



# Municipality of the County of Colchester

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## 2016 Colchester County and Town of Truro Volunteer Awards



On Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 County and Town Council representatives had the opportunity to thank the following volunteers:

### 2016 Provincial Volunteer Representatives:

Frank Arseneau (Colchester County) and Jude Clyke (Town of Truro)

**Volunteer Award Nominees, Colchester County:** Ken Beck, Russell Bradley, Trudi O'Connell, Daton Pearl, Mark Brownell and Tammy Morrison

**Volunteer Award Nominees, Town of Truro:** David Sullivan, Jake Borden, Dan Hobson, Rock Doane, Jim Flemming, Darlene LeBlanc, Alan MacLean and Terri Bishop

**Youth Volunteer Award Nominee:** Darci Cameron

**Family Volunteer Awards:** The MacKay Family (Colchester County) and The Deuille Family (Town of Truro)

**Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award:** Ryan Rees

**Community Group Volunteer Awards (Colchester County):** Monday Café and Burnside-Pembroke Community Park Association

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 2017, contact Colchester Recreation at [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca) for more information.

## Message from the Mayor



I appreciate the opportunity again this month to report some of the positive things that have happened in our County since the last newsletter and offer some food for thought.

As many of you know, the Municipality of Colchester, the Town of Truro and our other valued neighbouring communities have a wonderful history of working together to address our mutual needs. For a number of years, the County and the Town have provided shared services in the areas of Flood Mitigation; Municipal Water; Wastewater; Waste Management; Emergency Management; and Recreational Services.

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Additionally, a number of capital projects have been undertaken on a regional basis which include: the RECC Facility, the new library and our continued flood mitigation work. On a go-forward basis, the County and the Town are looking to enhance our efforts in the vitally important area of economic development. Our collective efforts to advance and support regional cooperation have long been recognized as a best practice in local government. In fact, most recently, myself and Mayor Bill Mills of Truro made a presentation at the Spring Workshop of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) to share our successes with the municipal leaders of Nova Scotia.

In April, we celebrated Volunteer Week. For the second year, the County held a Volunteer Appreciation Night with the Town of Truro. It was a great opportunity for all of the award recipients to meet one another. In a recent edition of the magazine, "Municipal World", there was an article called 'Social Capital'. The article was about how volunteer groups in some municipalities have stepped up to initiate programs and projects to help make their communities a better place to live and bring up their families. We are fortunate to have a number of vibrant communities in Colchester County, thanks to our volunteers doing a great job of creating and maintaining a community spirit. A quote of interest in that article speaks well of volunteers, "*It is where you are, not who you are*".

Starting in January, and continuing throughout April, the Volunteer Fire Brigades in our County hold their annual banquets. Colchester County is very fortunate to have so many men and women that are willing to commit to the training that is necessary to protect our properties and lives from fire and other hazards; act as First Responders in our communities; maintain their facilities and equipment; and, in many cases, do fundraising. It is encouraging to see so many young men and women getting involved in the Fire Service today and we can't thank these volunteers enough for the services they provide.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, a local Host Committee hosted the Canadian Firefighters Curling Championship at the Truro Curling Club. There were 11 teams from across Canada participating in the event. The County and the Town of Truro were proud to provide sponsorship for this event. It was not only excellent curling but it was a great economic benefit to our Community. It was especially exciting to see one of our own, Chad Stevens and his team from the Chester Fire Brigade, representing Nova Scotia and capturing the gold medal. Many thanks to the Truro Curling Club, the Host Committee, and the many volunteers that made this event such a success.

Economic development continues to be a priority of our Council. It was interesting to read another article in the "Municipal World" magazine entitled 'Build a Community, Not Just an Economy'. It talks about the importance of a municipality building a community by investing in infrastructure, which includes recreation facilities and supporting local businesses and helping them grow. This is exactly what the County of Colchester has been doing, investing in our Community. I believe we are on the right track.

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## Public Works

### Protect Yourself From Sewer Back-Ups

Having to deal with sewage flowing into your home can be a very unpleasant and stressful experience. Sewer back-ups can occur for a number of reasons. Sometimes the main line under the road can become blocked or broken, causing any sewage flows from the neighbourhood to enter your home through your individual sewer connection. Your own sewer lateral can also become blocked or broken, causing any sewage generated in your home to escape from your plumbing at the lowest point in your house – which is often the basement bathroom.

Everyone can play a role in preventing sewer line blockages by disposing of items such as cloth wipes and grease in regular household garbage or compost. Home owners can also protect themselves by ensuring that a backflow preventer is installed on their sewer line as it exits the home. These one-way valves allow sewage to escape from the home, but close when sewage is trying to flow in the reverse direction. If you already have a backflow valve, it should be cleaned out regularly to make sure it closes properly. Contact a local plumber if you need assistance with the installation of a backflow valve.

If you have any questions regarding sewer blockages or backflow preventers, or to report a back-up, please contact the Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.

## Municipal Election 2016

The Municipality of Colchester will hold a Municipal Election on October 15, 2016. To be eligible to vote you must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of Nova Scotia for six months and live in the Municipality of Colchester on the first Advance Poll day.

### Municipal Election Dates

Regular Polls: **Saturday, October 15, 2016** from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Advance Polls: *there will be two Advance Polls – please stay tuned for these dates*

### Advance Polls Open to All Electors

Advance Polls are open to **all electors** who may not be able to vote on Election Day - October 15, 2016.

### Are you thinking of running in the Municipal Election or School Board Election?

Candidates for the positions of Mayor, Municipal Councillor, or School Board Member are asked to contact Lorraine Dawson, Returning Officer, at 902-956-2437 for important information. Information will also be posted on our website, as available, such as the Candidates Guide, a list of important dates, where and when to file your nomination papers and information on campaign signage.

### Voter Notification Cards

Voter Notification Cards will be mailed to the names included on the Voters List in late July. **Please note the Polling Station where you may cast your vote.** If all information is accurate we ask that you take the Notification Card to the polling station on Election Day.

**If you are an eligible voter, and do not receive your card by August 10<sup>th</sup>, or if your information needs to be corrected, please call the Returning Office at 902-956-2437 or the Municipality of Colchester at 902-897-3160 as soon as possible.** Inquiries may concern only the caller since the Municipality is not permitted to release any information about other family members or friends. Callers will be asked to provide their name, date of birth and civic address to verify they are on the voters list. Individuals wanting to be **added** to the voters list will be asked to provide their name, civic and mailing address and date of birth, which the Municipality is required to collect by law. Information is compiled for the Voters List, which will be completed by the last week of September. **No changes can be made to the list after this time so it is important to contact the Returning Office as soon as you have any concerns.**

### Are you new to the Municipality of Colchester or have you moved since January 2016?

If you are new to Colchester or have moved within the Municipality since January 2016 please call Lorraine Dawson at 902-956-2437, to ensure your name is associated with the correct Municipal District for the upcoming Municipal Election.

### Election Workers Needed

The Municipality will require up to 150 individuals to serve as Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) and Poll Clerks to assist at election polling stations set up across Colchester County on both the advance and regular polling dates. If you are interested in working as a Deputy Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk, please contact Lorraine Dawson, Returning Officer, at 902-956-2437 or by email at [ldawson@colchester.ca](mailto:ldawson@colchester.ca).

Visit [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) for important Municipal Election updates!

## Recreation

### Municipal Regional Parks Now Open

Plan your visit today to one of the municipality's three regional parks - Stewiacke River Park, Nelson Memorial Park, and Five Islands Lighthouse 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](http://www.colchester.ca/parks) or phone 902-897-3180.

Visit [www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form](http://www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form) or phone 902-897-3180 to inquire about reservations for special events or group use.



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 103-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!



*Ahoy, kids! Wanted: a captain and sailors for this ship. Must be willing to climb aboard and set sail. Home port: Five Islands Lighthouse Park. Landlubbers welcome.*

## NELSON MEMORIAL PARK

Situated beside Tatamagouche Bay, this park is a great place to spend an afternoon. Explore the new walking trails through the forest and along the shore. Enjoy a picnic and the view from the new timber frame picnic shelter. Stop and smell the roses in the gardens. Play with the kids at the playground. Ride your bicycle along the Butter Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail) to downtown Tatamagouche.

Nelson Memorial Park...Come for an hour, or stay for an afternoon!

*The large picnic shelters in the regional parks, like this one at Nelson Memorial Park, can be reserved for special events with family and friends. Contact us for details at 902-897-3180.*



## STEWIACKE RIVER PARK

A hidden gem. A quiet, natural area. A beautiful park. These are some words we often hear from park visitors. Stroll with family and friends on the walking trails. 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. Take the kids to the new playground in the heart of the park. This park also features river access, and wheelchair-accessible washrooms and picnic shelters.

Stewiacke River Park...Discover its nature!



*Once upon a time, there was a playground in the forest, and children came from all around to swing and climb, to slide and scramble, to explore...*



**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

**5K, 10K & Half Marathon**

*Flat... Fast... Fun...*

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

Registration is now open for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 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! The run starts and finishes near the NSCC Truro Campus on Arthur St. and heads along the rail trail to Lower Truro and Old Barns, where the Cobequid Bay awaits.



### Fun in the Sun Day Camps 2016

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 packed with 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](http://www.colchester.ca/fun-in-the-sun-day-camps) with registration beginning on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at the Cougar Dome from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Registration also takes place at Colchester Recreation at 1 Church Street beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Are you an alumni of Fun in the Sun Day Camps? 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 [rcyna@colchester.ca](mailto:rcyna@colchester.ca) or 902-897-3155.

### Mobile Skate Park

The Municipality of Colchester's Mobile Skate Park could be coming to a community near you! Skill 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, supervised environment.



Locations and dates will be available soon at [www.colchester.ca/Residents/Recreation](http://www.colchester.ca/Residents/Recreation)

## Colchester Bike Week

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Cycling season is here! Are you ready to ride? The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Colchester Bike Week takes place **June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.colchester.ca/bike-week) and in local media. 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. Bike Week in communities across the province encourages cycling as a healthy, efficient, practical, and affordable fun part of community life.



## 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](http://www.colchester.ca/trails).

## June 4<sup>th</sup> is International Trails Day

All are invited to celebrate International Trails Day on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Plan an adventure on your favorite trail, or explore a new trail. For trail information, visit [www.colchester.ca/trails](http://www.colchester.ca/trails).

For International Trails Day events, visit <http://internationaltrailsday.blogspot.ca/>

Happy Trails!

### Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Upcoming application deadlines:

**Community Trail Funding Program**  
June 3, 2016

**Community Park Funding Program**  
September 15, 2016

**Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups**  
October 7, 2016

Please visit [www.colchester.ca/rec-grants](http://www.colchester.ca/rec-grants) for program details and application forms.

### Supporting Healthy, Smoke-free Outdoor Spaces



The Municipality of Colchester created a Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy in 2012. Watch for signs like this posted at municipal outdoor recreation facilities throughout the County as a reminder not to smoke at these sites. We thank you for your cooperation, as together we encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellness.

### Kidsport Application Deadlines

**July 4, 2016**

**September 1, 2016**

**November 1, 2016**

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



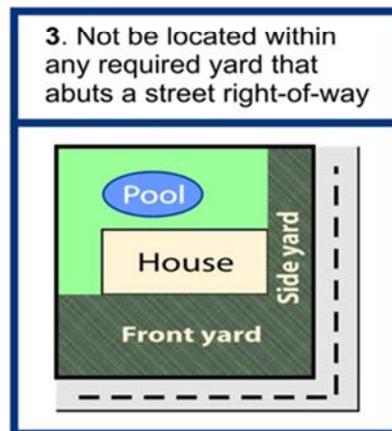
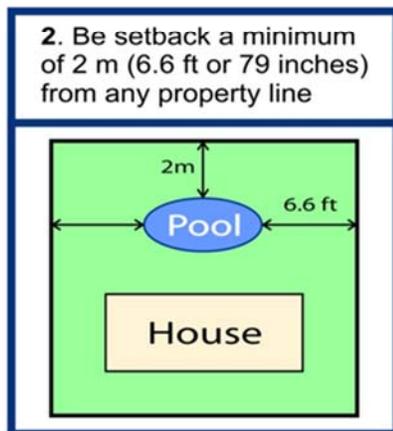
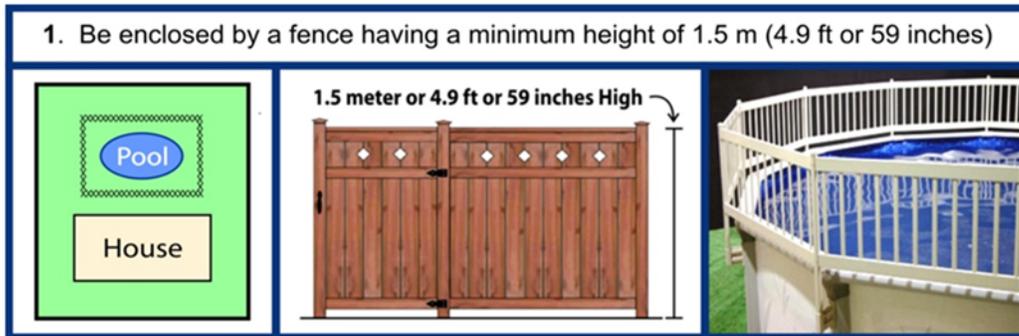
## Community Development

### 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:



These swimming pools must:



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

## Waste Resource Management

### 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

#### Waste Reduction Helpline:

902-895-4777

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

Email: [helpline@colchester.ca](mailto:helpline@colchester.ca)

Follow us on Twitter @ColchesterWRM

Like us on Facebook – Colchester WRM

### Materials Recovery Facility

185 Mingo Road, Exit 18  
Highway 104 Kemptown

#### Hours of Operation:

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

Reminder: All visitors must report to the scale house prior to unloading materials. The scale house operator can accept cash, a 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 surcharge.

The Balefill and Materials Recovery Facilities will be **closed** on July 1<sup>st</sup> for Canada Day, August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Civic Holiday and September 5<sup>th</sup> for Labour 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 or visit our website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) for details. Material must be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.

## Styrofoam™ Recycling Kicked Off as a HUGE Success

Residents and businesses in Colchester, Truro and Stewiacke are one of the first areas in Nova Scotia to be able to recycle Styrofoam™.

### When did Styrofoam™ recycling start?

As of April 1, 2016, Styrofoam™ is to be placed in your blue bag for recycling with your plastics and containers.

### What foam items will be recycled?

- Plates
- Cups
- Meat trays (pads and wrap MUST be removed)
- Take-out containers
- Egg cartons
- Protective packaging blocks (e.g. blocks around a TV)
- Disposable beverage coolers
- No spray foam or packing peanuts please!

### How will I recycle expanded polystyrene?

- Remove leftover food and any absorbent meat pads/plastic wrap
- Rinse any foam product that has been in contact with food like you would all other container recyclables
- Place in a blue bag with your plastic, metal and glass recyclables
- Please do not wrap trays in plastic grocery bags as this will interfere with their recycling

### What will happen to the Styrofoam™?

- The foam is densified into blocks with a specialized machine to remove the air inside the containers
- The blocks can then be sold to manufacturers worldwide
- Post-consumer foam is primarily used to make decorative picture frames and moldings
- This will save a HUGE amount of landfill space!



## Spring Clean-Up 2016 – Remaining Areas

Spring Clean-Up is nearing completion for another year

Remaining Spring Clean– Up Dates are:

**May 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Zone 1 and Zone 2**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> – Zone 8**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Zone 3 and Zone 4**

**Please use the following tips to help ensure a successful Spring Clean-Up:**

- **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 clean-up collection 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 the other items.
- Unacceptable items must be **promptly** removed from the curb by the resident after all of the trucks have passed.

If you have any questions on what items can or cannot be placed curbside or where you can dispose of unacceptable items properly, please phone the Helpline at 902-895-4777 or visit [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca).

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

## Do You Have a Vehicle That Has Lost Its Get Up and Go?

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

If you are interested in this program, please call **902-897-0450 ext. 111** with the following information: Name, Address, Phone number, Vehicle Info (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.



## 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 at <http://www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling>. Enter your civic address and your customized calendar specific to your home address can be printed, synced with your own electronic calendar, and you can receive weekly reminders by phone, email or Twitter. Once signed up, we can instantly contact you when changes occur to collection in your area due to weather or other unforeseeable circumstances.

**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 out a customized calendar and set up this this service for you.

## 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.

2016 Dates of Operation	
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>



### Mark your Calendars! 2016 Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Events

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Economy Fire Hall, Highway 2, Economy

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** - North Shore Recreation Centre, Tatamagouche

Hours of operation for these mobile events are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Litter & Illegal Dumping

Litter and illegal dumping is still an ongoing problem in our community. There are programs such as the Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up where citizens and groups can be outfitted for free to do a community clean up. Check out the Clean Foundation's website at <http://clean.ns.ca/programs/waste/great-nova-scotia-pick-me-up/> to get more details on how you can sign up.

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 of 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.

## Animal Control

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching and we all want to get outside and be active. The Municipality has wonderful trails for everyone to enjoy, including your pets! To ensure the safety of all users, please walk your dog on a leash and maintain control at all times.

If a dog is not on leash, it is deemed running at large under the Municipality of Colchester's Dog By-law, which can impose a fine of \$352.50 per dog.

Dogs are to be tagged every year on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>. Tags can be purchased for \$12 at the following locations:

- Tax Office at the Municipal Building - 1 Church Street, Truro
- Central Nova Animal Hospital - 29 Main Street, Bible Hill
- Fundy Veterinarians - 6 Greenfield Road, Murray Siding & 21089 Highway 2, Shubenacadie
- Truro Veterinary Hospital - 165 Arthur Street, Truro
- All My Pets - 1205 Salmon River Road, Salmon River
- Stay N Play Canine Centre - 214 Crossley Avenue, Truro
- Open Doors - 229 Main Street, Tatamagouche
- Colchester SPCA - 408 Industrial Avenue, Truro



## Economic Development

### The “Silver Economy” is a Win for Everyone

Older adults comprise 18.3% of Nova Scotia’s population and 19.6% of Colchester County’s. Too often this fact is perceived as a negative, a burden on the economy, but this could not be further from the truth!

The Silver Economy Summit, recently held in Pictou County, showed participants how a senior population presents us with an opportunity to grow a competitive economy and flexible workforce that meets the needs of seniors, their families and the business community. The Summit highlighted ways to help seniors stay in their homes and communities longer, while harnessing the skills of older workers in a new economy.

The fact is, seniors today are healthier, more vibrant and working and living longer than ever before. Many bring significant buying power with them to the communities in which they choose to retire – or not retire! Seniors also provide an incredibly rich resource as community volunteers and mentors. Among the many experienced, successful, senior business people residing in Colchester County, some are looking forward to sharing their wealth of knowledge with businesses wanting to grow and take their pursuits to the next level. Sometimes guidance from an experienced, arms-length mentor can make all the difference to a business that hasn’t quite reached its potential.

At the Municipality of Colchester, we have launched a program matching businesses with skilled mentors, and the outcomes to date have been very positive. And although it’s free, enthusiasm and commitment are required. So, are you as a business person, ready to tap into this rich knowledge resource to help your business prosper? We certainly hope so! Please feel free to contact our Economic Development Officer, Joy O’Neill at [joneill@colchester.ca](mailto:joneill@colchester.ca) or 902-956-3239 to learn more about this opportunity.

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## Colchester-East Hants Municipal Alcohol Policy

The Nova Scotia Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) Project is a unique and progressive project led by the Nova Scotia Health Authority in partnership with municipal leaders, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. The project’s vision is to support strong and prosperous communities where moderate and lower risk alcohol use is the accepted norm.

The local MAP working group is made up of representatives from the Municipality of Colchester and the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke. Additional stakeholders include representatives from the Nova Scotia Community College, DAL Agricultural Campus, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, the RCMP and the Truro Police. Municipal, community and health leaders have an important role to play in reducing alcohol harms in the community through effective alcohol-related policies. In November of 2015, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities released a report entitled ‘*Progressive & Prosperous - Municipal Alcohol Policies for a Balanced and Vibrant Future*’ - A Municipal Alcohol Policy framework for Nova Scotia Municipalities at the request of municipal leaders. This guide addresses five areas where municipalities can take action. In March 2016, the MAP working group organized a community workshop with partners to discuss how to best set priorities to support moderate alcohol consumption. These priorities include marketing, advertising and sponsorship; municipally owned or managed properties, facilities and special events; and enjoyable and safe neighbourhoods. Further research is being conducted and final recommendations will be forwarded to local municipal Councils for review and consideration.

For more information on the MAP, please visit the website at [www.cdha.nshealth.ca/public-health/alcohol-policies](http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/public-health/alcohol-policies)



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

**Toll Free Number  
1-866-728-5144**

Reception 902-897-3160,  
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  
[helpline@colchester.ca](mailto: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

**Municipality of the County of Colchester**

## **New Program - Textiles Recycling**

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, any clothing, household textiles or commercial linen, as long as it is DRY and has NO ODOUR, can be placed in your PAPER RECYCLING BAG to be reused/recycled.

**Acceptable items to add to the paper recycling bag:**

- Bedding (comforters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets)
- Belts
- Boots
- Bras
- Coats
- Curtains/Draperies
- Dresses
- Flip flops
- Halloween costumes
- Hats
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys (sports)
- Napkins (cloth)
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Pet beds & clothing
- Pillows
- Purses
- Scarves
- Shirts
- Shoes (single or in pairs)
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Slippers
- Socks (single or in pairs)
- Stuffed animals
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Table linens
- Ties
- Towels
- T-shirts

**Where does recycled clothing go?**

- 45% used for secondhand apparel
- 30% become wiping and polishing cloths
- 20% reprocessed into fibers
- 5% is unusable

**TEXTILES:**



### **Please Note - Important Change to Fall Clean-Up in Colchester County**

Residents of Zones 1 to 8 in Colchester County will no longer have traditional curbside Fall Clean-Up. This change does NOT affect Fall Clean-Up within the Towns of Truro or Stewiacke.

Starting June 6, 2016, within Colchester County ONLY, each household can place one large item curbside on their regular collection day for pick up.

As an enhanced service, residents will be able to place one large item curbside every collection day until December 16, 2016. This means you no longer have to wait for your special fall clean-up collection week or worry about missing it!