



Municipality of the County of Colchester

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By-Election For District 9 Councillor

Advanced Poll Days: Saturday, October 14, 2017 and Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Regular Election Day: Saturday, October 21, 2017

Locations TBD

For more information, call 902-956-2437 or 902-897-3184.

From The Mayor's Desk



Summer 2017 has flown by! Colchester County has been a hive of activity with a wonderful variety of events for both residents and visitors from around the globe.

Representing Colchester Council, I've had the pleasure of attending many of these events, including: Bible Hill's Canada Day Parade; Tatamagouche Great Trail announcement; Annual Brookfield Homecoming Parade; 46th Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival; Atlantic Grand Circuit Week; Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Opening Ceremony; Rainbow Flag Raising; Diversity Parade; Five Islands Not Since Moses Run; Debert Family Days; Blueberry Festival Kickoff; RCMP Offices Grand Opening, Bible Hill Detachment; Wings & Graduation Parade, Cadet Flying Training Centre, Debert; Maritime Mega 4 Geocaching Conference; Colchester Historem's "Her"itage Day; Debert Military Museum monument unveiling; and the inaugural Colchester Highland Games & Gathering, to name a few.

We are truly a vibrant community of communities! Our festive events bring us together in a spirit of neighbourly belonging that also welcomes visitors, who may also become both friends and neighbours.

Did you know that 51% of Nova Scotians volunteer in their communities? This is certainly evident in Colchester County. Thank you to all the generous folks who work so hard to ensure successful events in Colchester year 'round.

[Rath Eastlink Community Centre](#)

The World Junior A Challenge has become a major international sporting event featuring exciting young hockey talent from around the world. The Rath Eastlink Community

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Centre is home to our very own Junior A Truro Bearcats, and we know they play great hockey. Now, imagine the best of the best from across Canada's 10 Junior A leagues and from some of the world's strongest hockey nations.

Bringing this level of competition to Truro and Colchester just wouldn't happen without all the community involvement and investment in our RECC. And now, we have the chance, not only to enjoy the World Junior A Challenge, but also to inspire our young athletes; to showcase what we have and who we are; and to welcome guests from around the world.

While much of the focus of major event success is on the economic benefits they bring, and this one will definitely have a big impact in terms of local spending and revenue, we shouldn't overlook other values our community gains whenever we come together as a host: relationships that develop through volunteering and shared experiences; the confidence to see ourselves as worthy hosts for world class events; and the pride we gain in our achievements such as this facility.

Congratulations to our partners, the Town of Truro and the Board and Staff of the RECC, for a successful bid to host this great event. This is really exciting and Colchester County is proud to be a part of it. Dates are December 10-16, 2017. There are 13 games and tickets are on sale now!

Rogers Hometown Hockey

Speaking of outstanding events, another exciting one is coming our way this fall: Rogers Hometown Hockey. This nationally televised spectacle, featuring Ron MacLean and Tara Slone, will take place in and around Truro Civic Square. Colchester County is very pleased to co-host Hometown Hockey with the Town of Truro. We'll be working hand in hockey glove with Truro leading up to the live taping on October 29th that will showcase to the whole country what makes Colchester a great place to live.

Your Council at Work

To keep up with projects and decisions Council undertakes on behalf of its citizens, you can find information on our County website at www.colchester.ca. There you'll find public meeting schedules and minutes from Council meetings. Some recent highlights include awarding of a tender for a new water tower in Debert. The work will take 20 weeks to complete and will greatly improve water pressure throughout the area, including Debert Business Park.

It continues to be my privilege to serve you as Mayor. Good luck to all students returning to the classroom this fall.

Christine Blair, Mayor

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients

Through the Municipality's Scholarship Program, scholarships are awarded annually to high school students residing in Colchester who are planning to further their education. Scholarships are awarded to students who are enrolled in Bachelor or Trade Programs.



For the 2016-2017 school year, the following students received scholarships:

From South Colchester Academy, Hannah Fisher and Jonathan Kaye

From North Colchester High School, Chris Spencer and Arabella Hayton

From Cobequid Educational Centre, Lane Yuill, Stephen Fitzgerald and Nathaniel Singer

From École acadienne de Truro, Cassi McNutt

Waste Resource Management

Waste Reduction Helpline: 902-895-4777

Website: www.colchester.ca

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Colchester Balefill Facility

188 Mingo Road, Exit 18
Highway 104, Kemptown

Hours of Operation:

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

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, 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 Monday, October 9th for Thanksgiving and on Saturday, November 11th and Monday, November 13th 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 or www.colchester.ca for details. Material must be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.



Join Us! Municipality of Colchester
Waste Management Facilities'
FREE Open House Event
Saturday October 14th 10am - 2pm
185 Mingo Road, Kemptown, 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!
- New Games, Bouncy Houses
- Door Prizes
- And much, much more!

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WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
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Recycle your Confidential Documents Securely & Responsibly!

FREE Community Paper Shredding Event!

Saturday September 23rd, 9:00am—12:00pm
Rath Eastlink Community Centre Parking Lot
625 Abenaki Road, Truro



- Open to residents & small businesses in Colchester, Truro & Stewiacke
- 10 file boxes or 5 large bags of paper per person or business
- No plastic sleeves or binders



Helpline 902-895-4777 www.colchester.ca [@ColchesterWRM](https://twitter.com/ColchesterWRM)

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

Remaining 2017 Dates of Operation:
September 9 th
October 14 th
November 4 th

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

Keep Colchester Clean! Litter Awareness Program

This spring during Environment Week, Colchester Waste Resource Management partnered with members of the Bible Hill RCMP and the Truro Police Service to hold Litter Checkpoints at six locations. These locations included: Truro, Stewiacke, Brookfield, Bible Hill, Great Village and Tatamagouche. At the checkpoints, motorists were thanked for not littering and given an information brochure and a small plastic litter bag for their vehicle. We enjoyed speaking with hundreds of motorists at these checkpoints and send a huge 'Thank You' out to our partners at the Bible Hill RCMP and Truro Police Service for their support of this positive community initiative!



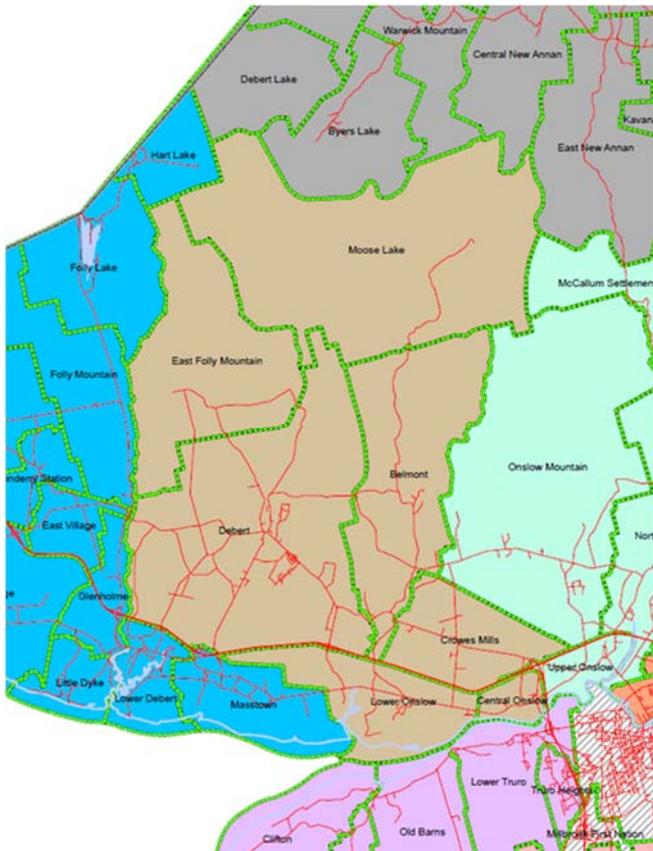
Reminder – One Large Item Pickup in Colchester County

In Colchester County ONLY, each household can place one large item curbside on their regular collection day for pick up until December 15, 2017. This could include household items such as a couch, a chair, a table, a freezer, etc.

After December 15, 2017, this service takes a pause during the winter months, due to weather and safety concerns, but will return again after your 2018 Spring Clean-Up.

New for 2017 - Fall Compost Giveaway October 16th to 21st

The always popular Compost Giveaway is making a fall appearance this year. It will take place at the Balefill Facility at 188 Mingo Road, Kemptown from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays and 8:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday. Each household is entitled to shovel 100 kgs of compost into three bags. Bags are provided but remember to bring your own shovel and wear appropriate footwear and gloves. Compost is sold for \$2.00 per bag or \$34.50 per metric tonne (HST included) throughout the year. Please phone the Helpline at 902-895-4777 for more information.



District 9 To Be Temporarily Served by Colchester Council and Staff

District 9 of the Municipality of Colchester will be without its own elected representative on County Council until a by-election takes place to fill the vacancy. The resignation of former Councillor Doug MacInnes took effect at a Special Meeting of Council on August 2, 2017.

Between now and the completion of a by-election, citizens residing or operating businesses within the boundaries of District 9 will be served by the Mayor of Colchester, any Councillor from another District, and/or Municipal staff. ***To speak with a Colchester County representative or staff person concerning District 9, please call 902-956-2437 or 902-897-3184.***

District 9 includes the communities of East Folly Mountain, Debert, Lower Onslow, Central Onslow, Crowes Mills, Belmont, and Moose Lake.

At its August 17, 2017 meeting, Council set the date for the by-election for District 9 as **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. Watch our website and local media for upcoming notices regarding this by-election.

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. Sail away on the ship playground at Five Islands Lighthouse Park; bicycle on the Butter Trail through



Stewiacke River Park

Nelson Memorial Park as you enjoy views of Tatamagouche Bay; or enjoy the fall colors while picnicking or walking along the trails in Stewiacke River Park.



Nelson Memorial Park

The regional parks are serviced until October 9, 2017 and will re-open on May 7, 2018, however the public is welcome to use the parks for walking and snowshoeing during the off-season and winter months. For more information and directions, please visit 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 902-897-3180, or use the on-line reservation form located at <http://www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form>.

Senior Fitness

Colchester Recreation and the Rath Eastlink Community Centre will be partnering with Senior Fitness to host classes at the Old Barns Clifton Pastoral Church.

Registration will take place September 28th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Church. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:00 am starting on October 3, 2017 and running until November 23, 2017. The cost is \$28.00 for the full 8 weeks or a \$2.00 drop in fee per session. Must have 6 confirmed participants to run the program.

For registration and program information contact Colchester Recreation by phone at 902-897-3185 or email recreation@colchester.ca.

Ringette

“Come Try It” Ringette opportunities will be provided in various arenas in Colchester this Fall. If you would like to become a Ringette coach, please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155 for more information.

Colchester Multisport Fundamentals 7 Sports In 6 Months - 1 Registration!



Fundamentals runs from December 2017 to June 2018.

Children must be registered in grades two or three during the 2017/18 academic year. The cost is \$225 with payment options available.

Why Multisport?

Better overall skills and ability, smarter and more creative players, less burnout and overuse injuries, more lifelong enjoyment in sport; and most importantly, IT'S MORE FUN!

All sessions will be facilitated by recreation program coordinators and delivered by community sport organizations in Colchester. Each lesson focuses on developing physical literacy through skill development and fun, setting the ground work for a love of sport and an 'I can play anything!' attitude.

For more information, or to register for Fundamentals, contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or colchestermultisport@gmail.com, or visit Colchester Multisport on Facebook.

Municipal Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Upcoming application deadlines:

Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups – October 27, 2017

Community Trail Funding Program – January 26, 2018

Grants to Non-Profit Organizations – January 31, 2018

Please visit www.colchester.ca/rec-grants for program details and application forms.



Cobequid Trail, Old Barns

Awesome Autumn Adventures

Fall is a fantastic time of year to explore your favorite trail. The season brings cooler temperatures, fewer biting insects, and vibrant forest colors. To plan a trail adventure, visit www.colchester.ca/trails for information about walking, hiking and cycling trails in Colchester County.

The Great Trail: The Colchester Connection



On August 26th, communities across Canada celebrated the connection of almost 24,000 km of [The Great Trail](#) (you might have heard about the Trans Canada Trail, well it has a new name). As the longest recreational trail in the world, The Great Trail offers a wide range of activities through a variety of landscapes – urban, rural and wilderness, along greenways, waterways and roadways. This trail is a community-based project with trail sections being owned, operated and maintained by local trail organizations, provincial authorities, national agencies and municipalities across Canada. Initiated in 1992 as a project to celebrate Canada's 125th year, the Trail now connects Canadians from coast to coast as we celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.



Dozens of happy hikers celebrated The Great Trail on the Gully Lake Trail System on August 26 with 6, 12 and 18 km hikes led by Cobequid Eco-Trails Society volunteers.



Tatamagouche Area Trails Association volunteers hosted a Great Trail community celebration with a 20 km bicycle ride, history walk, barbeque, and cake. What a fun day!

The Great Trail route in Colchester County includes some of our best trails - the Butter Trail and Short Line Trail along the Northumberland Shore; the Gully Lake hiking trail system; the Cobequid Trail between Truro and Old Barns; and walking trails in Stewiacke. The route also includes sections of scenic secondary roads - through rolling hills and beside spectacular rivers - highlighting some of Colchester's rich cultural and natural heritage. For more information about The Great Trail visit www.thegreattrail.ca. For local route information, visit www.colchester.ca/trails or contact the Parks and Trails Coordinator at 902-897-3180.

Trailblazer After School Program



Colchester's Trailblazer After School Programs will take place again for six weeks this Fall. Programs will be held at Central Colchester Junior High, Hilden Elementary, Brookfield Elementary, Tatamagouche Elementary and North Colchester High School for students 10-14 years of age. Information will be distributed to students at their respective schools. The Municipality of Colchester will be seeking enthusiastic, youth-focused program leaders for each program. For further information regarding Trailblazers and program leader opportunities contact 902-843-4186 to speak to the Colchester East Hants After School Program Regional Coordinator or visit our website at recreation@colchester.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. The program reviews skating skills, basic rules, shooting/passing and game fundamentals.

2 Programs: Deuville's Rink, Salmon River & Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, Brookfield

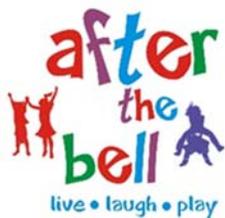
For more details contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or recreation@colchester.ca.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited!



Calling all Artists! Art Acquisition and Show in November

Local artists are invited to participate in the Municipality's Annual Art Acquisition Program this Fall. Artists must apply to participate and can submit up to three pieces of work. The various works of art will be featured in an art show, proudly hosted each year by the Municipality of Colchester. Time and location to be announced. During the show, a work of art is selected by the Committee and added to the permanent public display 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. For more information about the Art Acquisition Program, visit www.colchester.ca/art-acquisition or contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or recreation@colchester.ca.



After The Bell

Thrive! After the Bell Programs support initiatives that increase physical activity levels after school with a focus on Junior High aged youth (Grades 7-9). For more information regarding these programs contact Colchester Recreation by phone at 902-897-3155 or email recreation@colchester.ca.

Animal Control

Dog Tags

Just a reminder, it's not too late to register your dog. Tags are valid from January 1st - December 31st each year and can be purchased year round at the Municipal Building, 1 Church Street, Truro.

It is important to register your dog every year - information collected from the dog registration form is vital in identifying your dog if they are lost. Listing multiple contact numbers can help us reach you quickly in the event your pet needs emergency vet care.

For information on the Municipality of Colchester's Dog By-law go to www.colchester.ca/residents/bylaws.

Have You HERD About The New Livestock By-Law?



Chapter 14: Livestock Control By-Law Is In Full Swing

This By-law is not just for large farms. It applies to anyone owning cattle, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, and pigs. These animals are to be kept on the owner's property at all times unless they are under the full control of their owner.

Livestock running at large will be relocated by the Municipality once caught with a notice of impoundment being delivered to the property owner. Any costs incurred by relocating and housing an animal are the responsibility of the owner.

Inadequate fencing is not an excuse, it is a problem that should be rectified before animals have access to that area. Please do your part and check your fencing regularly for the safety of your animals and others. Fencing guidelines are available from the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, Perennia, and the Municipality of Colchester.

Owners are responsible and liable for any damage caused by their livestock running at large.

For more information on this By-law, please visit our website at www.colchester.ca/residents/bylaws.

What To Do If You Found a Dog

Step 1: If possible, contain the dog and check for identification. If the owners are actively looking for their dog it is best to try and keep them in one place to make the search easier.

Step 2: If you live in Colchester County (this does NOT include the Towns of Truro or Stewiacke, or Millbrook First Nations) contact Animal Control at 902-897-3170. Not sure if you are in the County? Contact our office with your civic address to confirm you are a County resident.

Step 3: Provide Animal Control with the tag number (if known) and description of the dog. If you can't hold the dog until the owners are contacted, Animal Control can make arrangements to pick up the dog to take to our holding facility where they are fed, vet checked if necessary and exercised several times a day until their owner is contacted.



If you picked up a dog while travelling and can't keep the dog with you, contact one of the local veterinarian offices to see if they can hold the dog until Animal Control can pick them up.

After hours? No problem! The Municipality has an answering service that answers these calls outside of regular business hours and will get in touch with the Animal Control Officer.

Palliser Redevelopment Project Update

During the spring of 2017, Colchester County Council and Truro Town Council met jointly to receive and discuss a presentation on the recently completed Fundy Gateway Masterplan. The Masterplan Concept was approved in principle together with a phased implementation plan. At this point, Council has not made a financial commitment to the full project and have indicated certain phases will be contingent on outside funding partnerships. In the meantime, an interim capital budget was approved in late June for Phase 1A of the project which will consist of a public washroom facility, service extensions, a playground and a trail connection along the dyke to the Cobequid Trail. Staff are in the process of planning for these basic site improvements which should begin this Fall. A digital version of the Bay of Fundy Gateway Masterplan can be found at <https://www.colchester.ca/>.

Vibe Creative Group were retained in April to complete a Brand and Media Development Plan, comprising the second planning phase of the Fundy Gateway Project. The Project Steering Committee along with the consulting team held a number of stakeholder and engagement sessions in May in an effort to garner feedback that would assist developing a brand or logo for the project. This component is ongoing and expected to be completed in October of this year. Watch for another update in the December Newsletter.





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Administration
Tax Office
Public Works

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

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

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

Fax Numbers

Courthouse Building

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

External Locations

- 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

Public Works

Federal and provincial funding programs play a crucial role in the maintenance of municipal infrastructure. Every year, applications are made for funding on various construction projects. The following projects were submitted for funding and are scheduled to start construction in 2017:



Debert Pumping Station Upgrades

- Fir Avenue/Evergreen Drive Sidewalk Reconstruction
- Carter Road Sidewalk
- Highway 236/Robie Street Trail
- Debert Water Tower Replacement
- Parkwood Drive Pumping Station Upgrades
- Debert Pumping Station and Sewer Upgrades
- Tatamagouche Sewer Upgrades
- Debert Roundabout

The estimated budgets for these eight projects total \$10.24 million with approximately \$6.9 million coming from the Federal and Provincial Governments.



Fir Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction

Without funding programs such as the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, the Connect2 Program, the Build Canada Fund and Gas Tax, many of these important projects would be either delayed or placed on hold. For more information on construction projects within your district, please feel free to contact the Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.

Property Tax Bill Reminder

The Municipality of Colchester 2017/18 property tax bills were due on August 31, 2017; any outstanding balances are accruing interest at 15% per annum.

There are many options for you to pay your property taxes. Payments can be made at the Tax Office (cash, cheque and debit only) at 1 Church Street, Truro, at most financial institutions, as well as by telebanking or internet banking. If you are making your payment by telebanking or internet banking, please make sure you use the **assessment account number** as your account number.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill or need to set up a payment plan for your outstanding property taxes, please contact Chelsea Veling at 902-897-3162 or cveling@colchester.ca.