leased to the Ski Cape Smokey Society, a volunteer community group, under a 25-year agreement with the province which was due to expire in 2020.

"This sale ensures the future of the facility and will enable significant economic growth within our communities," said Larry Dauphinee, chair of the society. "For the last ten years, the facility has been operated by volunteers with the goal of privatization. We would like to thank the many volunteers and the province for helping us keep Smokey operational for the local communities."

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Remuneration Bases: \$61,651; \$43,394 & \$36,316

By Maurice Rees

At the June 27th monthly meeting council approved the second reading council remuneration package, which has been detailed previously. As of April 1, 2019, remuneration bases of Mayor, \$61,651; Deputy Mayor, \$43,394 and Councillor, \$36,316 were used to add the CPI automatic annual increase. The annual increase is determined by the CPI rate, averaged over the three top positions

to determine the annual amount of increase.

The change in remuneration included the change required by Revenue Canada's elimination of the "tax free" allotment; an adjust in annual remuneration which was not done prior to the 2016 municipal election and a formula for CPI adjustment, which is based on the average of CPI increase for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Positions.

As result of the CRA changes, remuneration as of January 1, 2019 will be: Mayor, \$61,651; Deputy Mayor, \$38,451 and Councillor, \$31,423. As a result of the remuneration changes, not done in 2016, effective April 1, 2019, the base for Mayor is \$61,651; Deputy mayor, \$43,394 and councillor, \$36,316.

Council approved the increases, although Councillors, MacKenzie, Taggart and Deputy Mayor, voted NAY