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Nominations Close September 9

By **Maurice Rees**

People interested in serving their community can file nomination papers for Mayor or any council position in Colchester's 11 electoral districts starting tomorrow (August 29th). Nominations close September 9th.

In late July seven current councillors indicated they would be re-offering; three councillors were not re-offering and one was undecided. Veteran councillors Karen MacKenzie and Wade Parker were not running again, while Councillor Ge-

offery Steward (Brookfield) vacated his District 3 council position to challenge Mayor Christine Blair for the mayor's position. At last word Councillor Mike Gregory, District 7, Tatamagouche was undecided.

Because papers can not be filed until August 29th, any data reported here is investigative speculation from very reliable sources. Colchester's Returning Officer, Guy Wheeler, gave a general overview of the interest to date by the number of those inquiring with some taking nomination papers home.

Sources indicate approximately at least seven have indicated their intention to run.

The following councillors have declared their intention to re-offer: Councillor Eric Boutilier - District 1; Councillor Laurie Sandeson - District 2; Councillor Mike Cooper - District 4; Councillor Tim Johnson - District 5; Councillor Lisa Patton - District 8; Councillor Marie Benoit - District 9 and Councillor Victoria Lomond - District 10.

Councillor Michael Gregory - District 7 continues

to be undecided.

Unless new candidates file papers, the following Districts have retiring councillors: Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart - District 3, (actually vacated his council seat to run for Mayor's position); Councillor Karen MacKenzie - District 6, retiring, and Councillor Wade Parker - District 11 retiring.

Mayor Christine Blair, is reoffering for her second term as mayor, but will be opposed by former councillor, Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, who vacated his long-time seat in District 3.

There are reportedly seven new faces who are offering for various district council positions. Even though they have not been identified two candidates have publicly declared their candidacy and have taken papers home. They are: former councillor, Doug MacInnes, who left council

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

September 2024

The Nova Scotia Legislature will resume sitting of the First Session of 64th General Assembly on September 5.

Municipal election candidates can file nomination papers for councillor or mayor positions from August 29th to September 9th. In districts in which there will be an election The Shoreline Journal will circulate a questionnaire to all candidates will be published in the October issue to be published on September 25th. See advertisement elsewhere this issue.

Tourism Destination Development Strategy (STEP) will hold two presentation sessions on September 11, 2024 at the Colchester-East Hants Public Library (754 Prince St, Truro, NS). Anyone is welcome to attend to learn about enhancing Colchester County. Visit TCSTEP.EVENTBRITE.COM to register. There are two sessions; session 1: 2:30pm- 4:30pm and session 2: 5:30pm- 7:30pm.

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Harvest Sale and Auction will be held Saturday, September 21st. Doors open at 8; auction starts at 9am. OBFB will be accepting drop-offs at the fire hall starting Sunday, Sept 8 until sale date. Contact any member to donate. Messages can also be left at 902 662 2555.

Tom Taggart, MLA is still recovering at home following surgery for a shoulder replacement, which occurred in mid July. He expects to be able to attend the fall sitting of the legislature which opens on September 5th.

We apologize to our loyal readers for not having any press coverage or advertising on Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition or the upcoming Nova Scotia Stampede. Management at the RECC decided not to use the local print media for advertising, nor have they issued press releases to local print media. We do not want to editorialize, but we do wonder what readers and taxpayers feel about such decisions, since they funded the construction and continue to fund all ongoing operations. With upcoming municipal elections might similar decisions become an election issue? Maybe the real question is: "Who is managing the management at RECC?" If anyone?



Is it a moth or a butterfly? Note the 'club' at the end of this butterfly's antennae, unlike the comb-like antennae on last month's moth on the cover page. This butterfly and bee take a few minutes on the thistle before flying off.

School Lunch Program to be Launched

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program will serve its first lunches this October. Throughout August and September, the Department is continuing to work with schools, regions and vendors to put the final touches on the program. These preparations include training staff and vendors, installing equipment, testing ordering technology and finalizing menu items.

Phase 1 of the school lunch program includes every school that has elementary school grades, which adds up to more

than 75,000 students and potentially more than 13 million lunches served in the coming school year. It is a pay-what-you-can program, meaning families can choose to pay the full \$6.50 cost of the lunch, part of the cost or nothing. All payment information is kept confidential.

Lunches will start in schools on October 1, 15 or 28, with ordering opening two weeks before the first lunches are served. Families will be able to choose between two lunch options every school

day, with at least one vegetarian (no meat) lunch offered each day. In total, there will be 40 menu options that rotate weekly when the program starts in October.

Each meal provides balanced nutrition and meets the standards outlined in Canada's Food Guide and the Nova Scotia School Food and Nutrition Policy. The menu offers options that celebrate the diversity of Nova Scotian students, such as Acadian chicken fricot, murgah makhani (butter

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Dr Ewing Presented Prestigious Medal

By **Maurice Rees**

On August 27th, Dr Karen Ewing was presented with the prestigious King Charles Coronation Medal for her work in founding the Veteran's Memorial Park, which opened in 2008. The presentation ceremony by Senator Iris Petten took place at the park on Tuesday, August 27th.

Senator Petten, who was in Nova Scotia on other meetings, wanted to use the park for the presentation of two medals: one for an Honorary Colonel from NB, former Captain in the CAF Jeffery Martin, and to Dr Karen Ewing for her work founding the Veterans Memorial Park over 15 years ago.

In the official party there were seven people: Senator Petten with two staff; Captain Martin and one person and Dr Karen Ewing and one person. Following the presentations the official party were given a tour of Veterans Memorial Park.

Several VMP board members were in attendance. Photos from the presentations and tour of the park will appear in the October issue.

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