

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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operator of the vehicle, would go on to murder a significant number of people, and terrorizing an entire province by doing so." The workplace theft occurred in 2019. Charges are being contemplated, be they theft and or obstruction of a police investigation.

Funding for New Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for children being treated at the IWK Health Centre and their families is why the province is contributing \$3.5 million to a new Ronald McDonald House in Halifax that, once complete, will double the number of families it can serve annually.

Premier Stephen McNeil announced the funding at an event on August 19, at the future site of the new Ronald McDonald House on South Street in Halifax.

Government Awards Outpatient Centre Contract

EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare was awarded the contract to design, build, finance and maintain the new Community Outpatient Centre in Bayers Lake, Halifax, which is part of the QEII New Generation project.

Canada Post \$378-million loss

Canada Post recorded a loss before tax of \$378 million in the second quarter of 2020. This increased loss was largely due to the significant impact COVID-19 had on revenue and costs, combined with the added costs stemming from the June 2020 arbitrator's ruling. The ruling resulted in new collective agreements with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW).

Pesticide Spraying Approved

The Environment Department has issued three new approvals for pesticide spraying covering 1,498 hectares. The approvals are all for forestry companies, for aerial spraying. The approvals are available at <http://novascotia.ca/nse/pesticide-spray/>. There are also three previously issued multi-year approvals that allow spraying this year. There is no aerial spraying taking place on Crown land in 2020.

Premier McNeil to step down

One day after celebrating 17 years in elected office, Premier Stephen McNeil announced on August 6th he would be stepping down and leaving public office. McNeil said his seven years, as premier, have been the most rewarding of his professional career. He will stay on and continue to govern and work with public health to keep Nova Scotians safe until the next leader is chosen.

Two charged following investigation

An eight-month investigation by police in Colchester County has led to two people being charged with drug and weapons offences. On July 30 and 31, the Colchester RCMP Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) with assistance from Truro Police Service and New Glasgow Regional Police, searched nine properties in Bible Hill, Truro, Kemptown, Greenfield and Harmony. Police arrested 16 people and seized cocaine, methamphetamine, hashish, cannabis, two firearms, ammunition, brass knuckles, a Conductive Energy Weapon (CEW) and cash. Two people were charged with the following: Michael George Borden, 65, of Truro, is charged with: Possession for the purpose of Trafficking x 3 and Prohibited to Possess Cannabis for the Purpose of Selling. Robert Lawrence Borden, 56, of Harmony, is charged with: Possession of Firearm while Prohibited x 2 and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Break, enter and theft of firearms

Colchester County District RCMP is investigating a break and enter at a home on Bartlett Dr. in Valley.

Between July 31 and August 2, suspect(s) forced the back door open and entered the home. The suspect(s) left with 11 rifles, knives and fishing rods. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Colchester County District RCMP at 902-896-5000. Should you wish to remain anonymous, please call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

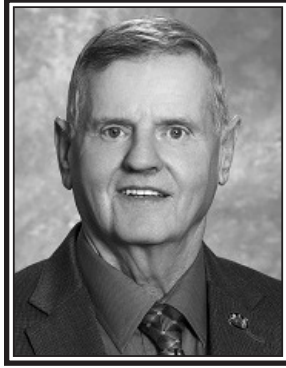
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Colchester: Who's Not Running?

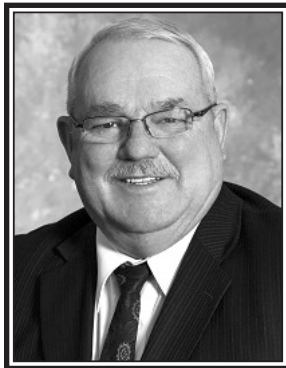
By Maurice Rees

There will be elections in at least two districts to choose replacements for two retiring councillors. Veteran councillors, Ron Cavanaugh, District 8 and Bill Masters, District 2, have told the Shoreline Journal, they will not be reoffering in the October 17th municipal election. If voters will be going to the polls for the remaining nine districts will depend if candidates file papers by the September 8th deadline.

As of press time, Councillor



Ron Cavanaugh



Bill Masters

Mike Gregory, Tatamagouche, indicated he was undecided, but nominations don't close until September 8th.

Incumbent Mayor Christine Blair told the Shoreline Journal she will be re-offering for her second term as Mayor.

All other councillors: Eric Boutilier, District 1; Geoff Stewart, District 3; Mike Cooper, District 4; Lloyd Gibbs, District 5; Karen MacKenzie, District 6; Bob Pash, District 9; Tom Taggart, District 10 and Wade Parker, District 11 have confirmed to the Shoreline Journal they will be filing nomination papers.

Masters, who represents District 2, was first elected to Council in October 2000 and is currently serving his fifth term representing District 2, serving three terms as Deputy Mayor.

The county's website says, "Having completed the four year Municipal Administration Program from Dalhousie, working seven years in municipal government and 39 years in business in the community is an asset Councillor Masters brings to the Council table.

Councillor Masters has served as a member of the Executive and Audit Committee, the Planning Advisory Committee, the Debert and Tatamagouche Source Water Protections Advisory Committees, the Tatamagouche Planning Advisory Committee and the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee. He is currently represents Council as a member on the RECC Operating Board and serves on the Project Steering Committee for the Palliser

property.

Ron Cavanaugh, District 8, was first elected to Council in 1988, serving two terms until 1994. He was re-elected in 1997, and returned by acclamation in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016. He received a 25 year service award from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities in November of

2016.

Ron has been chair of the County Flood Advisory Committee for the past 21 years and a Council representative on the Joint Flood Committee with Truro and Millbrook. He also served as Deputy Mayor for four years from 2004-2008.

Nominations for council positions or for mayor open on August 27th and close 5:00 pm, September 8th.



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Funeral Expense Update

By Maurice Rees

Colchester council committee was provided with an update at its meeting on August 13th on matters relating to funeral expenses to the families of the victims of the April 18 and 19, 2020 tragedy.

Council approved a motion on April 20th at a Special Council meeting to support the families of victims from the April 18 and 19 tragedy. The motion read "That Council supports covering the funeral expenses of all the victims, due to the senseless tragedy, up to an amount of \$5,000."

The following formed part of the Information Item circulated to council on August 13th:

A Public Notice was sent out informing the families of the contribution up to \$5,000 to help offset the funeral expenses of each victim. Staff contacted the respective funeral homes advising them of the funeral expenses support for each victim.

To date, the Municipality has received and paid funeral expense invoices for 10 of the victims totalling \$33,422.44.

Colchester Funeral Home has generously waived funeral expenses for 3 of the victims that were in their care. The RCMP paid funeral expenses for 1 of the victims.

Currently there are 8 outstanding invoices and staff continue to liaison with the respective funeral homes to coordinate those invoices for payment.

Cumberland County has offered to reimburse the Municipality for three victims that resided in Cumberland County.

The fourth Cumberland County resident's funeral expenses was waived by Colchester Funeral Home.



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