



# Municipality of the County of Colchester

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## The Former Palliser Property: Rich History and Exciting Future

The Municipality of Colchester has recently purchased the 10 acre former Palliser Restaurant & Motel property located in Lower Truro, directly off Exit 14 along Highway # 102. Over the next couple of months, Council will be exploring a new future for the property that has already experienced a lengthy and interesting history.

The first documented history of the site began with the arrival of the Planters to Truro. When the Acadians were expelled from the region in 1755; 6 years later, in 1761, settlers from New England, Ireland and Scotland arrived in the area of Lower Truro. Andrew Gammel, an American farmer who was among the first wave of Loyalist settlers in Truro, was the first owner of the property. The land stayed in the possession of the Gammel family until 1790, when Robert Johnson purchased the land for £9.



*Palliser Motel Circa 1950*

It was around this time when Johnson purchased the land that the area was known for its marine operations. Pioneered by Charles Dickson, James Crowe and Captain Robert Merriam, Board Landing, as it was called, was a shipyard and dock for wooden vessels. A total of 26 ships were documented to have been built on the land (including at least one for Samuel Cunard), a number that would have been estimated to be more than 100 if undocumented vessels and ships built near Board Landing were included.

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## Message from the Mayor

County Council does not meet during the month of July and the summer is usually a “slow” time for the Municipality. However, this summer there has been a lot on the go.

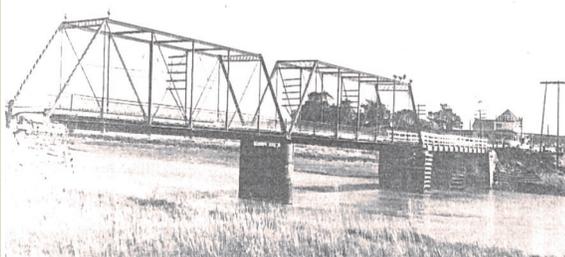
Subsequent to acquiring the “former Palliser property”, the County’s Public Works staff has completed the renovations to the Interpretive Building and staff from Central Nova Tourist Association (CNTA) has been on site to welcome and inform visitors. There have been a lot of visitors this summer and the response has been very positive. Although the plan was to have all the buildings on the site demolished and removed by June 15<sup>th</sup>, environmental assessments mandated by Provincial regulations have delayed the process, thus affecting the tourist season. Once the demolition is completed, the County will hold consultation with the public and stakeholders on long term plans for the property.

There have been an amazing number of festivities in many communities in the County

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Shipbuilding in the Fundy region slowly diminished by the mid 1800's and the shipyard at Board Landing eventually closed around 1873. The closure was due mostly to the introduction of larger iron ships and railways, with the increase of production and advances in technology during the Industrial Revolution.



*The Board Landing Bridge (September 25, 1970)*

The Board Landing property returned to its former state when Truro was occupied by Acadian and British farmers and was used as a farm until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, until the time of the Second World War. The farm was run by the Dickie family during this period.

The year 1860 brought about significant changes to the area when a road through the property, Tidal Bore Road, was selected as the new route for the old Highway # 2. The Board Landing Bridge was built across the Salmon River around 1860 and provided a connection from Lower Truro to Onslow, but also from Amherst to Halifax, drastically shortening travel time. In the 1940's, roadside cabins were established on the property to capitalize on the tourists passing through the area. Ten years later, in 1953, the business was purchased and renamed to the Tideview Motel. The owner, Mr. L.S. Hatfield, renovated the cabins into motel rooms and constructed the dining room, the banquet room and the gift shop in the same year. He eventually sold his business to Allan Bruce, who owned and operated the Palliser Motel for 42 years, until 2012.

The Municipality recognizes the community value of the property as a viewing location for the tidal bore and as a gateway to the Bay of Fundy. A formal Master Plan process will commence this fall and a web site will be created to help keep the community up to date with the property's redevelopment. Expect to see a link to online information in September on the Municipality's website, [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca).



*Visitor Centre renovations*

Since taking ownership, the first objective of the Municipality was to clean up the site for the 2015 tourist season. Garbage has been removed and landscaping has taken place. The small, existing interpretation centre has been renovated and Central Nova Tourist Association staff are providing visitor services. The old, existing buildings have been assessed and determined to be beyond rehabilitation, so they will be slated for demolition once the tourist season has passed. The tidal bore continues to draw spectators daily with 60 to 100 visitors for each tide.

## Wild Parsnip



Wild Parsnip is an invasive plant that is becoming more common in the Municipality of Colchester. Often found in fields, meadows, yards, roadsides and trails, in moist to dry soils, these plants can grow up to 1 ½ metres in height and produce small, yellow green flowers in umbrella shaped clusters from May to September.

The plant sap is the danger as it contains chemicals that may cause skin irritation and make the skin prone to severe burning and blistering when exposed to the sun. The blisters typically occur within one to two days after contact and can result in long term scarring. The best way to protect yourself from the plant is to become familiar with what it looks like, so you don't get accidentally burned.



If you are in contact with the plant sap, avoid sun exposure until you are able to wash the contaminated area(s) thoroughly and seek medical attention if skin irritation occurs.

For additional information on wild parsnip visit [www.natureconservancy.ca/en/what-we-do/resource-centre/invasive-species/wild-parsnip.html](http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/what-we-do/resource-centre/invasive-species/wild-parsnip.html).

## Public Works

### Storm Sewer Pipes and Grates

The Municipality is requesting your assistance in keeping our storm sewer pipes and grates clear of debris.

Blocked storm sewer systems can cause rainwater to spill onto the street and, in some cases, may cause damage to basements where residents have connected their footing drains into the storm sewer. Our storm sewer system also empties into a downstream brook and we want to keep the environment as clean as possible.



This photo was taken at the outlet of a Municipal storm sewer. This type of debris can get lodged in the storm sewer, causing blockages, and can also affect the downstream fish habitat. All types of debris such as food wrappers, containers, sticks, rocks and beverage containers should be kept away from storm sewer grates. Also, please ask children to be mindful that items should never be placed through the storm sewer grates, nor should the grates be lifted out of place, as open grates are a safety hazard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.

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#### **Message from the Mayor** (continued from page 1)

throughout the summer months. Hats off to all the community volunteers who have put so much time and effort into these events to make them a success.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Not-Since-Moses Run was held in Five Islands, after a one year absence. This is an amazing event, very well organized and attracts people from all over the world, many of them coming to our County for this one event. The recognition and economic benefit to our County is huge. The organizers are planning the next event for August 21, 2016.

The County was fortunate to be the recipient of three significant grants this summer: a Provincial grant of \$52,143 for Great Village River Training; a grant of \$156,429 for the McClures Brook cleaning and structure for debris removal; and a grant of \$1,350,504 under the New Build Canada Fund for the Debert Water Tower Replacement. The grants for flood works represent 50% funding for these projects and will allow these projects to proceed this season. At a recent meeting with the Premier, I was informed that Colchester County is the only Municipality in the Province that has applied for Flood Mitigation Funding. It was great to see the Province come through. With matching contributions coming from the Federal Government and the Province, the grant under New Build Canada Fund will make the \$4,051,511 water project a reality and will enable the County to replace aging infrastructure and provide reliable water supply and sufficient fire flows for businesses and residents in the Debert area.

The County has been concerned about new regulations regarding banned materials from landfills. Originally our main concerns were that we presently have a well run recycling program and facility and we were not consulted by the Province before proposing the Extended Producer Responsibility program. Another major concern is as a regional municipality we will be subject to more illegal dumping. Recently, the Province consulted with our Waste Management staff. It appears that this program will proceed and the County believe that we are in an ideal position to have our facility used in this program, which would prove to be a benefit to the County. We hope this can be resolved in future meetings.

Economic development is, and has been, a priority for County Council and staff. Working with our business community and entrepreneurs is underway. At our May 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting we approved the Urban Service Rates for 2015-2016 and are pleased that there were no increases in the rates while still maintaining sufficient reserves.

Bob Taylor,  
Mayor

## Waste Resource Management

**Waste Reduction Helpline: 902-895-4777**

**Website: [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)**

**Follow us on Twitter! @ColchesterWRM**

**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 does **NOT** accept credit cards. All loads must be tarped to prevent litter problems. Untarped loads will be subject to a \$20.00 surcharge.

**Materials 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: Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day and on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day.

If your regular collection day for organics, garbage and 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



**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.

Remaining Dates of Operation
September 12 <sup>th</sup>
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>
November 7 <sup>th</sup>

### Community Paper Shredding Event

There will be a **FREE** community paper shredding event taking place for the residents of the Municipality of Colchester and the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke. Bring all of your papers to this event for secure shredding and recycling. Load up your bags or boxes of old documents and come see us!

- When:** Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Where:** Parking lot of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, 625 Abenaki Road, Truro





## Ready, Set, Fall Clean Up!



It's that time of year again...fall bulky waste cleanup is upon us! Prior to cleaning out your garage, basement or attic, please take the time to follow a few simple tips and reminders on what can and cannot be placed curbside to help ensure a successful fall bulky waste cleanup:

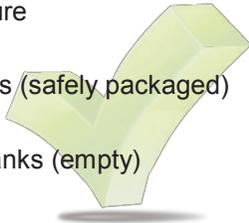
**PLEASE REMEMBER:  
ALL BAGGED GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED IN  
CLEAR BAGS ONLY FOR COLLECTION.**

Garbage placed in blue, black, green, or any other non see through bags **WILL NOT** be collected.

- **Items can only be set curbside the weekend prior to your collection week.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: This is a separate collection from your normal curbside pickup.** Material must be placed within 10 feet of the road by **7:00 am** on the Monday of your week to ensure collection.
- 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 keep metal items separate from the other items.
- Unacceptable items must be **promptly** removed from the curb by the resident after the trucks have passed.
- Keep bags of recyclables and metal items for clean up separate from your regular clean up material. This helps to ensure that collectors can access the various items.
- Smaller items must be bagged **in clear bags**, bundled or boxed for collection.

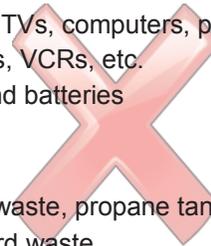
### What's In

- Appliances (one of each type)
- Box springs and mattresses
- Lawn furniture
- Tools
- Broken glass (safely packaged)
- Furniture
- Hot water tanks (empty)
- Toys
- **Bagged garbage**
- **Small amount** of home improvement material (i.e. carpet cut at three foot lengths, a sink, a toilet, a door)



### What's Out

- Construction, renovation, demolition waste
- Commercial waste\*
- Electronics: TVs, computers, printers, stereos, DVD players, VCRs, etc.
- Car parts and batteries
- Liquids
- Tires
- Hazardous waste, propane tanks
- Leaf and yard waste
- Recyclables and organics
- **Garbage placed in non transparent bags**



**NOTE:** \*Commercial waste includes large apartments, farms, businesses and institutions.

## Successful Agricultural Silage Wrap Pilot Project Completed

The Municipality of Colchester hosted a free pilot project for farmers within our municipality to bring their silage wrap to the recycling facility at no cost. This allowed the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) the opportunity to review the material, ensure it was acceptable to be processed through our equipment and have discussions with farmers.



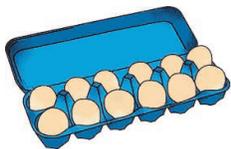
*Unacceptable silage plastic with contaminants of hay and plastic netting*

Four metric tonnes (MT) of silage wrap plastic was received. The average load of uncontaminated material weighed approximately half a tonne. The MRF staff had no problem baling plastic that was relatively free from contamination and the material was able to be sold in existing recycling markets.

For silage plastic recycling to be viable, the material must be free of rocks, soil, feed, twine, net wrap, etc. Farm owners need to be aware of what constitutes an unacceptable level of contamination. Once clear about what is acceptable, only minor changes to handling would be required to ensure the silage plastic is easily recycled.

Now that the pilot project is over, well sorted silage plastic will be accepted at the MRF for a reduced tipping fee of \$87.50/MT vs. \$112/MT. Make sure to inform the scale operator you are bringing silage plastic for recycling. If you would like to know if your silage plastic is acceptable to be recycled contact MRF Manager, Jann McFarlane, at (902) 897-0450 ext.101 to arrange a site visit and assessment.

## Additional Materials for the Recycling Blue Bag in 2016



Residents and commercial outlets will see a change in 2016, by being able to add polystyrene foam foodservice packaging, egg cartons, meat trays and protective packaging to their recycling bins, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Foam Recycling Coalition.

The Municipality of Colchester is the first recipient outside the United States to win a grant from the coalition. The grant program is designed to increase the collection, processing and marketing of post-consumer polystyrene foam in North America.

The grant money will be used to upgrade the facility and to purchase equipment that will compact polystyrene foam into bricks prior to transportation to the end markets. The recovered foam will be processed in the Materials Recovery Facility in Kemptown.

“Colchester demonstrated to us a strong desire and commitment to recycle foam, which is exactly what we’re looking for from our grant winners,” said Lynn Dyer, president of the Foodservice Packaging Institute, which houses the coalition. “In particular, their customer communications and outreach plans will highlight how easy it is to recycle and process foam.”

Although polystyrene products have long been recognized as a valuable commodity, the expense of shipping a product to market that is mostly air has deterred the recycling of this material. With recent developments in densifying equipment, it is possible to get recycled polystyrene material to markets in a cost effective manner.



To stay up-to-date on when this product will be added to the recycling stream for Colchester residents, sign up for the electronic calendar at [www.colchester.ca/collection-schedules](http://www.colchester.ca/collection-schedules). You will receive reminders and updates of any service changes in solid waste management by your choice of email, telephone or twitter. Traditional public service announcements will also be utilized to provide updates on our progress.

## Colchester Solid Waste Facilities' Open House Event!

Mark your calendar and join us for a **FREE** day packed with fun for the entire family and discover "Where does it go?"

We will be serving up a free BBQ with cake, guided facility tours of the Balefill, Compost and Recycling Facilities, Touch-a-Truck, games, door prizes and much, much more!

There's something for everyone, so stop by and see all of the new and exciting changes at the Solid Waste Department in Kempton.



**Join Us!**

**Municipality of Colchester  
Solid Waste Facilities'  
Open House Event**

*Discover... "Where does it go?"*

**Saturday September 19th 10am—2pm**  
**185 Mingo Road, Kempton, NS**

**Enjoy a FREE Day Packed  
with Fun for the Entire Family!**

- BBQ & Cake
- Guided Facility Tours  (Balefill, Compost & Recycling)
- Touch-a-Truck - Bring your Camera!
- Games
- Door Prizes
- And much, much more!

Helpline 902.895.4777 [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) @ColchesterWRM

## Calling All Artists: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Acquisition



Local artists are invited to participate in the Municipality's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Acquisition. Artists must apply to participate and can submit up to three pieces of work. The show will take place Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at McCarthy Hall, Nova Scotia Community College, Truro Campus.

Various works of art will be featured in the art show, proudly hosted each year by the Municipality of Colchester. During the show, a committee will select a work of art to be added to the Municipality's permanent public display, located on the main floor of the Municipal Building, 1 Church Street, Truro. The selection is based on quality of the art, the historic development and lifestyle of Colchester County and the medium used.

If you would like to enter your work to be considered for selection or would like to find out more about the Annual Art Acquisition, contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185, email: [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca) or visit our website: [www.colchester.ca/art-acquisition](http://www.colchester.ca/art-acquisition).

## Tax Sale

The next Tax Sale is tentatively scheduled for November 24, 2015. The sale will take place in Council Chambers and will be advertised in the local newspaper as well as on our website. For more information about tax sales, please visit our website at [www.colchester.ca/tax-sales](http://www.colchester.ca/tax-sales) or call the Tax Office at 902-897-3150.

**TAX SALE**

## Recreation

### Municipal Regional Parks

Fall is a wonderful time for outdoor activities. Plan your visit today to one of our three municipal regional parks which feature picnic facilities, walking paths, playgrounds, and river or ocean views. At Five Islands Lighthouse Park climb aboard the ship playground, or bring a picnic and enjoy the amazing, panoramic view of the Five Islands and Minas Basin. At Nelson Memorial Park in Tatamagouche, stroll along the new walking trails and experience the forest,



*Five Islands Lighthouse Park*

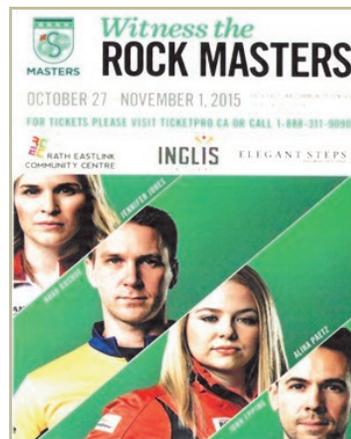
floral gardens, the Trans Canada Trail, and views of Tatamagouche Bay. At Stewiacke River Park enjoy the fall colours while picnicking or walking along the trails in the park. For your convenience, Five Islands Lighthouse Park and Stewiacke River Park have wheelchair accessible washrooms.



*Stewiacke River Park*

Admission is free to these day use parks. The regional parks are open until October 12<sup>th</sup> and will re-open in May 2016. For more information and directions, please visit [www.colchester.ca/parks](http://www.colchester.ca/parks) or phone 902-897-3180.

Picnic shelters at the regional parks may be reserved, free of charge, for family or group events. For reservation inquiries, please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185, or use the on-line reservation form: [www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form](http://www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form).



### Pinty's Grand Slam Curling

Truro and Colchester County will be welcoming athletes from across the world in October.

Witness the Rock Masters as the Town of Truro/ Municipality of Colchester host the Grand Slam of Curling at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) from October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, visit [www.thegrandslamofcurling.com/](http://www.thegrandslamofcurling.com/) and for tickets visit [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or call 1-888-311-9090.

### Upcoming Kidsport Application Deadlines:

November 1, 2015  
January 1, 2016



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



### Love a Trail: Great Trails, Dedicated Volunteers

Colchester County is fortunate to have many wonderful trails. Did you know that many trails here are developed and maintained by dedicated volunteer organizations? Are you interested in meeting other trail enthusiasts and giving back to your favorite trail? Consider lending a hand during a trail volunteer work day. If interested, contact the Parks and Trails Coordinator at 902-897-3180.

## Introducing...Blue Route!

Blue Route is a province-wide project to create a continuous network of bicycling infrastructure in Nova Scotia. Once completed, Blue Route will be comprised of a 3,000 km network of signed roads, trails and pathways that connect bicyclists with communities across our province. By developing safe, well-connected bicycle routes, Blue Route will make it easier for Nova Scotians to get around the province on two wheels.



The launch of the first Blue Route segment took place on August 6, 2015 in Pictou. Blue Route partners, including Bicycle Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, cut the ribbon (blue, of course) and joined a crowd of enthusiastic supporters, many from Colchester County, who rode their bicycles on part of the first segment. The first Blue Route segment is 56 km long; running from East Mountain/ Valley in Colchester County, along Trunk # 4, to Central West River, Pictou County, following Highway # 376 into Pictou and following the Jitney Trail for about 3 km to the Pictou waterfront.

Stay tuned for future updates about Blue Route in Colchester County and across the province! For more information, go to [www.blueroute.ca](http://www.blueroute.ca).

## Babes on Blades

Hey ladies, have you ever wanted to learn to play hockey? Here's your chance.... Babes on Blades is back for another year! This "learn to" hockey program is designed to teach the basics of hockey to women with little or no experience. Participants will learn basic skills including:

- Stopping/ Starting
- Turning
- Steps to add power to your skating
- Forward/ backward skating
- Forward/ backward crosscuts
- Develop skating confidence

**Pre-registration is required as space is limited!**

**For more details contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).**



## Awesome Autumn Adventures

Fall in Nova Scotia is a fantastic time of year to explore your favourite trail. The season brings cooler temperatures, fewer biting insects, and vibrant forest colours! To plan a trail adventure, visit [www.colchester.ca/trails](http://www.colchester.ca/trails) for information about walking, hiking and cycling trails in Colchester County.



*Butter Trail,  
Tatamagouche*



*Farnham Brook section,  
Cobequid Trail*



*Chain Lake Stream Falls,  
Kenomee Canyon Trail*



*Gully Lake Trail*



*Headlands Trail at  
Thomas' Cove*

## Municipal Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Application deadlines for the following Municipal funding/ grants are as follows:



<u>FUNDING OPPORTUNITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups	October 9, 2015
Grants to Non-Profit Organizations	January 29, 2016
Community Trail Funding Program	January 29, 2016
Community Park Funding Program	February 26, 2016
Not-for-Profit Economic Development Grant	No Deadline

For additional information on program details and application forms, visit [www.colchester.ca/rec-grants](http://www.colchester.ca/rec-grants).

## Animal Control

### Pet Safety During Hunting/ Trapping/ Snaring Season

Fall means hunting/ trapping/ snaring season for many residents and animal lovers, so whether you let your cats outside, go hiking or hunting with your dogs, or live near a hunting area, autumn is a great time to remember how to safely share the woods while protecting pets.

There are several things that can help minimize the risks the season brings:

- **Outfit your dogs with bright clothing.** Many sporting goods stores have blaze orange reflective vests for dogs. In a pinch, tie brightly colored fabric such as a bandana around your dog's neck.
- **Do not let dogs chase deer** regardless of the season. If your dog has this inclination, leashing at all times or reliable voice control is necessary.
- **Make sounds when in the woods.** Whistle or sing as you walk. If you hear shots, shout to make sure hunters know you're there.
- **Consider avoiding hunting areas** altogether and take this opportunity to check out urban parks or take walks through the village and sharpen your dog's heeling skills.
- **If your property borders hunting areas** be cautious letting your dog off-leash in your yard unless they are under close supervision.
- **Maintain control of your dog at all times** and do not allow your dog to run at large as traps are baited with enticing foods which may attract your pet.
- **Do not let pets eat carcasses.** Dogs allowed to roam in hunting areas often find remains of animal carcasses and can become ill from ingesting them.
- **Consider pets' fears.** Some pets become very anxious from the sound of guns. It's best to keep such pets away from areas where they'll hear gunshots. If this occurs near your home, check with your veterinarian for suggestions on how to help keep your pet calm.



The 2015-2016 season begins September 14, 2015 and runs until March 31, 2016. For more information about hunting, trapping and snaring, please visit the Department of Natural Resources website at [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/furbearers/pdf/petowners.pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/furbearers/pdf/petowners.pdf).

## Economic Development

### Business Development Mentorship Initiative

A mentor is someone who is an experienced and trusted advisor. All of us have had mentors in our lives; for example they could be parents, teachers, coaches, friends, clergy or work colleagues. Usually mentors have a great degree of patience, are good listeners, have some valuable experience or expertise and are willing to share their life lessons.

Likewise, business owners can benefit from a mentorship with another business person who offers some valuable knowledge and/ or experience. Sometimes another person outside of a particular business can see an opportunity more clearly or provide a new perspective that wasn't quite clear before. It doesn't matter if a business is relatively new or well established – the right mentor may be able to make a positive impact on the business' operations.

For that reason, the Municipality of Colchester's Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) has set up a pilot Mentorship Initiative, linking interested businesses with seasoned business people who are willing to share their experience and skills. The goals are to grow businesses, to grow employment and ultimately to grow our economy, one business at a time.



BEDAC is comprised of representatives from the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Staff and Municipal Council. BEDAC's goals are threefold:

1. Strengthen existing businesses
2. Encourage new business development
3. Attract business to Colchester County

Look for more information about BEDAC and our Mentorship Initiative in upcoming newsletters, including updates on opportunities to participate as either a mentee or a mentor.

## Council Meeting Schedule: 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

The following is a list of Council, Council Committee and Presentation meetings scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year. Presentation meetings begin at 6:00 pm and both Council Committee and Council meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Finalized agendas for each meeting are available for viewing at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca). All meetings are open to the public to attend.

<u>Presentation</u> **	<u>Council Committee</u>	<u>Council</u>
October 7, 2015	October 15, 2015	October 27, 2015
November 3, 2015	November 12, 2015	November 26, 2015
December 1, 2015	December 10, 2015	_____
January 5, 2016	January 14, 2016	January 28, 2016
February 2, 2016	February 11, 2016	February 25, 2016
March 1, 2016	March 10, 2016	March 31, 2016

\*\* Presentation meetings are held each month, as necessary. If there are no presentations scheduled, the meeting will not take place. Interested in providing a presentation? Please contact the Administration Office at 902-897-3160 to make arrangements.



**Municipality of the  
County of Colchester**

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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](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)

Materials Recovery Facility and  
Regional Balefill Facility 902-897-0450  
Waste & Recycling Helpline  
902-895-4777

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**Fax Numbers**

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Community Development 902-843-4061  
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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

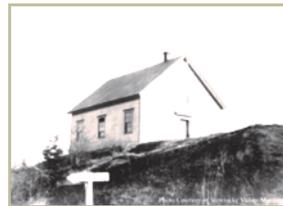
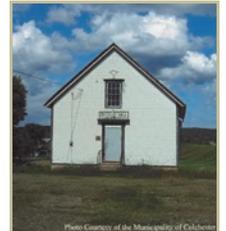
**Municipality of the County of Colchester**

**Colchester Heritage Sites**

**Community Halls in Colchester:  
Former Schoolhouses in Eastville and Central New Annan**

**Eastville Schoolhouse, Eastville**  
*(currently the Eastville Community Hall)*

The Eastville Schoolhouse was officially registered as a Municipal Heritage Property for Colchester County on October 2, 2003. The Schoolhouse was constructed in 1876 with a wood frame construction and is an example of a "Classic Greek Revival" building, an architectural style that became popular around 1830 and continued to be widely used into the first decade of the twentieth century. Interestingly, the school was moved 50 to 75 feet onto a concrete block foundation during the late 1940's, about the same time roads in the area were realigned.



The exterior of the building remains unaltered and is original in all respects except for the steel roofing that would have replaced wooden shakes or shingles and the exterior walls are finished with traditional cedar shingles. Grades 1 through 12 were taught at the Eastville School until 1950 when the South Colchester

High School opened in Brookfield. It is also interesting to note that the Eastville School opened in the same year that Colchester County was incorporated as a Municipality. Today, the former school is used as a Community Hall.



**Wilson Schoolhouse, Central New Annan**  
*(currently the Central New Annan Community Hall)*



Wilson Schoolhouse was officially registered as a Municipal Heritage Property in Colchester County on October 2, 2003. The Schoolhouse was built in 1890 as a wood frame construction by George Kennedy and Robert Wilson and was named after David Wilson who leased the land out for one cent a year.

Grades 1 through 12 were taught at Wilson School until 1950 when North Colchester High School opened in Tatamagouche. Grades Primary to 6 continued to be taught at this schoolhouse until 1966 when it was closed.

The building is also considered an example of the "Classic Greek Revival" style. The area of Central New Annan is associated with Anna Swan Bates, Canada's famed giantess who attended school in the area for ten years. The building is now operated and maintained by the New Annan Community Club as a Community Hall.

