



Municipality of the County of Colchester

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2015 Colchester County & Town of Truro Volunteer Awards

On Monday, April 13th the Municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition night to honour some of their local volunteers. During the evening the Municipal and Town Councils had the opportunity to thank the following volunteers:



2015 Provincial Volunteer Representatives:
Wayne Smith (Colchester County) and Charlotte MacQuarrie (Town of Truro)

Volunteer Award Nominees Colchester County: Jeff Cameron, Ron Warren, Ruby McDorman, Ann Fiddes, Christina Miller, Charles Crouse and Marilyn Roberts

Volunteer Award Nominees Town of Truro: Susan MacQuarrie, James Saunders, Joe Jordan, Deb Barnhill and Gloria Demers

Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award: Daisy Roberts

Community Group Volunteer Award (Colchester County):

South Branch Community Council and Stewiacke Valley Museum Historical Society

Are you looking for a way to say "Thank You" to a volunteer or community group? Why not nominate them for the recognition they deserve? If you would like to recognize a special volunteer in your community or organization in 2016, contact Colchester Recreation at recreation@colchester.ca for more information.

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Message from the Mayor



Since our last newsletter in March, Spring has finally come and so have the budgets from all three orders of government: Federal, Provincial and Municipal.

There were no real surprises or impacts on our County from the Provincial Budget, with the exception of flood mitigation funding. The previous government has committed a funding of \$15 million over 5 years including \$1 million committed to municipalities each of the 5 years. The commitment was expected to be continued for its duration. However, in the present Provincial budget this amount has been reduced to

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\$500,000. Although the funding is available to all the municipalities in the province, through our Joint Flood Advisory Committee (Colchester County, Town of Truro and Millbrook First Nation) and our own Flood Advisory Committee, we have been successful in the past two years in accessing most of the funding. We are concerned that with the limitation of provincial funding, we may not be able to complete the projects that we had initiated, let alone new projects identified in West Colchester.

In the federal budget, major flood mitigation funding was announced for municipalities across Canada which is welcome news. Although details are still to come, we hope that this funding will be made available under the Build Canada Fund that will see the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments as equal partners in cost-sharing such flood mitigation projects and therefore increase the overall funds available.

Our County budget was approved at our Council Committee meeting on April 16th. Our Council is very pleased that, in spite of projected increases in expenditures, the residential and commercial property rates for 2015-16 will not be increased. This year's budget includes funding for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Summer Games to be held in Millbrook in August through our Economic Development Fund. The event is expected to attract thousands of athletes and their families to our region as many facilities in the Town and County are being used to host this event. The budget also includes an investment of \$200,000 in equipment to recycle Styrofoam and keep it out of our Balefill Facility. Aligned with our Waste Management Programs and Initiatives, the investment will see nearly 30 Tonnes of Styrofoam being diverted annually from our Balefill and being sold in the market. In addition to saving on valuable balefill capacity, it will also generate revenue to offset the investment in a short period of time and then be a source of revenue in the future.

The big news is that the County of Colchester has purchased the Palliser property after four years of negotiations. This property, with its accessibility, visibility and prime viewing area for the local tidal bore, has many opportunities for tourism for Truro and all of Colchester County. Planning has started for the development of the property, which include both short term and long term plans.

The RECC hosted three major events in April. The Harlem Globe Trotters attracting 3,100 visitors; the Colchester Home Show; and the Sammy Kershaw tribute to George Jones was enjoyed by 1900 fans. A resident attending the show with his wife commented, "It was great. We need to have more of them". Reflecting on the success of these events, it is worthy of note, that besides the economic benefit of these events, there is a significant benefit to our residents by having these events in our community rather than having to travel to Halifax, pay for higher ticket prices and spend on travel, driving, parking and eating out. Both the Councils of Colchester County and Town of Truro hope that our residents will continue to support and enjoy the RECC for the many activities and events it provides.

Bob Taylor,
Mayor

Staffing

Congratulations to the following employees who have recently changed their employment status at the Municipality: Jennifer Boiduk, Administrative Support Clerk, Recreation Services; Gerald Lapatha, Sorter/ Labourer, Materials Recovery Facility; and Todd Jones, Sorter/ Labourer, Materials Recovery Facility.

Also, the following employees have recently changed positions within the Municipality: James Cook, Traffic Controller/ Utility Worker, Balefill; Shannon Furlotte, Accounts Payable/ Payroll Clerk; Randy Currie, Site Supervisor, Wastewater Collection; Blaise Watson, Manager of Operations, Transportation and Wastewater Collection; Tim Sharpe, Manager of Utility Services; Scott Hoyt, Wastewater Plant Supervisor; and Ashley A'Court, Scale House Operator, Balefill. Congratulations!

Recreation

Municipal Regional Parks Now Open



Plan your visit today to one of the Municipality's three regional parks: Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park and Nelson Memorial Park. These day-use parks have picnic facilities, walking paths, playgrounds and river or ocean views. Free admission. For directions and more information, visit www.colchester.ca/parks or phone 902-897-3180.

To inquire about reservations for special events or group use, visit www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form or phone 902-897-3185.

STEWIACKE RIVER PARK

A quiet natural area beside the Stewiacke River, this park has walking trails perfect for strolling with family and friends. Sit under old growth pine and hemlock trees. Enjoy views of the river, wildflowers, birds and other wildlife. Bring a picnic to share at one of several shelters beside the river. Kids love the playground in the heart of the park.



Once upon a time, there was a new playground in a beautiful park in a quiet forest, and children came from all around to swing and climb, to run and explore...

NELSON MEMORIAL PARK

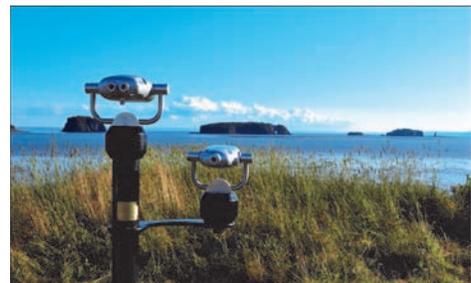
Situated beside Tatamagouche Bay, this park is a great place to spend an afternoon. Explore the new walking trails, and after your walk, enjoy a picnic and the view from the new timber frame picnic shelter. Ride your bicycle along the Butter Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail) and stop to enjoy the beauty of the flower gardens.



The picnic shelters in the regional parks can be reserved for special events with family and friends. Contact us for details at 902-897-3185.

FIVE ISLANDS LIGHTHOUSE PARK

At Five Islands Lighthouse Park, enjoy a picnic under the timber frame picnic shelter, stroll along the beach, or sail away on the ship playground. During July and August, the 102 year old lighthouse is open to visitors. Take in the panoramic view of the Minas Basin - on a clear day you can see all five islands: the Old Wife (part of Five Islands Provincial Park), The Brothers (Two Islands), Cape Blomidon and Cape Split.



Five Islands Lighthouse Park - a view that changes with the tide. Some say that this park has a million dollar view, but we think it is priceless.

Mobile Skate Park



The Municipality of Colchester's Mobile Skate Park could be coming to a community near you! Skills clinics will be offered throughout the summer to teach participants a variety of skills in skateboarding.

As well, drop-in times will give youth in Colchester County the opportunity to skateboard in a safe, fun and supervised environment.

Locations and dates will be available soon at www.colchester.ca/Residents/Recreation.

Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

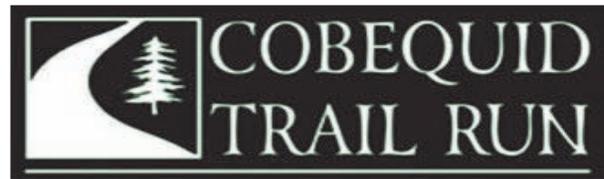
Upcoming application deadlines:

Community Trail Funding Program
June 5, 2015

Community Park Funding Program
September 15, 2015

Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups
October 10, 2015

For program details and application forms, visit www.colchester.ca/rec-grants.



Sunday August 30, 2015
5K, 10K & Half Marathon
Flat... Fast... Fun...

<http://www.colchester.ca/colchester-cobequid-trail-run>

Whether you are new to running or trying to set a personal best, the Cobequid Trail Run has something for everyone. This out-and-back route on a flat and fast trail surface is a must try event! Starting and finishing near the NSCC Truro Campus on Arthur Street and heading along the trail to Old Barns where the Cobequid Bay awaits to run beside you.



Deadline for applications
July 1, 2015
September 1, 2015

For more information, contact
Recreation Services at
902-897-3185.



Fun in the Sun Day Camps 2015

Hey kids! Want to have fun and be active this summer? Join us for **Fun in the Sun** when we visit your community. Each week is jam packed with fun outdoor games, group activities, sports and lots of fun to keep you moving all summer long.

Fun in the Sun camp locations and dates will be available at www.colchester.ca/fun-in-the-sun-day-camps mid-May, with registration beginning Monday, June 1, 2014 at Colchester Recreation, located at 1 Church Street, Truro, on the 3rd floor.

Are you alumni of Fun in the Sun Day Camp? Are you interested in passing on the fun of day camp to the kids in your community? Inquire about becoming a Junior Day Camp Leader. Contact us at trobblee@colchester.ca.



**Smoke-Free
Outdoor Recreation**



To support smoke-free outdoor recreation activities, in 2012 Council designated all Municipal outdoor recreation sites as smoke-free spaces. We thank you for your cooperation as together we encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellness for all.

Colchester Bike Week

June 4th – June 15th

Cycling season is here! Are you ready to ride? The 9th annual Colchester Bike Week takes place **June 4th – June 15th** with free activities to promote and celebrate cycling. Get set to join a group bike ride, take part in local bicycle rodeos and other fun activities, or simply ride at your leisure with family or friends. Check for Bike Week details at www.colchester.ca/bike-week and in local media.

Bike Week encourages cycling as a healthy, efficient, practical, affordable and fun part of community life in communities across the province.

If you would like to volunteer for Bike Week, please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185. Colchester Bike Week is part of Nova Scotia Bike Week (www.nsbikeweek.ca).

Colchester County Trails...Pathways to Active Adventures!

Adventures await on the terrific trails in Colchester County. With more than 150 km of walking and cycling trails to explore, our county has something for everyone.

Walk to your heart's content along the seacoast. Hike to waterfalls in the hills. Run like the wind through the park. Bike where train whistles used to blow. Stroll beside wonderful wetlands. Relax by the brook or the bay.

Explore a new trail this summer! To plan your next trail adventure, visit www.colchester.ca/trails.

Cobequid Trail Celebration

We are celebrating International Trails Day with the Grand Opening of a new section of the Cobequid Trail! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on June 5, 2015 at 1:30 pm (rain or shine) at the trailhead at Village Court, Bible Hill. Wear comfortable footwear for exploring the trail. Meandering along Farnham Brook between Bible Hill and Valley, this new 1.7 km trail was developed by the Municipality of Colchester and Village of Bible Hill with support from landowners.

For more information, visit www.colchester.ca/cobequid-trail or phone 902-897-3180.



Community Development

Swimming Pools

In the County of Colchester, if you are located in a zoned area, you are required to have a permit to install a swimming pool for:



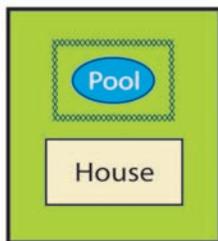
All above-ground swimming pools that have a depth exceeding 1m (3.3 ft or 39 inches)



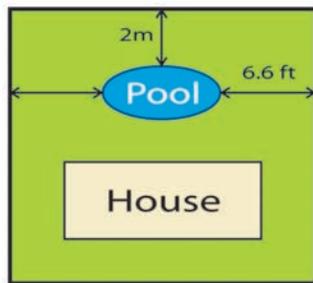
All in-ground swimming pools that have a depth exceeding 0.46m (1.5 ft or 18 inches)

These swimming pools must:

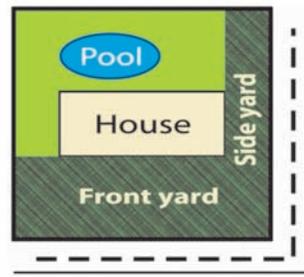
1. Be enclosed by a fence having a minimum height of 1.5 m (4.9 ft or 59 inches)



2. Be setback a minimum of 2 m (6.6 ft or 79 inches) from any property line



3. Not be located within any required yard that abuts a street right-of-way



Should you have any questions, please contact the Development Officer at 902-897-3170.

Building Inspection Frequently Asked Questions



Q. Do I need detailed construction drawings submitted for a new home or addition?

A. Yes, all plans must be drawn to scale including foundation plans that identify all aspects of the proposed construction.

Q. Can I draw my own plans?

A. Yes, if they are done legibly and to proper scale showing all elevations, room sizes, construction details, window sizes and all exterior finishes.

Q. What happens if I forget, or the contractor does not call for a required inspection and the work gets covered up?

A. Unfortunately, the Municipality is mandated by law to carry out the mandatory inspections identified on your Building Permit and will issue an Order to uncover the work so that the inspection can be completed by a Municipal Building Inspector to ensure it complies with the current Building Code.

Q. Can I do my own plumbing, electrical or mechanical work for my proposed construction?

A. No, all of these trades are Designated Trades by the Province which requires only licensed tradesmen to do such work which will be verified with your Building Permit.

Q. Do I need a final inspection and when can I move into my new home if it is not 100% complete?

A. Yes, an Occupancy Permit is required before you can move into your new home. If there are no unsafe conditions within your home, occupancy will be granted by the Municipal Building Inspector during an inspection.

Q. Does the Building Code provide less restrictive construction methods for a camp or cottage?

A. No, unfortunately when power is required for a proposed camp or cottage, there are no exceptions in the Building Code for less restrictive building practices. Therefore, they must comply to the same standards as new home construction.



Q. Do I need a Building Permit to build my own garage?

A. Yes, only small accessory buildings such as baby barns not exceeding 215 ft² are exempt from requiring a Building Permit.

Civic Number Maintenance



With the arrival of Spring and the snow cover melted away, now is the time to check if your civic number posted at the end of your driveway has been damaged or destroyed. If so, please repair or replace as soon as possible. Many local fire departments sell civic number signs to fundraise for the department at a reasonable cost.

For a list of places to obtain signs or help in identifying your civic number, contact Property Information at 902-897-3170.

Animal Control

Leaving Pets in Cars



Many of us enjoy the company of our pets and love to take them everywhere. Unfortunately, stores and restaurants have strict regulations and cannot allow pets inside. Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car for any period of time. If it is necessary for pets to temporarily wait in the car, keep in mind that the temperature inside a car heats up considerably even after air conditioning has been on and is always higher than the temperature outside. In fact, on a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 48°C in a matter of minutes with the car windows partially open.

The normal body temperature of an average dog is about 39°C and some breeds with longer hair are warmer naturally. Pets can tolerate an internal temperature of 41°C for only a short time before suffering brain damage, heatstroke or suffocation when trapped in high temperatures.

If a pet is exposed to high temperatures:

- Be alert for the signs of heat stress - heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, unsteadiness, staggering gait, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue;
- Lower his/ her body temperature immediately by moving your pet into the shade and apply cool, not cold, water all over his/ her body;
- Apply ice packs or cold towels to your pet's head, neck and chest only;
- Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes; and
- Finally, take your pet directly to a veterinarian - it could save your pet's life.



Pets in hot cars are in distress and it is an offence to cause or permit an animal to be in distress, so if you see an animal in a car exhibiting any signs of heat stress, call the local RCMP or Town Police Department immediately!

Trans Canada Trail: The Colchester Connection



Initiated in 1992 as a project to celebrate Canada's 125th year, the Trans Canada Trail is the world's longest network of multi-use recreational trails. When completed, it will stretch 23,000 km from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic Oceans, through every province and territory, linking over 1,000 communities and all Canadians.

The Trans Canada Trail is a community-based project. Trail sections are owned, operated and maintained by local trail organizations, provincial authorities, national agencies and municipalities across Canada. The Trans Canada Trail does not own or operate any trail. The goal in Nova Scotia, and nationally, is to connect the Trail as a continuous route by 2017, the 25th anniversary of the Trail and Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

In Colchester County, the proposed route of the Trans Canada Trail includes some of the best trails in the county: the Butter Trail and Shortline Trail along the Northumberland Shore, the hiking trails in Gully Lake Wilderness Area, parts of the Cobequid Trail and trails in Stewiacke. The proposed route also includes sections of scenic secondary roads, through rolling hills and alongside spectacular rivers, highlighting some of Colchester's rich cultural and natural heritage. For more information about the Trans Canada Trail, visit www.tctrail.ca or to get involved in the Trans Canada Trail initiative in Colchester County, contact the Parks and Trails Coordinator at 902-897-3180.

Waste Resource Management

Waste Reduction Helpline: 902-895-4777

Website: www.colchester.ca

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Colchester Balefill Facility

188 Mingo Road, Exit 18
Highway # 104, Kemptown

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Reminder: All visitors must report to the scale house prior to unloading materials. The Scale House Operator can accept cash, personal cheque, or Interac as payment for disposal. The scale house is **not** equipped with a credit card machine. All loads must be tarped to prevent litter problems. Untarped loads will be subject to a \$20.00 surcharge.

Material Recovery Facility

185 Mingo Road, Exit 18
Highway # 104, Kemptown

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Balefill and Materials Recovery Facilities will be **closed** on the following holidays: Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day; Monday, August 3rd for the Civic Holiday; and Monday, September 7th for Labour Day.

If your regular collection day for organics and garbage or recyclables falls on a holiday, an alternate collection will take place on the **following Saturday**. Please refer to your waste collection schedule for details. Material must be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.

2015 Hazardous Waste Disposal – Dates to Remember

Dates of Operation	
June 6 th	July 4 th
August 8 th	September 12 th
October 3 rd	November 7 th

Location: Clean Harbors, 640 MacElmon Road, Debert, Exit 13, Highway # 104

Hours of Operation: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



This **FREE** service is for residents of the Municipality of Colchester and the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke.



2015 Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

May 30th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Industrial Building,
Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill

Attention Farmers: Silage Plastic Pilot - Extension June 2015

The agricultural silage plastic pilot has been extended until the end of June 2015. Due to the late arrival of spring and most of the material been buried under snow, the pilot project has been extended. This will enable farmers to have an opportunity to bring their silage wrap to the Colchester Material Recovery Facility in Kemptown for free. The pilot project is to determine the quality of the material and if it is acceptable for our process.



If you would like more details on the pilot, please contact the Materials Recovery Facility Manager, Jann McFarlane at 902-897-0450, ext. # 101 or email jmcfarlane@colchester.ca.

Spring Clean Up 2015 – Remaining Areas!

Spring Clean Up is nearing completion for another year!

Remaining Spring Clean Up Dates:

May 19 th - May 22 nd	Zone 8
May 25 th - May 29 th	Zone 1 and Zone 2
June 1 st - June 5 th	Zone 3 and Zone 4

Please use the following tips to help ensure a successful bulky waste cleanup:

- Smaller items must be placed in **clear bags, bundled or boxed** for collection. Items placed in **blue or black bags WILL NOT be collected.**
- Items can only be set curbside the weekend prior to your collection week.
- Material must be placed within 6 feet of the road by **7:00 am on the Monday** of your week.
- The total amount set out should not exceed 650 pounds (imagine the amount that could fit into the back of a half tonne truck). Individual items cannot exceed 50 pounds, with the exception of furniture and appliances.
- A number of trucks will pass by your home collecting specific items. **These trucks will pass by once.** Roads are inspected at the end of the day ensuring all acceptable items are collected. **Material set out after the trucks have passed will not be collected.**
- Metal items are collected by a special truck. When placing material at the curb, please try to keep metal items separate from other items.
- Unacceptable items must be **promptly** removed from the curb by the resident after all of the trucks have passed.



If you have questions on what items can or cannot be placed curb side or where you can dispose of unacceptable items properly, please phone the Helpline at 902-895-4777 or visit www.colchester.ca. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Do You Have a Vehicle That's Lost Its Get Up and Go?



The Municipality of Colchester will have it removed for free through the annual Derelict Vehicle Program.

If you are interested in this program, call **902-897-0450 ext. # 111** with the following information: name, address, phone number, vehicle information (year, make and model) and VIN number. After this information is received, the Waste Management Officer will arrange a site visit. Collection of the vehicles takes place in the Fall.

Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up

THE Great NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP

Spring weather is arriving and with it comes the litter and garbage underneath all that melted snow. After a very long winter and an unprecedented amount of snow, litter is making an unsightly appearance like never before. The Clean Foundation has a solution and is inviting all Nova Scotians (families, youth, individuals, businesses and schools) to once again take part in the Great NS Pick-Me-Up! Last year, there was an enormous amount of support for this program with over 18 thousand participants and over 250 teams.

Registration for clean-up teams is open and you are welcome to choose **any** clean-up date you like. You will also be showcased on our clean-up map with your entries! When you register, we will mail you a free clean-up kit that includes garbage bags, blue bags, a t-shirt, a booklet, a data card to track your clean-up results and posters to rally members of your community.

You also have a chance to show how **'Glad you are to clean up litter'** in Nova Scotia – and **win money!** If you register a litter clean-up group through the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up this 2015 season, you can win clean, cold cash. Post a photo of your clean-up crew in action on Facebook using the hashtag **#GladToCleanUp** and you could win \$500! Along with the photo, include the name of your registered group and the city/ town the clean-up was held in. The photo with the most 'likes' in each of the seven waste regions by **June 30th** will win a \$500 cash prize thanks to our title sponsor, GLAD.

For more information, contact Charlynn Robertson at crobertson@clean.ns.ca or call 902-420-7937. To get more detail on how you can sign up, check out their website: <http://clean.ns.ca/programs/waste/great-nova-scotia-pick-me-up/>.

Register today for the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up and thank you for picking up litter clean across Nova Scotia!

Illegal Dumps

Illegal dumps can be reported to the Colchester Helpline at **902-895-4777**. Our goal is to have the sites cleaned up as soon as possible to protect the wildlife, water and soil from contamination. When evidence is found at a site that is linked to a person or property owner, the person is given an opportunity to clean up the site prior to tickets and charges being laid.

PLEASE HELP STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING!



Never Miss Another Collection Day or Clean Up Week!



We are very excited about our online customized calendar and reminder service for waste collection! Check it out on our website: <http://www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling>. Enter your civic address and your customized calendar, specific to your home address, can be printed and synced with your own electronic calendar. Reminders can be received weekly by phone, email or Twitter. Once signed up, we can contact you instantly if/ when changes occur to collection in your area.

Smart Phone or Tablet user? Download our Colchester Waste Resource Management app for free on Apple and Android devices.

Don't have a computer, printer or smartphone? No Problem! Call us at 902-895-4777 and we will be happy to mail you a customized calendar and set this service up for you.



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902-897-3150, 902-897-3175

Administration
Tax Office
Public Works

Community Development 902-897-3170
Building Inspection
Development Officer
Animal Control

Property Information 902-897-3178
Colchester Recreation 902-897-3185
recreation@colchester.ca

Materials Recovery Facility and
Regional Balefill Facility 902-897-0450
Waste & Recycling Helpline
902-895-4777
helpline@colchester.ca

Fax Numbers

Courthouse Building

Administration 902-843-4066
Community Development 902-843-4061
Finance / Tax Office 902-843-4067
Human Resources 902-843-4063
Information Services 902-843-4068
Property Information 902-843-4062
Engineering/Public Works 902-843-4064
Recreation Services 902- 843-4065

External Locations

- Regional Sewage Treatment Plant 902- 897-0335
- Public Works Building 902-895-5251
 - Water Utilities 902-641-3102
 - Materials Recovery Facility & Waste Reduction 902-897-0453
- Recycling Operations 902-897-0453
- Regional Balefill Facility 902-895-2307

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Colchester Heritage Sites

Isgonish Marsh Burying Grounds Association

Marsh Road, Belmont

The Isgonish Marsh Burying Grounds are located off the Plains Road in Belmont and was registered as a Municipal Heritage Property in Colchester County on January 30, 1997. Isgonish Marsh is the site of the burying grounds of the first settlers in the district of the Londonderry Township. The gravestones on site date from the 1790's to the 1890's, making the burying grounds over 220 years old. Approximately 35 people were buried on this property; however, it is thought that there are many more unmarked graves located here.



The gravestones include family names still common in the community such as the Crowes, Barnhills, Wilsons, Peppards and Grahams, among others. The site has been maintained as an early burial ground and is not active as a modern cemetery. In 1987, the Isgonish Marsh Burying Grounds Association was formed to restore the site which had become run down with many broken stones and overgrown with alders, etc. Regular maintenance continues today.

For more information on the Isgonish Marsh Burying Grounds and other cemeteries in Colchester County, as well as other counties in Nova Scotia, visit <http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/NS/>.

Spring Reminders

Some things to remember as winter fades and spring approaches:

- Cleanup of gravel and debris left on lawns following snow plowing is the responsibility of the home owner.
- Be careful what you flush! Cloth and textile wipes can create blockages in our sewer and get caught up in our treatment plant equipment.
- All connections to our sewer system require a permit and applications are available at the Colchester County office.
- All connections to our sewer system now require a cleanout at the property line.
- If your foundation drains connect into the roadside ditch, don't forget to protect yourself with a backflow prevention valve.
- If you live on a County-owned road and want to fill in your ditch, or build a new driveway, don't forget to apply for a permit!
- As construction season begins, please slow down when work crews are present.

If you have any questions regarding sewers, roads and sidewalks, call the Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.