



The Debert Community Association's Lisa Archibald and Marie Benoit delivered a thank you treat to Dave and Shawn Rushton, of Dave's Service Center for assisting the Community Association to get a new storage shed. (Harrington Photo)



The Debert Community Association is very grateful to Community Metals and Mini Barns for the donation of a wonderful new storage shed. Ken Hansford, Tena Withrow, Brandon Clark and Jennifer Ona from Community Metals and Mini Barns posed for a photo with the new shed. (Harrington Photo)

## District 10 Election on November 6<sup>TH</sup>

*By Maurice Rees*

With the resignation of Tom Taggart as councillor for District 10, Colchester Council has established Saturday, November 6th for a special by-election to fill the vacancy. Taggart who represented the district since 2008, submitted his letter of resignation on August 18th following his victory as at MLA for Colchester North.

Within 24 hours of council's decision, former District 9 councillor, Doug MacInnes who within the last year has changed residence location and now resides in the district, announced his intention to file papers to fill the vacant seat.

People who are interested in being a candidate for District 10 special election or just seeking information are encouraged to contact the Municipal office.

## New Baler to Cost \$1,615,000

*By Maurice Rees*

Higgin's Construction (Division of Lindsay Construction) was awarded the contract to replace and install the baler at the Kemptown facility. Even though Higgin's was the lone bidder with a price of \$1,615,000 staff explanations and approval from the county solicitor enable council to proceed.

In staff's convincing explanation it was learned the existing Baler had a retrofit in 2005. The intent of this retrofit was that it would obtain an additional 7 years of service on the machine.

Additional retrofits are no longer possible due to parts no longer being manufactured and wear on existing mechanical parts. Maintenance technicians have been advising for several years to replace the Baler. The decision was put off as the County was investigating the feasibility of Waste to Energy, but those discussions have ceased.

In 2019 the machine failed and was unable to operate for in excess of 30 days due to difficulty determining electronic issue and sourcing parts. In 2020 the Baler failed due to breaks in the ram. A temporary welding repair was made but a more permanent fix was quoted at \$200,000 to repair.

The installation of the Baler would occur between January 4, 2022 and March 1, 2022. The tentative capital budget for 2021/22 includes funding of \$1.8 million dollars for this project. The source of funds would be \$800,000 from Balefill Capital Reserve and \$1,000,000 from the Gas Tax fund.



## 2021 Wilson Family Scholarship Recipients

Wilson Fuel is proud to support its employees, their children and grandchildren further their post secondary education at university or community college. The Wilson Family Scholarship is awarded yearly to those who have achieved success at school or a trade and are involved with their communities through volunteering, sports or the arts.



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Danielle Gagne  
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Elmsdale ESSO, NS



Kaitlyn Dicks  
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Nathan Woodworth  
Milford ESSO, NS



Ryan MacWilliams  
Borden ESSO, PE



Samantha Rhoddy  
Elmsdale ESSO, NS