



Municipality of the County of Colchester

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Low Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 11, 2018
(Late applications will not be accepted)

Residential property owners may be eligible for an exemption on their 2018/2019 property taxes, up to a maximum of \$320.17. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the property as their principal residence and fall into one of the categories listed below:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
Single	Less than \$25,431	\$192.10
Family of 2	Less than \$33,589	\$256.13
Family of 3 or more	Less than \$40,306	\$320.17

"Gross Income" refers to the total gross income from all sources for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017. This must include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students. You should not include income from the following sources: War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada); Veterans Affairs Canada, Pension; Child Tax Benefit; or GST/HST Rebate.

Application forms will automatically be mailed to last year's eligible applicants. If you have not received your application form by April 1st, please call 902-897-3162.

Applicants must reapply annually. If you did not receive the exemption last year, you may obtain an application from the Municipal Tax Office, 1 Church Street, Truro, by calling 902-897-3162, or by visiting www.colchester.ca/resident/forms-and-applications.

For income verification purposes, please bring your 2017 **INCOME TAX RETURN**, which you submit to Revenue Canada. **Notice of Assessments will NOT be accepted.**

From the Mayor's Desk

Budget: With the fiscal year 2017-18 almost at an end, your County Council is now deeply involved in the budgeting process for 2018-19. This year we've initiated our Capital budget meetings early in hopes to advertise tenders sooner. By doing so we believe we will receive more competitive responses from contractors who are planning their work schedules for the upcoming season. Capital projects include items such as the water tower and roundabout for the Debert Business Park, and Phase I infrastructure for the Fundy Discovery Site.

Over the course of two evenings your Council has also just recently heard presentations on 35 of the 44 not-for-profits and community event grant-requests received. The ask is just under \$400,000, which is considerably more than our budget allows. Deciding grant distribution on such worthy requests will be a challenging task when we discuss our operating budget in two scheduled meetings in April. It is one that we do every year, looking at each request with objectivity, before we reach a decision and advise each applicant

accordingly.

Further, we must keep in mind that approximately 48 per cent of our budget is paid to the provincial and federal governments for services such as education, policing and various other services provided to each Nova Scotia municipality.

A financial report will come out to Colchester County residents later in the year; providing even greater clarity as to where your tax dollars are allocated.

Policies & Bylaws: Under the NS Municipal Government Act (MGA), it is the Council of any municipality that shall make decisions in the exercise of its powers and duties by resolution, by policy or by by-law. But before Council makes any decision on setting a policy or by-law that affects the whole of the County, it must have information on all sides of the issue.

Last fall, the Provincial government passed amendments to the MGA requiring that all municipalities implement codes of conduct, expense and hospitality policies (with specific requirements), as well as an Audit Committee that involves at least one person who is not a member of Council or an employee of the Municipality. Colchester County was in fact investigating a code of conduct prior to the amendments to the MGA, and now has all necessary policies updated in draft form to comply with the new requirements.

You may also be aware that there has been considerable discussion on the topic of noise. Council recognizes that this is a complex issue and before any decision is made, all options, including the pros and cons associated with each, will be thoroughly discussed and reviewed.

Volunteer Awards: Our community volunteers are valued and respected in our communities for their work and commitment. Volunteer week is April 15-22. Nomination forms are available through Recreation Services or online at www.colchester.ca. Deadline for nominations is April 6 at 4:30 pm.

Other: On a more personal note, it was with a great deal of sadness that I mention the passing of Mrs. Merle Nelson, Elk Court, Brookfield, at 109 years of age. It is my understanding the late Mrs. Nelson was Colchester County's oldest citizen. She was a vibrant and capable woman who lived life fully and saw a lot of lifestyle changes during her lifetime. Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

Christine Blair, Mayor

Tatamagouche Water Utility Rates

In December 2016, the Municipality hired a consulting firm to complete a Water Rate Study. The Study was completed in September 2017 and was endorsed by the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee and County Council. The Municipality made an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) on behalf of the Tatamagouche Water Utility, for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for water and water services. A public hearing was held in Tatamagouche in November 2017 and a decision from the NSUARB was recently received approving the following rate increases:

Effective Date	5/8" Meter	1" Meter	1 1/2" Meter	2" Meter	Water Consumption Rate (per cubic meter)	Bulk Water Rate (per cubic meter)	New Account Connection Fee	New Account Deposit Fee
January 1, 2018	\$85.69	\$205.63	\$405.54	\$645.43	\$2.51	\$7.50	\$60.00	\$100.00
April 1, 2018	\$95.30	\$229.48	\$453.11	\$721.47	\$2.61	\$8.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
April 1, 2019	\$104.79	\$252.94	\$499.86	\$796.16	\$2.72	\$8.53	\$60.00	\$100.00

Did You Know?

When selling your property, or when you have a change of tenant, please notify us at 902-897-3152 to have a meter reading taken on the closing date, ensuring an accurate final billing.

Animal Control

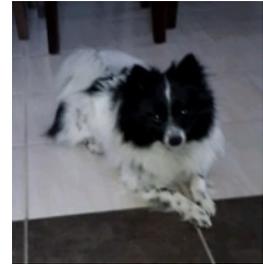
Why Call Animal Control?

One of the most common misconceptions about Animal Control is that dogs will be removed from their owners if calls are received about them running at large. This is not the case; Animal Control is there to protect the safety and welfare of your dog and community.

Imagine if your dog ran away from home and neither you nor the finder called Animal Control to report it. Instead of calling Animal Control to report dogs running at large, many people often resort to posting on social media sites. While social media can encompass a large group of people in a short amount of time, some people do not have access to these sites, so valuable time could be wasted.

Did you know the Municipality has an indoor kennel facility where your dog would be kept warm, safe and cared for by qualified staff until the owner can be reached? By calling Animal Control, your dog can be picked up and taken to the holding facility, where staff will use all means necessary to determine and locate the owners (which can occur very quickly if your dog is registered and wearing a County tag). This is a safer solution than ignoring the problem and letting the dog continue to run at large.

So next time you see a dog running at large, ask yourself, "what if this was my dog?"



Merle went missing in February 2018. By contacting Animal Control and reaching out to the Community, she was returned home safely.



We would like to thank our lucky early bird winners, Granville MacMillan and Linda and Max Ogden, for purchasing their 2018 dog tags before the January 10th deadline.

County Dog Registrations and Tags

As per the County's Dog By-law, dogs must be registered and tagged annually by January 10th. However, tags can still be purchased throughout the year. If you live in Colchester County, you can register your dog and purchase your tags at the County Courthouse, 1 Church Street, Truro or at any of the following locations:

- Central Nova Animal Hospital - Bible Hill
- Futureworx - Tatamagouche
- Truro Veterinary Hospital - Truro
- All My Pets - Salmon River
- Stay N Play Canine Centre - Truro
- Red Woof Inn - Central North River
- Fundy Veterinarians - Murray Siding and Shubenacadie
- Cross Road Boarding, Training and Behaviour - Great Village

Districts 1 & 11 Open House

Meet Councillors Eric Boutilier and Wade Parker
Discuss County services and initiatives
All Welcome!

Wednesday, April 11th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bible Hill Consolidated School Gymnasium
103 Pictou Road, Bible Hill

Public Works

Did You Know:

- When installing a sewer connection to our public system, your piping must be at least 15.2 metres away from your private well. Where this separation cannot be achieved, your sewer pipe must be double cased. These requirements form part of the provincial well construction regulations.
- Sump pumps should never be connected to the sanitary sewer system! These types of connections cause our piping and treatment plants to become overwhelmed during rain events and could lead to sewer back ups.

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 scalehouse prior to unloading materials. The scalehouse operator can accept cash, a personal cheque, or Interac as payment for disposal. The scalehouse 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 March 30th for Good Friday, April 2nd for Easter Monday and Monday, May 21st for Victoria Day.

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

Stay Up To Date On Collection Changes When They Affect You

Want to know the moment winter weather affects collection in your area? Sign up for a service alert message at www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling or download our free app from the App Store or Google Play and you will be notified by phone, email or Twitter the moment decisions affecting collection are made! No computer, tablet or smartphone? No problem! Call our Helpline at 902-895-4777 and we will set this service up for you!



Top 5 Alerts From Our Recycling Facility!

Have you ever wondered how all of those recyclable items you place in your blue and clear bags get sorted? Our recycling facility uses conveyor belts to move the materials and a very dedicated staff that hand pick items into separate streams. They do a great job sorting these valuable resources to keep them out of the landfill and give them a new life.

Staff has been noticing some problem items that are arriving in recycling bags. Help keep the quality of our recyclables high by putting the following items in the right place:

- **Paper in the Wrong Bag** – Paper products **MUST** be placed in a separate bag from your container recyclables. When paper products get mixed with other recyclables, they become contaminated and unmarketable causing us to lose these valuable resources.
- **Medical Waste, Syringes and Needles** – These products should **NEVER** be placed in your recycling bag, in any sort of container or loose. This puts collection and processing staff at major risk for injury and illness. If you use needles or syringes for medical conditions, please pick up a free Safe Sharps container from your pharmacy. Once filled, these containers can be taken back to the pharmacy to ensure safe disposal.
- **Household Batteries** – These do not belong in the curbside recycling program. There are drop off sites in various locations throughout the Municipality and Household Hazardous Event days where they can be brought for recycling. Please tape across the two terminals on the 9 volt square batteries for safety. For drop off locations near you, call our Helpline at 902-895-4777.
- **Milk Cartons** – These should always be placed in your containers recycling bag with your plastics, bottles, and cans. These are commonly mistaken for belonging in the paper recycling bag. So common in fact, that each day, staff at our recycling facility pull upwards of 250 milk cartons off of the paper sorting conveyor line, slowing down operations. Placing these in your container recycling bag at home helps keep our facility more efficient.
- **Clean Recyclables** – Please ensure that containers are empty and rinsed before placing them in your blue bag for collection. When containers are not empty or clean, they contaminate other clean recyclables at our facility. We greatly appreciate your help in sending us clean recyclables.



See Us In Action!

All of the recyclables that arrive at our facility are sorted by hand by our dedicated employees. To see us in action, check out our video at <http://www.colchester.ca/recycling-in-colchester> and find out 'Where does it go?' This will give you a firsthand look at why it is so important to properly sort your recyclables and ensure they are clean when placed into your bags.

We Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Annual Compost Giveaway

The always popular Compost Giveaway takes place at the Balefill Facility during the week of **May 5th to 12th** at **188 Mingo Road, Kempton** from **8:30 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays and 8:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturdays**. 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 with any questions on this event.

Ready, Set, Spring Cleanup!

Spring is drawing near. It will soon be time to clean your sheds, basements and closets of unwanted items.

This special collection for all residents of Colchester County allows for the disposal of larger household items not normally picked up in the regular curbside program. **All items must be placed within 10ft/3m of the road by 7:00 am on the MONDAY of your collection week.** Each household, including apartment buildings of three units or less, is eligible for Spring Cleanup collection. The maximum weight of individual bundles cannot exceed 50lbs or one cubic meter in size, with the exception of furniture and appliances. The total amount to be set out should not exceed 650lbs (picture the amount that can fit into the back of a half ton truck).

Residents are reminded that smaller items must be packaged or bundled in a CLEAR GARBAGE BAG or box for collection. To help ensure all of your material gets picked up, please make sure these small/loose items are placed in a clear bag or container.

PLEASE NOTE: More than one truck will pass by your house to pick up various items. If some of your items get picked up and others are left behind (for example, metal items), please be patient. This usually means that some items will be picked up later by another truck.

Spring Collection will take place as follows:

Town of Truro - April 23 rd to 27 th	Zone 5 - April 30 th to May 4 th
Zone 6 - April 30 th to May 4 th	Zone 7 - May 14 th to 18 th
Town of Stewiacke - May 18 th	Zone 8 - May 22 nd to 25 th
Zone 1 - May 28 th to June 1 st	Zone 2 - May 28 th to June 1 st
Zone 3 - June 4 th to 8 th	Zone 4 - June 4 th to 8 th

Please refer to your collection schedule for Zone descriptions or check the Municipality's Website at <http://www.colchester.ca/collection-schedules>.

PLEASE NOTE: Commercial waste is not included in Spring Cleanup. This includes farms, businesses and institutions.

Materials such as cardboard, recyclables, organics, tires, Christmas trees and electronic items are banned from landfill and will not be picked up at the curb during Spring Cleanup.

Car parts and construction and demolition debris can be brought to the Balefill Facility and dropped off for the appropriate tipping fee as these items are not eligible for Spring Cleanup collection.

Any questions can be directed to the Colchester Helpline at 902-895-4777 or visit www.colchester.ca.

Reminder – One Large Item Pickup Resumes In Colchester County

Starting June 11, 2018, for residents of Zones 1 through 8 in Colchester County, each household can place one large item curbside on each of their regular collection days for pick up. One large item could consist of a chair, a table, a stove, etc.

This collection service will continue until December 14, 2018 when it will cease for the winter months.

Household 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.

2018 Dates of Operation:	
April 7 th	May 5 th
June 2 nd	July 7 th
August 11 th	September 8 th
October 13 th	November 3 rd

Mark Your Calendars - 2018 Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Events



This spring, there will be three mobile HHW events held. These will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday, May 12th – Stewiacke Fire Hall, 111 Highway 2, Stewiacke**
- Saturday, May 26th – Economy Fire Hall, 3440 Highway 2, Economy**
- Saturday, June 9th – North Shore Recreation Centre, 30 Blair Avenue, Tatamagouche**

The mobile events take place between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

For further information, check out our website at www.colchester.ca or phone our Helpline at 902-895-4777.

FREE Community Paper Shredding Event

There will be a paper shredding event taking place on **Saturday, May 12th** at the **Stewiacke Fire Hall** in conjunction with the mobile household hazardous waste drop off event. The hours of operation will be **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This is a free service offered to residents and small businesses within Colchester, Truro and Stewiacke. There is a limit of 10 file boxes or 5 large bags of paper per resident or business. Please ensure plastic sleeves and binders are removed.



We Can ALL Do Our Part To Reduce Plastic Use

Nova Scotians use 300 to 500 million single use plastic shopping bags every year. At the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility, each working day we sort and process 3.25 bales of plastic film. This equals 4,940 pounds or 2.24 metric tonnes. Based on the average weight of a plastic bag, this equals 407,255 plastic bags EVERY day!

The global market for plastic film is very challenging at this time. The best solution is to CONSUME less. Use reusable bags and rethink all disposable products. Refuse a bag when one is not necessary. Thank you for reducing the use of plastic!

Step into SPRING



Recreation

Spring is in the air! Get ready to step into spring with Colchester Recreation's eight week walking program. It's an easy and fun way to improve your current activity level.

What is Step into Spring?

The Step into Spring walking program involves wearing a pedometer, recording your daily step counts and submitting your weekly total to Colchester Recreation by email or phone. A \$10 program registration fee gets you a pedometer, reusable bag, and

other great incentives to keep you motivated throughout the program. There are prizes to be won each week!

The Challenge begins March 31st in Recreation Offices at the Municipality of Colchester, Town of Truro, Village of Bible Hill, and Town of Stewiacke, and runs until May 25th. Registration begins March 21st.

For more information contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or visit www.colchester.ca/spring.



Cobequid Trail – Eagle Crest in Bible Hill

beside wonderful wetlands. Relax by a shaded brook or a tidal bay. Explore a trail. Enrich your soul, exercise your body, and refresh your mind.

Visit www.colchester.ca/trails to plan your next trail adventure.

Step Into Spring On A Trail

This spring, make trails part of your active outdoor adventures. With more than 150 km of walking, hiking and bicycling trails to explore, Colchester County has something for everyone. Walk to your heart's content beside seacoasts and salt marshes. Hike through gorges to waterfalls in the hills. Run like the wind through hemlocks in the park. Bicycle on routes where train whistles used to blow. Stroll



Painted trillium, Gully Lake Wilderness Area



Colchester Recreation Services encourages you to check out www.fundyconnect.ca. Fundy Connect is an online database linking you to everything recreation, sport, physical activity, and leisure in the Fundy region. Let Fundy Connect be your direct route to recreation for communities in Colchester, Cumberland, and Sipekne'katik, Nova Scotia!

Visit www.fundyconnect.ca today to browse upcoming events or to suggest a new event for the Recreation Guide.

Municipal Regional Parks Open May 12th

The Municipality of Colchester's three regional parks open for the season on May 12th. Until then, visitors can explore these day-use parks on foot. Please note that municipal parks, including trails in the parks, are not maintained during the winter; regular park services will be available starting May 12th. Visit www.colchester.ca/parks for directions and more information.

A spectacular, panoramic view of the Minas Basin awaits you at **Five Islands Lighthouse Park**, located 70 km west of Truro and directly across from the Five Islands. Kids of all ages love the ship playground – let your imagination sail away! Join family and friends for a picnic under the beautiful, timberframe picnic shelter. Enjoy the incredible view while walking on the paths or exploring the beach. During July and August, the 105-year-old lighthouse is open to visitors.



If you enjoy walking in the woods, plan to explore **Stewiacke River Park** which has trails offering views of the river, spring wildflowers, birds and other wildlife. Bring a picnic to enjoy at one of several shelters beside the river. This park features wheelchair accessible facilities - paths, large picnic shelter and washrooms. Located 14 km south of Brookfield, this quiet park is a gem for nature lovers.



Nelson Memorial Park is a day-use park beside Tatamagouche Bay, 2 km west of Tatamagouche. With a playground, picnic areas, walking paths and a beautiful view of the Bay, this park is a great place to spend an afternoon. Bring your bicycle and explore the Butter Trail (part of The Great Trail) which runs through the park; it's a short ride east to the French River bridge, Patterson Wharf Park and Creamery Square in downtown Tatamagouche.



Volunteer Recognition

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?

During the week of **April 15th to April 22nd** communities all across Canada will celebrate **National Volunteer Week**. The primary purpose of this specially designated week is to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting a cause in which they believe.

The County of Colchester promotes volunteerism by encouraging communities to nominate volunteers, groups, youth, families and businesses and by emphasizing the recognition of all volunteers. Please consider nominating volunteers in your area. The County of Colchester and the Town of Truro will be hosting the Volunteer Award Ceremony during National Volunteer Week, date to be determined.

Nomination forms can be picked up at Colchester Recreation (1 Church Street, Truro), or found online at <http://www.colchester.ca/volunteer-recognition>.

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 9, 2018.

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

Cobequid Trail Now Part Of Blue Route

The Municipality is pleased to announce that an 8.5 km section of the Cobequid Trail – between Shore Road in Old Barns and the Town of Truro boundary - is now part of the Blue Route.

The Blue Route (www.blueroute.ca) is a province-wide project to develop and designate a network of safer bicycle routes on road and trail to form a continuous network connecting communities across Nova Scotia with better places to ride. To date, 437 km of Blue Route is open, including road segments between Pictou and Valley and between Masstown and Wallace. The fully envisioned Blue Route includes 3,000 km of connected, continuous bikeways.



New signs along the Blue Route section of the Cobequid Trail.



Bicycle Nova Scotia is developing the Blue Route in collaboration with all three levels of government and local community organizations. The Blue Route gives communities the opportunity to make bicycling a more accessible option for transportation and recreation, as well as to promote economic development and tourism growth through bicycling initiatives. It also creates opportunities for local businesses to benefit from increased bicycling traffic.

Supporting Healthy, Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces

Watch for signs like this posted at municipal parks, playgrounds and trails throughout Colchester County. The signs are a reminder not to smoke at these sites, which fall under the Municipality of Colchester's Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy. Thank you for your cooperation, as together we encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellness.



A Message From The RCMP

Seniors Beware

The Nova Scotia RCMP regularly receive complaints regarding a variety of scams. Remember, scammers will attempt to prey on a person's good will, moral conscience, desire for friendship, or their emotional attachments (i.e. family). Scammers also recognize that the threat of public embarrassment is something that most people wish to avoid.

It is important that seniors be aware of possible scammers and take steps to avoid becoming a victim. Scammers could attempt to contact you by phone, computer, or in person.



Some of the more common scams targeting seniors in Nova Scotia include:

- 1) **The Emergency Grand Parent Scam** - where a caller claims to be a family member or a close friend and advises the potential victim about an urgent situation that requires immediate funds.
- 2) **The Prize Scam** - where a scammer contacts the potential victim by phone or email advising them that they are the winner of a large lottery or sweepstakes. Prior to receiving any winnings, the consumer must first pay an up-front fee. No winnings are ever received.
- 3) **The Bank Inspector Scam** - where suspect(s) make contact with the potential victim by phone advising that they require assistance to catch a bank employee that has been stealing money. The scammer instructs the individual to make a cash withdrawal from their bank account, place the money in an envelope and meet the 'investigator' at a designated location to turn over the money.
- 4) **Extortion Scams** - where individuals receive pop-up messages on their computer stating that they have accessed an inappropriate website, or that their computer contains inappropriate images or videos (i.e. pornography, violence, terrorism, etc.). Victims are then told that their computer's Internet Protocol (IP) address has been recorded and that they need to pay \$100-250 via Bitcoin, Ukash, or PaySafe Card to unlock their computer. These pop-up messages falsely appear to originate from the RCMP or the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).
- 5) **The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Scam** - where the scammer advises the person being contacted they are in trouble and owe money. The scammer gives options for the person to pay. If the CRA contacts you, they will never threaten you and will only arrange payments via secure means.
- 6) **Phishing Scams** - are extremely common. Groups will request information from you online and may use this to access your accounts or steal your identity. Do not give out personal information online unless you are certain of the requestor's validity. Most organizations will not proactively seek your information and will only ask for it after you initiate contact. For example: if you are buying shoes online, it can be expected that you will need to pay for the shoes with your credit card.

In order to protect yourself, always be aware of pop-up messages or banners with a ransom request. Specifically:

- Never click on a pop-up that claims your computer has a virus.
- Avoid opening e-mails and e-mail attachments from unknown sources, especially .zip files.
- Never send money to "unlock" a computer.
- Ensure your anti-virus software is active and up-to-date, and regularly schedule scans to search and remove already existing malware.
- Keep your operating system and software up to date.
- Make regular backups of important files.
- Ask questions and advise that you will call back a "main line" for the organization seeking your information. Any credible organization will have no problem with this action.

For more information on different types of extortion scams, or to report a scam, please visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm.



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1-866-728-5144

Reception - 897-3160, 897-3150,
897-3175
Administration
Tax Office
Public Works

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

Property Information - 897-3178

Colchester Recreation - 897-3185
recreation@colchester.ca

Materials Recovery Facility and
Regional Balefill Facility - 897-0450

Waste & Recycling Helpline - 895-4777
helpline@colchester.ca

Fax Numbers

Courthouse Building

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

External Locations

Regional Sewage
Treatment Plant - 897-0335
Public Works Building - 895-5251
Water Utilities - 641-3102
Materials Recovery Facility
Waste Reduction - 897-0882
Recycling Operations - 897-0453
Regional Balefill Facility - 895-2307

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Mayor's Challenge Curling Funspiel

Colchester Recreation Services hosted its annual Mayor's Challenge Curling Funspiel on February 3, 2018. There was a great turnout with thirteen teams comprised of all ages. Pictured is the 2018 winning team, left to right: Barb Cox, Doug Cox, Mary Johnson, and Elmer Archibald. Congratulations on a job well done!



Employee Recognition

The Municipality's Service Recognition Policy acknowledges employees reaching service milestones. Employees recognized for years of service to the end of 2017 were:

THANKS
FOR
BEING
AWESOME

5 years: Jeanette Himmelman, Roselito Agcon, Randy Currie, Rob MacLean

10 years: Dana Stewart, Wayne Wamboldt, Darryl Matheson, Tracey Veno, Andy Frizell, Joe Hopkins, Mona Snow, Phillip MacBurnie, JP Wood

15 years: Mildred Hanlan, Cindy Moore, Patricia Cook, Kenny Brown

20 years: Debbie MacLean, Colin Forsyth

25 years: Darrell Mingo

Tax Sale

The next Tax Sale is scheduled for **April 10, 2018**. The sale will take place at **10:00 am** in the **Council Chambers at the Municipal Office**. The Tax Sale was advertised in the local newspapers on Saturday, March 10, 2018 and will be advertised again on Saturday, April 7, 2018. For more information about the Tax Sale, please visit our website at www.colchester.ca/tax-sales or call the Tax Office at 902-897-3162.