

Re-opening of the Eatonville Three Sisters Centre

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Mayor Christine Blair speaks to those attending the re-opening of the Eatonville Three Sisters Centre on August 1st after it was closed in 2013, then acquired by Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Devin Trefry, Interim Managing Director Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark, addresses attendees at the re-opening of the Eatonville Three Sisters Centre on August 1st. The centre first opened in 2009; closed in 2013 due to water damage and maintenance costs. It was acquired by UNESCO's Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark in 2021. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



The Eatonville Three Sisters Centre is the largest and most modern tourism-related facility in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. This photo taken from the second storey shows part of the August 1 official opening crowd socializing in the gigantic structure. See our story on page 1 of the South Cumberland News. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Bass River Bridge
Tom Taggart, MLA, holds up a sign for the new bridge in Bass River. He is accompanied by Donald Cook and William Fisher descendants of some original Chairmakers. More information about the bridge is contained in Tom's column on Page 5. (Contributed)

Residential Waste Sorting Champion Program Started June 22

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**When dealing with illegal dumping complaints there are many times staff are unable to determine the culprit when dealing with property owners aren't dumping on their own land. For sites of smaller quantities, the material is cleaned up and taken away to avoid further litter and dumping. If sites are comprised of larger piles on private property, the property owner is brought in on the cleanup plan as Municipal and Provincial legislation holds property owners accountable for their property. For situations where large clean ups are required, tipping fees can be reduced or waived to help with the cleanup cost.

Wastewater Compliance: Continuing work with regard to grease trap education and maintenance with identified locations.

Dangerous & Unsightly: Since May of 2025 the Waste Compliance Officer has been collaborating with the Community Development Department to jointly address D&U complaints.

Summer Student Program: Two students were hired in early May to compliment Solid Waste department initiatives; on returning for their fourth year and the second being a new hire. These two students have been a great addition to our team and have been tasked with the following duties: Green cart deliveries/repairs; MRF litter clean up; Pictou Rd Kempton litter sweeps; Curbside audits in collaboration with our Clean Intern; Assisting with

residential complaints/recovery of missed materials; Assist with County Sun in the Fun Day Camps by performing educational sessions with campers and Perform C&D audits for Balefill under supervision of Jessica Rushton.

The Waste Reduction Team also hired a third student through a fully funded Clean Internship program. Summer tasks include organizing curbside audits, and a pilot residential recognition program for residents who are perfect in their curbside sorting.

Helpline and Service Summary: For the last reporting period, the total new tickets opened by the Helpline from April to June 2026 included a total of 1,884 (+227) calls and 423 (+138) emails. These include new tickets only and not follow ups.

Regroup continues to have sufficient management/supervision, but some frontline staffing gaps have opened (including work permits ending). This has created some service gaps as new drivers get familiar with routes. Solid Waste continues to assist on a case-by-case basis to ensure residents receive timely collection.

The Helpline continues to monitor and record resident frequently asked 'what goes where' questions. These summaries are sent to the Waste Education Officer to include in social media as well as updating the Recollect Waste App.

Any questions, concerns or comments are always welcomed.
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