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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS September 2022

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade very popular fall auction after a 2 year CoVid shutdown has been revived and will be held on Saturday, September 24. The two year break gave enough time for organizers to make some changes and be less demanding on the volunteer members. Normally members have worked constantly for nearly a month to make the auction even more successful and beneficial to the residents in the coverage area. Those volunteer efforts involved canvassing the region; picking up donations; sorting and cataloguing items not to mention time in the firehall arranging displays, and working for the two day auction. However, the 2022 auction will be different: Canvassing door to door will not happen. However, area residents will have several options to contact the brigade to arrange pick up. Various options will be posted and updated on the Brigade's Facebook Page. Regular checking of: www.onslowbelmontfire.com will keep area residents informed. The biggest change of all is the auction will held ONE DAY ONLY on Saturday, September 24th from 9 am to finish. The action will be held at: Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Fire Hall, 12355 Hwy 2, Lower Onslow.

Free Public Lecture from the Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia ("SCANS"), "It's time to learn more about Canada's Food System" a free public lecture will be presented on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 10:30 am. The presentation will be available in-person at the Astor Theatre, Liverpool and via Zoom. While the lecture is free to members and non-members, advance registration to attend by zoom is required at: www.thescans.org This Public Lecture will be presented by Professor Sylvain Charlebois who is Professor of Food Distribution and Policy and is the Senior Director, Agri-food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University. Dr. Charlebois is a frequent commentator on food distribution, security and policy and on this occasion will be interviewed by Costas Halavrezos on hunger, food consumption patterns and the impact of the pandemic on the food system.

The Leggette family, Five Mile River (near Kennetcook) have been chosen for the 2022 Provincial Woodland Owner of the Year Award (WOYA). A public open house field day will be held Saturday, October 1 commencing at 9 am. A kids field day program will be held Thursday, September 29th.

Smith Presents Community Development Report to Council

By Paul Smith

With Colchester Council back from its annual no meetings in July holiday, Paul Smith, Director Community Development presented an overview of activities in the Community Development Department since March 2022. The lengthy report was broken down into various categories:

Community Planning
Tatamagouche Plan Review:

The Tatamagouche plan review has been slowed due to competing demands for staff time on a number of time sensitive planning

matters. A redrafting of the document is underway and the new targeted completion date is the late fall 2022.

Debert Housing Concept:

Work has been completed on a set of design standards and traffic impact study (required by NS Public Works) as a follow-up to the residential design concept completed in the winter of 2022. A funding application has also been made under the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program for servicing upgrades needed to advance the development which could result in

a nearly 75% contribution towards the \$7 million project cost. A decision on this is expected in the fall of 2022.

Fundy Discovery Site:

Staff continue to wait on a funding decision under the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program which could provide up to nearly 75% of costs associated with the bridge and other active transportation projects. A decision is expected in the late summer early fall 2022.

Colchester has received \$25,000 in Provincial funding and over \$6400 in private donations to honor the memory of former Councilor and Deputy Mayor Bill Masters. The money will be used to help fund a new covered pavilion in the playground which is likely to begin during the fall of 2022.

The Big Belly waste management system was installed at the Fundy Discovery Site in June which has resulted in a much better solution to manage the volume of waste at the site, saving considerable time and money.

Salmon River School Property

Two community open houses (one virtual and one in-person) were held in May to gather feedback on the future of the Salmon River School property. The information gathered from these sessions will supplement the results of a survey conducted in late 2021. Council agreed to hear from developers interested in the property at its presentation meeting in September. Following that meeting, staff will prepare a final report and recommendation for Council's consideration, likely at the end of September.

Wind Turbine Bylaw Review

Staff are in the early stages of reviewing Colchester's Wind Turbine Bylaw and have completed a jurisdictional scan of requirements applied elsewhere in Nova Scotia. The PAC reviewed and approved a public engagement strategy that will consist of a survey to be made available over the summer while community open houses and stakeholder presentations to be held in September - October. It is

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The home of Donna Frizzle and family of Glenholme was a total loss to fire on August 20th but happily the family dog Apollo was rescued by OBBF firefighter Derek Richard. See the story and photos on page 2. (Steve Currie Photos)

\$5,000 Approved for Colchester Welcome Network Official Launch

By Maurice Rees

Colchester Council Committee approved a \$5,000 grant to The Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity through the Community Events Grant Program to assist with the 2022 Truro Colchester Welcome Network Official Launch on September 24, 2022.

The official Launch event will be held at the Truro Farmers Market, along with the Embrace Festival, to welcome newcomers to the Truro and Colchester area. The goal is to launch the new network and work with volunteers to create a welcoming atmosphere for people who have moved to the Truro-Colchester area.

The event is expected to attract people from the Colchester area, in addition to newcomers to the area.

Not Since Moses Run Return

Gram Team: Harrington & Jennings

Story and photos by Linda Harrington

Not Since Moses, founded in 2007 by Dick Lemon, began as a vision to share the raw beauty of running along the ocean floor in Five Islands, during extreme low tide with the whole community. Not Since Moses is now owned and managed by the Blue Nose Marathon, a registered non-profit in Nova Scotia.

Turning 60 and coming out the other side of a two-year pandemic gives one a rather "why not" sort of look on experiences. I decided this was the year to attempt the Not Since Moses 5k Run.

I have shared many fun times over the years with my friend Nancy Jennings and a frequent walk to the beach seemed like we had been appropriately training for this event. We called ourselves the Gram Team, (Gram 1 and Gram 2) and signed up for the August 7th run.

Perhaps the biggest race decision involved apparel. We are not runners; we are not young and we don't like temperature extremes. The lead up

to the big day involved several trips to second hand stores and many wardrobe changes (comfort and style were paramount) until the last minute when the forecast meant we now had to consider a rain cape. Participants arrive at the transport site to catch buses close to 6AM and the race doesn't start until 8:30AM. Most everyone agreed they didn't mind getting wet once on the run but keeping dry and staying warm for the two hours prior was very important. The Gram

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