



Municipality of the County of Colchester

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Cobequid Trail RUN 2017

Sunday, August 27, 2017

5K, 10K & Half Marathon

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

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

Registration is now open for the 13th 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 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.



From the Mayor's Desk

Sincere Appreciation for Our Volunteers

Congratulations to all those volunteers in Colchester County and the Town of Truro who have recently been recognized for their hard work and dedication to our communities!

Among those celebrated on the evening of April 25th, Donald E. Henderson was recognized by the County of Colchester and the Province of Nova Scotia for more than 25 years serving the community of Brookfield as a recreation volunteer extraordinaire. Some highlights of Mr. Henderson's generosity include coaching the Brookfield Elks Senior Softball Team for 10 years; fundraising for Brookfield Athletic Association; Treasurer of the Brookfield Curling Club and the local ATV club; President of the Brookfield Men's Club; and Premises Chair of the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex. Our Municipality thanks and congratulates this worthy volunteer.

Colchester County is also proud to be home to 31 distinguished active and active-honourary firefighters who have served their communities for an incredible 50 years or more. Whether responding to fire, medical, or other emergencies, or away from the front lines keeping equipment ready or educating our young people, these citizens define selfless service. Our longest serving volunteer is H. Douglas Boyce, who has volunteered for 71 years. He is a Charter Member of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, founded in 1946.

Firefighters receiving recognition for 5 decades or more service are from the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, Brookfield Fire & Emergency Services, Five Islands Fire Brigade, Great Village Fire Brigade, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, Salmon River Fire Brigade, and Tatamagouche Fire Department.

Please show your gratitude to the volunteers in your community by taking time to thank them for their service. And, if you volunteer in any way, on behalf of our citizens, thank you.

Rath Eastlink Community Centre

On April 20, 2017, the Honourable Bill Casey, Cumberland-Colchester Member of Parliament, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, announced a Federal funding contribution toward an improved dehumidification system at the RECC, as well as for the World Junior A Hockey Challenge coming December 10-16, 2017. This was a welcome announcement as it reduced the necessary financial contribution from Colchester's municipal budget by half. Many thanks to ACOA for supporting this wonderful asset to our communities.

Bay of Fundy (Palliser) Project

Colchester Council has accepted the commissioned report called Fundy Gateway Masterplan. Officially receiving the plan makes it a publicly available document, but does not commit us to any spending on this major project. Council's motion on this was that the document "be accepted as a concept document to inform the phased development of the former Palliser site."

This plan was developed in partnership with the Town of Truro following Colchester's acquisition of this uniquely located property at the tip of the Bay of Fundy, beside the Trans-Canada Highway. It outlines a course of development for the site as a key entry point to tourism experiences throughout Colchester and beyond.

This is an ambitious long-term vision that will only be implemented in phases, each requiring a solid business case for investment before proceeding. The first step will involve working on the basic infrastructure of the site to make it an attractive and convenient place to view the tidal bore. The Visitor Information Centre will remain on site and new washrooms will be constructed.

Thank you to the Project Steering Committee, Consultants, and the many residents and community organizations who attended public meetings and provided input during the plan's development. Together we can make this place the epicenter for the Fundy experience.

Colchester County Budget 2017-18

The Municipality of Colchester approved its 2017-18 Operating Budget for \$35 million on April 27th. In our budget, \$248,000 of additional expenses were included for payments to the Province over which municipalities have no control. Colchester County pays \$7.2 million to the School Board for education and \$4.7 million to the RCMP for policing. Yet, Colchester County's tax rates are 14 percent lower than the average of all other provincial municipalities.

After many hours of vigorous discussion weighing our options for balancing expenditures with revenues, Council has approved what it sees as a minimal but necessary residential property tax increase for the current fiscal year of one cent. The commercial property tax rate will also be increased by one cent. Both increases will replenish our reserves, which we view as the responsible thing to do. The increases will result in revenues that almost match the increase in obligatory transfers to other governments.

In June 2017, a full Financial Information Update will be sent to Colchester County residents outlining revenues and expenditures in our operating budget.

It continues to be my great pleasure to serve in the role of Mayor of Colchester County. May you enjoy good health and good friends at this wonderful time of year.

Christine Blair
Mayor

Waste Resource Management

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Colchester Balefill Facility

188 Mingo Road, Exit 18
Highway 104, Kemptown

Materials Recovery Facility

185 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

Hours of Operation:

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

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 secured to prevent litter problems. Unsecured loads will be subject to a \$20 surcharge.

The Balefill and Materials Recovery Facilities will be **closed** on Saturday, July 1st and Monday, July 3rd due to the Canada Day holiday, Monday, August 7th for the Civic Holiday and Monday, September 4th 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 www.colchester.ca for details. Material must be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.

Have Debris/Waste from a Construction or Renovation Project?

If you bring construction and renovation debris/waste to the Balefill Facility in Kemptown, there is a tipping fee of \$113 per metric tonne for this material. Large amounts of construction and renovation debris are not permitted to be placed at the curb for Spring Clean-Up. Small amounts of home improvement material such as a toilet, a door, a sink or carpet cut at three foot lengths are permitted. In Colchester County, one large bulky item can be placed curbside each collection day from June 12 to December 15, 2017.



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, synchronized with your own electronic calendar, or 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 this service up for you.

Community Paper Shredding Events

There will be two FREE community paper shredding events taking place this year.

These will be held:

Saturday, May 27, 2017

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Stewiacke Fire Hall Parking Lot

111 Highway 2, Stewiacke

Saturday, September 23, 2017

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Rath Eastlink Community Centre Parking Lot

625 Abenaki Road, Truro



These events are open to residents and small businesses in Colchester, Truro and Stewiacke. Please note that there is a limit of 10 file boxes or 5 large bags of paper per person or business. No plastic sleeves or binders are permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spring Clean-Up 2017 – Remaining Areas

Spring Clean-Up is nearing completion for another year. Remaining Spring Clean-Up dates are:

Zone 7 - May 15 th to 19 th	Town of Stewiacke - May 19 th
Zone 8 - May 23 rd to 26 th	Zone 1 - May 29 th to June 2 nd
Zone 2 - May 29 th to June 2 nd	Zone 3 - June 5 th to 9 th
Zone 4 - June 5 th to 9 th	

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 Spring Clean-Up 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, except for 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Litter and Illegal Dumping



**Great Nova Scotia
Pick-Me-Up**

Litter and illegal dumping is still an ongoing problem in our society. 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 to get more details on how you can sign up at <http://clean.ns.ca/programs/waste/great-nova-scotia-pick-me-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 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.

One Large Item Collection is Coming Back

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

Starting June 12, 2017, within Colchester County **ONLY**, each household can place one large item curbside on their regular collection day for pick up. For example, the item placed at the curb on your regular collection day could be a table, a chair, an appliance, etc.

As an enhanced service, residents will be able to place one large item curbside every collection day until December 15, 2017. This means you no longer have to wait for your special fall clean-up collection week, or worry about missing it, to place larger items at the curb!

Help Keep our Employees Safe – Use the Safe Sharps Program

Needles, syringes, and lancets should never be placed in your recycling or garbage bags. When this happens, it puts many people at risk of injury and disease. Every pharmacy has FREE Safe Sharps containers available. These can be picked up at any pharmacy and used at home for your sharps. Once filled, the containers can be returned to the pharmacy for FREE proper disposal. Utilizing this program helps keep many people safe. We appreciate your attention and cooperation on this!



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, please call **902-897-0450 ext. 111** with the following information ready: name, address, phone number and 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.

Hazardous Waste Disposal – Dates to Remember

2017 Dates of Operation

June 3 rd	July 8 th
August 12 th	September 9 th
October 14 th	November 4 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.

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:



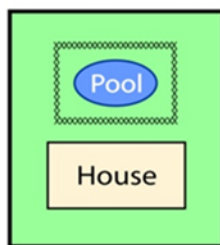
All above-ground swimming pools that have a depth exceeding 1m (3.3 ft or 39 inches)



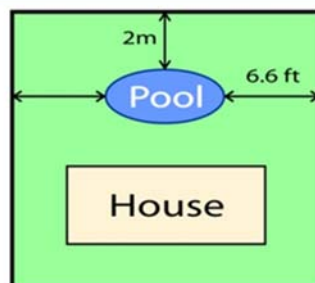
All in-ground swimming pools that have a depth exceeding 0.46m (1.5 ft or 18 inches)

These swimming pools must:

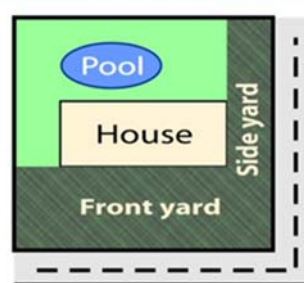
1. Be enclosed by a fence having a minimum height of 1.5 m (4.9 ft or 59 inches)



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.

Recreation

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.

June 3rd is International Trails Day

All are invited to celebrate International Trails Day on Saturday, June 3rd. Plan an adventure on your favorite trail, or explore a new one. For trail information, visit www.colchester.ca/trails. For International Trails Day events in Nova Scotia, visit <http://internationaltrailsday.blogspot.ca/>. Happy Trails!



Fun in the Sun Day Camps 2017

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.

Registration will take place beginning late May at Colchester Recreation, 1 Church Street, Truro. For more information please email rcyna@colchester.ca or visit www.colchester.ca/fun-in-the-sun-day-camps.

Are you an 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 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.



Five Islands Walking Group

This is a 10-week walking program created for residents of the West Colchester area to have a safe place to walk for an hour, 3 days a week. It is held at the Five Islands Fire Hall. For more information please call 902-897-3155.

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 or phone 902-897-3180. To inquire about reservations for special events or group use, visit www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form or phone 902-897-3180.



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 104-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!*



View from Five Islands Lighthouse Park.

STEWIACKE RIVER PARK

A hidden gem. A quiet, natural area. A beautiful park. These are some words we hear from people visiting Stewiacke River Park. Stroll with family and friends on the walking trails. Sit under old growth pine and hemlock trees. Enjoy views of the river, spring wildflowers, birds and other wildlife. Bring a picnic to share at one of several shelters beside the river. Take the kids to the 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!*



A quiet place to sit and enjoy nature at Stewiacke River Park.

NELSON MEMORIAL PARK



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.

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 near the shore. The kids will enjoy the playground and open space. Bring your bicycle and ride along the Butter Trail (part of the Great Trail – formerly the Trans Canada Trail) to downtown Tatamagouche. *Nelson Memorial Park...come for an hour, or stay for an afternoon!*

Introduction to Disc Golf

Join us for a FREE, family-friendly introduction to the game of Disc Golf on Monday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm in Nelson Memorial Park located at 153 Loop of Highway 6, 2 km west of Tatamagouche.

Disc Golf instructor Ben Smith will lead an instructional lesson for new players at 1:00 pm followed by 9 holes of disc golf at 2:00 pm. Experienced players can play a 27-hole challenge starting at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Ben at 902-669-0764 or laughingbenjamin@gmail.com, or Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155 or recreation@colchester.ca.



Trail and Sustainable Transportation Grants Received

The Municipality of Colchester greatly appreciates recent financial support from the following organizations:

- \$22,551 from the Province of Nova Scotia through Communities, Culture and Heritage for engineering services related to the proposed Robie St./Hwy 236 Trail which will connect to the Cobequid Trail.
- \$22,500 from Trans Canada Trail for signage and upgrades to the Cobequid Trail (Lower Truro to Old Barns section) and the development of trail staging areas in Denmark and Earltown.
- \$6,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Energy's Connect2 Grant Program for bicycle racks to be placed in Bible Hill, Brookfield, Debert, Economy, Great Village, Hilden, Onslow and Tatamagouche.

The Municipality is pleased to work with these partners to develop trail and sustainable transportation infrastructure in our communities.

Colchester Bike Week

June 2nd – June 11th

Cycling season is here! Are you ready to ride? The 11th Annual Colchester Bike Week takes place **June 2nd to June 11th** with free activities to promote and celebrate cycling. 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. If you would like to volunteer for Bike Week, please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185. Bike Week encourages cycling as a healthy, efficient, practical, affordable, and fun part of community life.



Provincial Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Donald E. Henderson of Brookfield who was selected by the Municipality of Colchester as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year and is our 2017 Provincial Volunteer representative. The Honourable Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant and Premier Stephen McNeil presented Donald with his award at the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony and Luncheon, held at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax on Tuesday, April 18th.

2017 Colchester County and Town of Truro Volunteer Awards



On Tuesday, April 25th, 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:

2017 Provincial Volunteer Representatives: Donald E. Henderson (Colchester County) and Glenda Kent (Town of Truro)

Volunteer Award Nominees, Colchester County: Anne Lyon, Earl Lyon, Katherine Bennett, Marie Benoit and Shannon Barnes

Volunteer Award Nominees, Town of Truro: Joy Galloway-

Jones, Ruth Slack, Joan Thompson, Margaret Hunt, Charlie Beckwith, Blair Carter, Megan Burgess, Zoe Weide and Dave MacNeil

Youth Volunteer Award Nominees: Dawson Snook (Colchester County) and Ben Greenwood (Town of Truro)

Family Volunteer Awards, Colchester County: Lawrence and Sharon Dunlap and Michael and Barbara Redden

Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award: Christine Bulk

Community Group Volunteer Awards (Colchester County): Upper Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Department and Brookfield Athletic Association

Colchester County Volunteer Firefighter Awards

This year, the Municipality of Colchester also recognized volunteer firefighters who have 50 or more years of service.

Those who received awards were:

Bible Hill Fire Brigade: John Bartlett (52 years), Elson Perry (52 years), Ron Logan (53 years), Lionel Main (54 years), Crawford Purdy (60 years), Charles Boyce (64 years), Steve Richard (65 years), Elbert Smith (69 years) and Doug Boyce (71 years).

Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services: Herb MacFarlane (51 years), Charlie Burnett (51 years) and Lawrence Wynn (65 years).

Five Islands Fire Brigade: the late Glendon Davis (50 years).

Great Village Fire Brigade: Larry Kinsman (50 years) and Dave Lundie (60 years).

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade: Bill MacKinnon (50 years), Vaughan Dickie (55 years), Russell Jennings (55 years) and Lee Higgins (56 years).

Salmon River Fire Brigade: Herman Langille (51 years), Darrell Landsburg (51 years), Don McGill (51 years), Bill Spinney (52 years), Lloyd Langille (52 years), Keith Richardson (52 years), Art Smith (52 years), Charlie MacKinlay (54 years), Robert Taylor (56 years) and Ross Parks (56 years).

Tatamagouche Fire Department: Dale Jollimore (52 years) and Cameron Veno (52 years).

The Municipality values the dedication of all volunteer emergency responders, but to serve and protect a community and its residents for half a century, and longer, is an exceptional measure of community service.



Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Upcoming application deadlines:

Community Trail Funding Program - June 2, 2017
Community Park Funding Program – September 15, 2017
Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups – October 27, 2017

Please visit 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.



Public Works

What is Flushable?

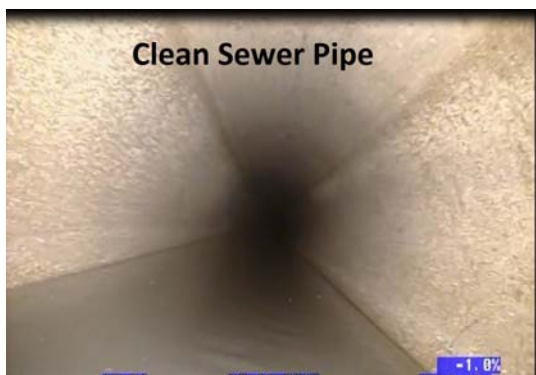
If you are connected to a public sewer system, there are really only three things that belong in your toilet:

- #1 is 'Number one'
- #2 is 'Number two'
- #3 is 'toilet paper'

Flushing other materials such as fat or grease, cloth wipes, and needles not only pose a hazard to your own internal plumbing, but they also clog the pipes under the streets and cause maintenance issues at our treatment plants.

Any blockage located within the line connecting a home to the public sewer system is the home owner's responsibility, even if the blockage is located under the street. Flushing responsibly can help reduce the risk of unexpected plumbing bills.

Remember, there are people at the other end of the pipe dealing with your flushables, so help us keep our staff safe and our systems working properly!





Municipality of the County of Colchester

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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

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

Municipality of the County of Colchester

Animal Control

Barking Dogs

Spring is upon us and summer is fast approaching. With this in mind, we all want to be outside. The Municipality has already started getting calls about barking dogs. No one wants to listen to a dog barking, when they are on their deck reading, barbequing or just enjoying the day.



A common response from owners about barking complaints is "They are dogs, they are supposed to bark". While this is true, it is an owner's responsibility to control the behavior of their dog. So if you own a dog and are going to work, running to the store or just distracted by other things, please do not leave your dog outside unattended. Dogs want to be where people are, and will often bark to be with you.

Under County By-law Chapter 35, Section 16(d), any owner of a dog who "persistently disturbs the quiet of the neighbourhood by barking, howling or otherwise" is guilty of an offence. This offence carries a fine of \$237.50.

Dog Tags

Although dog tags are due on or before January 10th each year, it is not too late! Tags can be purchased for \$12 year round at the following locations:

- The Community Development 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
- Future Worx - 229 Main Street, Tatamagouche

Feeding Wildlife - A Cause for Concern

Native birds and wildlife do not need extra food provided by people. Wildlife fed in residential areas lose their natural fear of people and become vulnerable, while younger animals may not learn the skills required to adapt in their natural surroundings. Also, remember your neighbours when feeding wildlife. Animals, especially deer, seldom confine their visits to one property and will damage shrubs, gardens and crops on adjacent properties.

It is also important to note that feeding wildlife can cause more harm than good to the health and safety of other animals as well as humans. "Backyard" feeding often means animals travel near and/or across roadways which can be dangerous, not only to the animals, but for drivers and passengers of motor vehicles.

For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/feeding-wildlife.asp>.