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port non-emergency patients travelling long distances to help keep more ambulances in communities.

These initiatives are just the tip of the iceberg - there is so much more happening.

When I became Premier, I knew fixing healthcare was not for the faint of heart. It would take investment, innovation and leadership to

stop the negative momentum and move the province forward. But we are starting to see real change.

There is more work to do, but our government will not stop until Nova Scotians have the healthcare system they deserve.

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News from our Provincial Capital - Tom Taggart*Continued from page 5*

400 MW Provincial Government / NSP request for proposal to replace coal fired electricity.

This has been a very contentious development between local residents and the developer that is currently under a Judicial Review initiated by the Community. I am very sympathetic to the community as I believe the Developer has not done enough to address legitimate community concerns.

Additionally, I have become aware of two new projects which Private Developers are currently working on. One project, in a similar location as the current Nuttby Mountain project near Earltown, is proposed to be around 70 MW. The second is a very large 300 MW project, I understand will be placed along the Folly / Debert Mountain Ridgeline.

I have had a brief meeting with the proponents and if I understand correctly these projects will meet the Municipality of Colchester Wind Bylaw requirements and will proceed toward getting Provincial Environmental permits. The power generated by these proposed turbines will not go to NSP but will go to produce green hydrogen in Point Tupper N.S.

There will be community meetings and I strongly encourage residents to attend these meetings. I am going to include in this article a portion of a letter, as follows, that I sent in response to an inquiry from a resident this morning. This should help inform you of my thoughts AT THIS TIME.

"With respect to your comment about community owned wind and solar projects. If you are from Colchester and have been a supporter of wind and solar you will know that I have a long history and track record of supporting or actually championing Carbon Free community projects. If I understood correctly you are concerned with use of public resources. If you are concerned about financial resources, I am not aware of any Provincial Government funding going towards these projects. I do believe there is potential for community investment in the form of a Community Economic Development investment which has favorable tax implications for local investors.

I certainly support your concern to reduce the use of coal! I understand this privately owned wind development project will be using the energy produced to develop Green Hydrogen. Again, I have a documented history of championing Carbon Reduction! When you view GHG and carbon reduction from a world perspective! Nova Scotians as well as Our Government are working hard to reduce carbon. Our Environmental Goals and Climate Reduction act sets out the most aggressive legislated goals in the history of N.S.

This will allow Nova Scotia to meet the legislated goals set out by the Federal Government. As a government member, I am proud of this act. We are clearly doing our part however, when we look globally Nova Scotia plays a fairly insignificant role in carbon reduction. The ability to deliver Green Hydrogen as a non carbon energy to the world is exciting. I believe Green Hydrogen will play a critical role in reducing Global Greenhouse gasses and saving the planet.

Secondly, Nova Scotia is in a position to be leaders in the race to commercialize green hydrogen given it's tremendous onshore and offshore wind resources. Unfortunately, to date, the Federal Government has chosen not to provide offshore wind leases. The development of this industry will lead to the pride and satisfaction of having developed one of the most promising global carbon free energies. I also believe Green Hydrogen will create tremendous economic development opportunities as well as high paying skilled jobs for our youth..

In closing on wind farms, I would also caution the developers or make sure I am fully understood and have clearly articulated to the project proponents. As much as I personally support Wind and Hydrogen, the communities and residents will come first and will be instrumental in where I stand on any given project."

In closing off this month's article, it is my view that as stated above we need to look at the Global Picture in fighting Climate Change.

With respect to Green Hydrogen, I was skeptical. However, as I see companies coming to Nova Scotia and investing Billions of dollars obtained from Private investors with out going to Government hat-in-had, I begin to believe they know what they are doing and as stated see great potential.

Again having said that we must manage this growth and ensure we as Nova Scotians are not negatively impacted.

And I cannot help making this final comment. I believe the Global Picture and Green Hydrogen will be much more effective than a Carbon tax in Nova Scotia, that unfairly impacts Rural Nova Scotians.

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The Shoreline Tid-Bits*Continued from page 6***Interim replacement for MV Holiday Island ferry**

Companies doing business in PEI, or citizens travelling to and from PEI will have improved service with the announcement Government of Canada's intention to purchase the MV Fanafjord to replace the MV Holiday Island in the short-term until its successor is built and ready to enter service.

Last summer, the MV Holiday Island, one of two ferries that ensured service between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, was removed from service leaving only one ferry in service. The existing ferry has suffered several break-downs creating havoc in the transportation sector.

Longer-term, the Government of Canada will build two new ferries, including the permanent replacement of the MV Holiday Island, at Chantier Davie Canada Inc. Design work for the new vessel is already underway, with delivery expected as early as 2028.

Preparing for Hurricane Season

Nova Scotia is entering the height of hurricane season, and now is the time for residents to prepare for these extreme weather events. To help with this, the Province is launching an awareness campaign with advice and information people can use to protect themselves and their properties before a hurricane or tropical storm happens.

Taking steps now to make an emergency plan and kit will ensure you and your family, friends and neighbours are ready before a storm reaches our province.

A hurricane's strong winds and heavy rain can cause power outages, storm surges, flooding and property damage. People can get ready in advance by: Having an emergency kit with food, water, medications, important documents and supplies to last for several days; preparing property by trimming trees, securing loose items, and clearing gutters and storm drains and making a plan for their families now, before one is needed.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is warning of an *continued on page 8*

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For 10 years, during my ownership of the Shoreline Journal, I organized a Birthday Party for life-long area residents who had reached the milestone of 90 years young.

Then along came CoVid-19 and we were forced to stop. Now that we are feeling more comfortable about going out in public, I would like to re-start the birthday party.

Maybe reducing the age requirement to 80.

I'll be contacting local volunteer groups and local churches to assist with pre-registration. I'll start accepting registrations.

Before December 31, 2023, I will need:

Complete name; mailing address, date of birth, phone number and email address if available. Further details to be announced later.

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