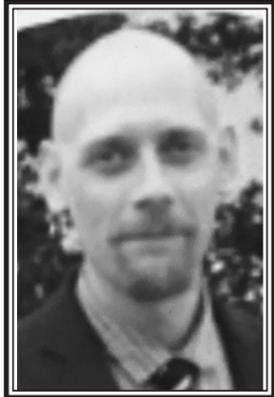


# Disappearance of Peter Anthony Walsh



August 23 marked the 1st anniversary of the disappearance of Peter Anthony Walsh known as "Tony" to his family and friends, was last seen on August 23, 2019 in Truro. On the morning and afternoon of Friday, August 23, 2019, Tony is known to have driven to various locations including Millbrook, Truro and Debert. It was reported that he was last seen getting into a truck in the Truro area.

His vehicle, a beige 1999 Chrysler Sebring, was later found in a business parking lot in downtown Truro. His disappearance was initially being investigated as a missing persons file, however, evidence led investigators to re-focus on the matter as a homicide.

On August 23, there was a memorial walk to show support for Tony's family at 966 Prince St. The family asked those attending to wear a mask and practice social distancing.



The RCMP continues to ask members of the public to come forward if they have any information about this incident. Information can be provided directly to the investigators by calling the RCMP Northeast Nova Major Crimes Unit at 902-896-5060. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

# Mandatory Masks in Schools

Nova Scotia's back to school plan will be updated to mandate non-medical mask use for students in grades 4 to 12 while in school. "The decision to require masks for grades 4 and up in our schools is in line with recent evidence and guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada," said Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief public health officer.

All students in grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear a mask inside schools except if they are seated at their desks

while two metres apart and facing in the same direction. They must also be worn in hallways and other common areas if a two-metre distance cannot be maintained.

Additional measures are being undertaken of September include: School-by-school ventilation maintenance will take place to ensure equipment is operating properly and in good condition and that windows can be opened; masks and hand sanitizers are starting to arrive at schools. All

students and staff will receive two free cloth masks. Disposable masks will also be available if a student forgets or loses their mask during the school day.

Other actions include: Regional Centres for Education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, will continue to communicate with families. Principals will also reach out to families with specific information about their school closer to September. Before and after school programs will

# Colchester to use Only Paper Ballots

By Maurice Rees

In spite of the ongoing warnings about social distancing and the number of people permitted to assemble in public places, Colchester is proceeding with plans to have paper ballots for October's municipal election. The provincial government has recently ruled masks must be worn when accessing any public place and social distancing of two meters is not possible. During the past year after considerable discussion Colchester council voted not to participate with electronic voting and to keep the traditional paper ballots.

In nearby Cumberland County council on a vote of 7-6, passed a motion to not have any paper ballots and would go totally electronic from computer, smart phone or other electronic means. To accommodate those who do not have access to electronic voting methods, the municipality will offer four public electronic voting sites located in municipal buildings in Upper Nappan, Springhill, Pugwash and Parrsboro.

Guy Wheeler, Colchester's newly appointed returning officer, had reported to council on June 25th, but with new guidelines / rules issued by Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister Chuck Porter, Wheeler updated council at its committee meeting on August 13th following inspection of locations that were of concern.

In his report Wheeler said several polls were not considered suitable due to COVID-19 and/or accessibility and there had been concern with

the future availability of public schools administered by the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education.

Several additions/changes to the proposed voting locations were made, as follows:

Bible Hill Village Hall will be used for the Advanced Polls for District 1, 6 and 11 as well as Election Day Polls of District 1.

Stewiacke Community Centre will be used instead of the Alton Community Centre.

The Wittenburg Baptist Church will replace the West St Andrews Community Centre in District 4.

The Crossroads Baptist Church will hold all Election Day Polls for District 6.

District 8 will hold all polls at the North River Fire Hall instead of at the North River Elementary School.

As in past elections, the Admin Building Debert Air Industrial Park will be used for District 9.

District 11 will hold Election Day Polls at Colchester Christian Academy.

The Court House on Church Street will be used as an Advanced Poll location on October 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

The conduct of Mobile Polls at Long Term Care Facilities is being pursued by Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

For information on regular polling locations for October 17th 2020 Municipal Election, and Advance Poll Locations, please refer to separate story on Page 9.

# Broadband Agreement Signed

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20th Colchester meeting is more or less confirmed by Council Tom Taggart, a long-time proponent of high speed broadband, when he stated, "Tonight (August 20th) we have a council meeting and I am hopeful that we will be advised that we have finally completed negotiations with our service provider (Xplornet) and that we will be formally signing a contract to provide high speed, high quality broadband across both Colchester and Cumberland. It has been a long haul, but I believe the end is in sight".

Other municipal sources confirmed Taggart allusions, and that with a month after receiving approval from Develop Nova Scotia, the \$60.2-Million project will proceed. The entire build out is expected to take a little over two years.

Taggart's column continued, "You can be sure that when that happens there will be public announcements with all the players attending. The next challenge will be

managing expectations on timing as well as being provided with a tentative work schedule. This is a big contract and it will take time to get the fibre on the poles or in the ground. Once again as I have details I will be providing to residents".

The final implementation of two county-wide high speed broadband is anticipated to be an important component to significant increases in economic development by improving the competitiveness of existing business and attracting new businesses. An additional component is increased residential development of those wishing to move to the areas to enjoy "rural county living" or those

professionals who had moved to other geographical locations have built their careers and wish to return to their roots, and continuing their professional career.

Others may wish get out of the "big cities" cash in on higher real estate pricing and build a new home suitable to their needs, put money in the bank and start or continue their profession with a home based businesses.

Combined with the UNESCO approval of the Cliff's of Fundy GeoPark, the area could see rapid growth over the next two decades. The ultimate success is dependent on the planning and visions developed on what is suitable for the two counties.

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be offered in accordance with public health guidelines

Schools, with the support of public health, will notify families as soon as they become aware of a COVID-19 case in their school, along with what measures will need to be taken. A return to school sport schedule and protocols that follow public health guidelines are in the final stage of development with Sports Nova Scotia and will be sent to schools by the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation

Resources for families and students are currently available at <https://novascotia.ca/backtoschool> with more to be added. Nova Scotia is distributing 310,000 non-medical masks to Regional Centres for Education and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial for students, teachers and staff.

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Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by contacting the Returning Office between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, before September 30, 2020.

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E-mail: [gwheeler@colchester.ca](mailto:gwheeler@colchester.ca) or [dgraham@colchester.ca](mailto:dgraham@colchester.ca)  
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You will be asked for your name, your civic and mailing address and your date of birth.

**Guy Wheeler**  
Returning Officer