



# Municipality of the County of Colchester

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## The Fundy Gateway Project (Palliser Redevelopment) Update



*A summer student at the Visitor Information Centre greets a guest from Mauritius, a small island off the east coast of Madagascar.*

A consulting group, led by UPLAND Planning & Design, has been working on a masterplan for the former Palliser property in Lower Truro since mid-March. The process, which is expected to be complete by the end of September 2016, has garnered a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

In late April and early May, the Consulting team held a number of well attended stakeholder and public engagement sessions which were intended to gain a better understanding of interests and ideas from a broad range of focus groups representing the hospitality, service and tourism industries, economic development organizations, multi-level trails and recreation groups, not-for-profits, tourism attractions and residents.

This was also supplemented by an online survey which attracted nearly 300 responses. Details and outcomes of this phase of the masterplan process can be viewed at [www.fundygateway.ca](http://www.fundygateway.ca). Information gathered through these sessions, along with a considerable amount of background research, is presently being used to guide a conceptual

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## Message from the Mayor

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the great weather, activities and festivals throughout the County this summer. The organizers of these events, most of them volunteers, are to be commended for the many hours they put in making these events a success.

Tatamagouche continues to be an amazing community. In addition to the many activities in the Village, this summer saw the opening of the John K. MacDonald Sports Park (behind the Recreation Centre). The park was named after John K., who had a dream to build this park, and played a big part in its development. It is great to see that there are over 90 young people registered in their soccer program.

Also this summer, after a lot of planning and fundraising, including funding from the County,

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the new Train arrived in Tatamagouche and went into service. The train makes regular daily trips throughout the community and along the trail to Nelson Park. This is a great service to the tourists and the community. Ridership is at full capacity and is receiving rave reviews.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, along with all of the Canada Day celebrations, the RECC hosted the Beach Boys concert. This was a sold out event which attracted 3,000 people to a great show. Additionally, with support from the Municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro, the RECC staff have been successful in their bid to host the World Down Syndrome Swim Meet in 2018 and are currently working on a bid to host the World Junior A Hockey Challenge in 2017.

In August, the North Colchester River Restoration Association had their Annual River Walk. This provides awareness of the great work this Committee does every year in the river and brooks to enhance the fish habitat. They are achieving great success. Again, this is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers and provides interesting and educational jobs for a number of local young people.

Also in August, the Annual Not Since Moses Run was held in Five Islands. This event is now run by a group of community volunteers and is a great experience that attracts visitors from all over the world to a small community in Colchester County.

The Brian MacLeod Blind Golf Tournament was also held in August, at the Mountain Golf Club. Brian was noted as the best blind golfer in the World and was not only respected for his achievements on the golf course, but as a great supporter of the sport. He was a great ambassador for the sport and our community. This event is now named in Brian's honour and the County is proud to be a funding partner for the tournament and a memorial in Brian's name.

I had the pleasure of attending the Debert Cadet Flying Centre Wings and Graduation at the Debert Airport. 53 Cadets graduated from this program: 41 from Debert and 12 from Moncton. The training and discipline these young people receive is outstanding. These graduates are now pilots and a number of them don't have their driver's license yet. It was nice to see the pride in these cadets and a loud cheer for their hosts, the Debert Hospitality Centre.

The County and the Town of Truro hosted the Atlantic Mayors Congress from September 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time for our municipalities to host this conference which brings Mayors from all Atlantic provinces, from Labrador City, NL to Campbellton, NB and all points in between, to the area for meetings. It is also a great opportunity to showcase our community to other community leaders.

The County is presently working on three major developments: the Fundy Gateway Project (Palliser Property); Perennia Park Development in Bible Hill; and, the Debert Airport.

There continues to be positive growth in the County. At the end of July, there were 292 building permits issued for a value of \$22,144,477 which is up slightly from a total of \$21,710,511 for this time last year.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Municipal Elections will be held across the province. We encourage everyone to exercise your right to vote. It is important to show your interest in the Municipality.

Bob Taylor,

Mayor

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design process for the site. A public meeting will be scheduled in September to discuss the initial development concepts and gather feedback to assist in refinement of the masterplan.

The Visitor Information Centre re-opened in mid-June and now operates as a provincial tourist bureau with extended hours and additional staff. The tidal bore phenomena continues to attract many visitors from every corner of the globe: from Australia and New Zealand; the United Kingdom and continental Europe; to the western coasts of the United States and Canada. The Municipality has also undertaken a number of site improvements in an effort to spruce-up the grounds following the demolition of buildings on the site during the fall of 2015. Progress on the Fundy Gateway project can be tracked on the Municipality's website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) or the project's website at [www.fundygateway.ca](http://www.fundygateway.ca).

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## Animal Control

As of June 1, 2016, the Municipality of Colchester no longer provides Animal Control Services for the Town of Truro. If you find a dog outside of the Municipality, please contact the following:

Town of Truro - 902-895-5351

Town of Stewiacke - 902-639-2231

Millbrook First Nation - 902-899-5240

### What To Do If You Found A Lost Dog



Maybe a dog has wandered onto your doorstep, you picked one up while driving, or they have followed you home during a walk. However this dog may have entered your life, the following steps and tips will hopefully aid your efforts in getting them home:

**Step 1:** If the dog is friendly, check for identification and contain the dog. If the owners are actively looking for their dog it is best to try to 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 Nation) contact Animal Control at 902-897-3170. Not sure if you are in the County? Contact our office with your civic address and they will be able to tell you.

**Step 3:** Provide Animal Control with the tag number and/or 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 and take them 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.

## Municipal Election 2016

### Municipal Election Dates

**Advance Polls: Saturday, October 8, 2016 and Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm**

**Regular Polls: Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm**

The Municipality of Colchester will hold an Election on October 15, 2016 for Mayor, Municipal Councillor and School Board Member, as it applies in each district. To be an eligible voter you must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a resident in the County of Colchester for three (3) months prior to the date of the election. Please check our website for additional election information.

### Advance Polls Open to All Electors

Advance Polls being held on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are open to **all electors** who may not be able to vote on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The location is detailed on your Voter Notification Card. General information is below.

### Voter Notification Cards

In mid-August, Voter Notification Cards were mailed to the names included on the voters list. **Please note the District in which you reside and the Polling Station where you may cast your vote.**

No changes can be made to the Revised Voters List after October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a Voter Notification Card, please call the Returning Office at 902-956-9592 or 902-956-2437. You may also visit the Returning Office at 1 Church Street in Truro.

Inquiries may only concern 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, birth date and civic address to verify they are on the voters list. Individuals not on the Voters List have two options for voting at Advance Polls or the Regular Poll. The first option is to contact the Returning Office by phone or in person and have your name added to the list. The second option is to go to the Advance or Regular polling station, provide your information and take an oath before you vote. Please call the Returning Office if you have a family member or friend who is unable to contact us and we will be pleased to try and work out an appropriate solution.

### Elections Workers Needed

The Municipality still requires individuals to serve as Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) and Poll Clerks to assist at election polling stations in several areas on both the advance and regular polling dates. If you are interested in working as a Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, and have not already notified us, please contact the Returning Office at 902-956-9592, 902-956-2437 or by email at [ldawson@colchester.ca](mailto:ldawson@colchester.ca) or [dgraham@colchester.ca](mailto:dgraham@colchester.ca).

### Advance Polling Locations (October 8 & 11)

District	Location		
		6	Emergency Operations Centre, Bible Hill
1	Emergency Operations Centre, Bible Hill	7	Tatamagouche Fire Hall
2	Cobequid Fire Hall #1	8	North River Fire Hall
3	Hilden Fire Hall	9	Admin Building, Debert Air Industrial Park
4	Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre	10	Great Village Fire Hall
5	Salmon River Fire Hall	11	Emergency Operations Centre, Bible Hill

### Regular Polling Station Locations (October 15)

District	Polling Division - Community	Location
<b>1</b>	1A - Brookside, Bible Hill (West)	Emergency Operations Centre
	1B - Vimy Court	Vimy Court
<b>2</b>	2A - Truro Heights	Cobequid Fire Hall #1
	2B - Lower Truro	Cobequid Fire Hall #1
	2C - Old Barns, Clifton, Beaver Brook, Princeport, Green Oaks	Cobequid Fire Hall #2
	2D - Green Creek, Pleasant Valley, Shortts Lake	Brookfield Sportsplex
	2E - Riverside, Fort Ellis	Alton Community Centre
<b>3</b>	3A - Hilden	Hilden Fire Hall
	3B - Brookfield	Brookfield Sportsplex
	3C - Alton, Brentwood, Forest Glen	Alton Community Centre
	3D - Elk Court	Elk Court
<b>4</b>	4A - Eastville, Burnside, Pembroke, Newton Mills, Upper Stewiacke, Meadowvale, Otterbrook, Cross Rds	Upper Stewiacke Fire Hall
	4B - Cloverdale, Birch Hill, South Branch, Middle Stewiacke, Halfway Brook	Middle Stewiacke Rec Centre
	4C - West St. Andrews, Wittenburg, Lanesville, East Stewiacke, MacKay Siding	West St. Andrews Hall
	4D - Gays River, Pine Grove, Shubenacadie East, Coldstream	West St. Andrews Hall
<b>5</b>	5A - Salmon River, Murray Siding, Harmony, Camden	Salmon River Fire Hall
<b>6</b>	6A - Greenfield, Manganese Mines, East Mountain, Valley (North)	Redcliff Middle School
<b>7</b>	7A - Mattatall Lake, Lake Road, French River, Bayhead, West Tatamagouche	Tatamagouche Fire Hall
	7B - Tatamagouche, Barrachois, Sand Point	Tatamagouche Fire Hall
	7C - Waldegrave, Waughs River, Denmark, Middleton, Keble, Brule Point, Brule, Brule Shore	Tatamagouche Fire Hall
	7D - East New Annan, Central New Annan, Byers Lake, Millbrook, Debert Lake, West New Annan, Tatamagouche Mountain, Kavanaugh Mills, Warwick Mountain, Oliver, New Truro Road	Tatamagouche Fire Hall
	7E - West Earltown, Earltown, East Earltown, Balfron, Balmoral Mills, The Falls	Earltown Community Centre
	7F - Willow Lodge	Willow Lodge
<b>8</b>	8A - Onslow Mountain	North River Elementary School
	8B - Upper Onslow, North River	North River Elementary School
	8C - Nuttby, McCallum Settlement, Upper North River, Central North River, Upper Brookside	North River Elementary School
	8D - Riverside, Kemptown, Upper Kemptown	Kemptown Community Centre
<b>9</b>	9A - East Folly Mountain, Debert	Admin Bldg, Debert Air Ind Park
	9B - Lower Onslow, Central Onslow	Onslow Belmont Fire Hall
	9C - Belmont, Moose Lake, Crowes Mills	Onslow Belmont Fire Hall
	9D - Debert Court	Debert Court
<b>10</b>	10A - Lynn, Lower Five Islands, Five Islands	Five Islands Fire Hall
	10B - Simpson Lake, McCormack Lake, Lower Economy, Carrs Brook, Economy, Upper Economy	Economy Recreation Centre
	10C - Little Bass River, Bass River, Castlereagh, Montrose, Five Houses, Portapique	Bass River Fire Hall
	10D - Lornevale, Londonderry, Hart Lake, Folly Lake, Folly Mountain, Londonderry Station, East Village	Londonderry Com. Centre
	10E - Highland Village, Great Village, Glenholme, Little Dyke	Great Village Fire Hall
	10F - Lower Debert, Masstown	Masstown United Church
<b>11</b>	11A - Bible Hill (East), Valley (South)	Redcliff Middle School

## 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)

Twitter: @ColchesterWRM

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 Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day.

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

### Hazardous Waste Disposal – Dates to Remember

**Location:** Clean Harbors, 640 MacElmon Road, Debert, Exit 13, Highway 104

**Remaining 2016 Dates of Operation:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>

**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.

### Styrofoam Update

The recycling of Styrofoam™ (expanded polystyrene) has been a great success. We can recycle both white and coloured products such as plates, cups, meat trays (with pads and wrap removed), egg cartons and take out containers. Please rinse any food product from the containers before placing them in your recycling bag.

Expanded polystyrene is made up of mostly air, which is why it was so inefficient to recycle in the past. The pictures to the right demonstrate how 17 pounds of Styrofoam™ can be reduced when it is heated and densified. It will be stacked on a pallet and sent to market.



### Balefill Fire Cause Unknown



On August 11<sup>th</sup>, during one of the driest summers in 15 years, there was a fire at the landfill cell disposal area of the Balefill in Kemptown. This garbage was baled and placed in the area approximately a week earlier and staff were getting ready to cover it with soil. Smoke was spotted by an employee and within minutes it burst into flames. Three fire brigades responded, arriving from Valley/Kemptown, Salmon River and Bible Hill. The fire was quickly controlled and security was hired to ensure there wasn't any flare ups over the night and into the week-end.

Staff believe that the fire could have been started by a lithium battery or a hazardous waste chemical reaction. It is very important that hazardous materials are disposed of properly. Lithium batteries, when compromised, can react to moisture and explode in high temperatures. These batteries are very common and can be found in watches, calculators, cameras, cell phones, iPads, tablets and computers.

This should serve as a reminder to all that it is very important for the safety of our environment and community to properly dispose of hazardous materials.

Thank you to staff and local fire brigades for their quick response!

### Textiles Recycling is Here!

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

ADD TEXTILES TO THE FIBRE/PAPER BAG

When you place your unwanted textiles in your paper recycling bag it will be reused or recycled. By doing this, you are helping save valuable landfill space and are helping people both near and far enjoy a better life!

CLOTHING

FOOTWEAR

LINENS

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

*Join Us...*

*To Celebrate our 20th Anniversary!*

**Municipality of Colchester  
Solid Waste Facilities'**

**Open House Event**

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

**Saturday October 1st 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!
- Games, Bouncy Houses
- Door Prizes
- And much, much more!

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

### Recycle your Confidential Documents Securely & Responsibly!

**FREE Community Paper Shredding Event!**

**Saturday October 15th, 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

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

### Enhanced Service - One Bulky Item Per Collection



Since Spring Clean Up, residents of Colchester County are able to place one large item at the curb every two weeks on each of their regular collection days. This one large item could include things such as a chair, a couch, a stove, etc. This program will continue until the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> with no bulky items collected throughout the winter. This enhanced service replaces the typical Fall Clean Up program. Please note, this change does **not** affect residents within the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke.

Some items such as refrigeration units that contain CFC's will require some special attention. If you have a fridge, freezer or an air conditioning unit for your bulky item – please call the helpline at 902-895-4777, so a special collection can be arranged.

### Here We Grow Again!

Two fifty kilowatt wind mills have begun producing power and revenue for the Municipality of Colchester. They can be found at the Colchester Compost Facility in Kempton and have been operational since June.



## Recreation

### Calling All Artists! Art Acquisition and Show

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. The Art Show will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. During the show, a work of art is selected by a Committee and added to the permanent public display on the main floor of the Municipality of Colchester Courthouse. 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, go to [www.colchester.ca/art-acquisition](http://www.colchester.ca/art-acquisition) or contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)

### Ringette

"Come Try It" Ringette opportunities will be provided in various arenas in Colchester this fall. Anyone wishing to become a Ringette Coach should contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155 for further information. We will be hosting a Coaching Clinic for those interested sometime in October/November 2016.

## Love a Trail: Great Trails, Dedicated Volunteers

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

## Municipal Regional Parks



*Stewiacke River Park*

Fall is a wonderful time for outdoor activities. Plan your visit today to one of our three municipal regional parks which feature picnic facilities, walking paths, playgrounds, and river or ocean views. At Five Islands Lighthouse Park climb aboard the ship playground, or bring a picnic and enjoy the amazing, panoramic view of the Five Islands and Minas Basin. At Nelson Memorial Park in Tatamagouche, stroll along the new walking trails and experience the forest, floral gardens, the Trans Canada Trail, and views of Tatamagouche Bay. At Stewiacke River Park enjoy the fall colors while picnicking or walking along the trails. For your convenience, Five Islands Lighthouse Park and Stewiacke River Park have wheelchair accessible washrooms.

The regional parks are serviced until October 10, 2016 and will re-open on May 8, 2017. 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](http://www.colchester.ca/parks) or phone 902-897-3180.

Picnic shelters at the regional parks may be reserved, free of charge, for family or group events. For reservation inquiries, please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3180, or use the online reservation form at <http://www.colchester.ca/park-reservation-form>.



*Nelson Memorial Park*

## The Great Trail: The Colchester Connection

Initiated in 1992 as a project to celebrate Canada's 125<sup>th</sup> year, the Great Trail (the new name for the Trans Canada Trail) will be the world's longest recreational trail and will wind its way through a variety of landscapes – urban, rural and wilderness – along greenway, waterway and roadway. When completed, it will span 24,000 km, link our three oceans and connect over 15,000 communities. This trail is a community-based project. Trail sections are owned, operated and maintained by local trail organizations, provincial authorities, national agencies and municipalities across Canada. The goal in Nova Scotia, and nationally, is to connect the Trail as a continuous route by 2017, Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation.



In Colchester County, the route has been confirmed and includes some of our best trails—the Butter Trail and Shortline Trail along the Northumberland Shore, the hiking trails in Gully Lake Wilderness Area, 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](http://www.thegreattrail.ca). For local route information, visit [www.colchester.ca/trails](http://www.colchester.ca/trails) or contact the Parks and Trails Coordinator at 902-897-3180.

### 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](http://www.colchester.ca/trails) for information about walking, hiking and cycling trails in Colchester County.

### Colchester Multisport



Colchester Multisport is a collaborative project between eleven community sport organizations, the Municipality of Colchester Recreation Services, the Town of Truro Recreation Department and the support of numerous community sport stakeholders. The program will run for 10 months (September 2016 to June 2017), a maximum of 30 children with all abilities who are in grades primary or one will be eligible to register for the program. All sessions will run twice a week, facilitated by recreation program coordinators and delivered by volunteer community sport organizations. Each lesson focuses on skill development through physical literacy and fun, setting the ground work for a love of sport and an 'I can play anything!' attitude. To register or for more information please contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155, email [colchestermultisport@gmail.com](mailto:colchestermultisport@gmail.com), or visit our website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca).

### Municipal Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

#### Upcoming application deadlines:

- Funding for Insurance for Non-Profit Groups – October 14, 2016
- Grants to Non-Profit Organizations – January 31, 2017
- Community Trail Funding Program – January 27, 2017
- Community Park Funding Program – February 24, 2017

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

### Trailblazers Afterschool Program



Colchester's Trailblazers After School Programs will take place again for six weeks this fall. Programs take place at Central Colchester Junior High, Hilden Elementary, Brookfield Elementary, South Colchester Academy, 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 Regional Coordinator - Colchester East Hants After School Program or visit our website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)

### Fundy Region 55+ Games

Fundy 55+ Games will be happening September 23 – 25, 2016 with 19 events taking place in Truro, Millbrook, Salmon River, Bible Hill and North River. The Games are open to all Fundy Region Residents 55+. They will conclude with an afternoon social featuring snacks, background music, slide show and medals. To register please drop by our office at 1 Church Street, Truro, NS, contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155 or visit our website [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) to obtain a registration form.

### Another Segment of Blue Route Opens!

Blue Route is a province-wide project to create a continuous 3000 km network of bicycling routes on roads and trails in Nova Scotia. By developing safe, well-connected bicycle routes, Blue Route will make it easier for Nova Scotians and visitors to get around the province on two wheels.

The province, in partnership with Bicycle Nova Scotia, opened the second segment of the Blue Route on June 17<sup>th</sup>, in Masstown, with a crowd of enthusiastic cyclists and supporters. The segment stretches 55 km from Masstown through the Wentworth Valley to Wallace in Cumberland County. The first Blue Route segment opened in August 2015 and runs 56 km from East Mountain (Bible Hill) to Pictou.



Stay tuned for future updates about Blue Route in Colchester County and across the province!

For more information, visit [www.blueroute.ca](http://www.blueroute.ca).

### Babes on Blades

Hey ladies, have you ever wanted to learn to play hockey? Here's your chance - Babes on Blades is back for another year. This "learn to" hockey program is designed to teach the basics of hockey to women with little or no experience. 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](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).

**Pre-registration is required. Space is limited!**



### After The Bell Programs



Thrive! After the Bell Programs support initiatives that increase physical activity levels in the after school time period (ASTP) with a focus on junior high aged youth (Grades 7-9). Priorities are set with providing barrier free programs in rural/remote settings. Programs this fall will take place in Brookfield (Girls Rock), Bass River (Outdoors Adventures) and Tatamagouche (Junior Babes on Blades). For more information regarding these programs contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3155 or visit our website [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)

### Senior Fitness

Colchester Recreation and the Rath Eastlink Community Centre will be partnering to bring Senior Fitness back to Old Barns. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:00 am beginning October 4, 2016 and running for 10 weeks. Cost is \$35.00 for 10 weeks or a \$2.00 drop in fee. For registration and program information contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)



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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
- Regional Balefill Facility 902-895-2307

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### Public Works

#### Provincial Changes to On-Site Sewage Disposal System Regulations

Effective May 1, 2016, Nova Scotia Environment made changes to their requirements for septic systems. Most installations will require only a notification instead of an approval. Other changes include the installation of pit privies without an approval or notification as long as it meets the Standards.

Please visit Nova Scotia Environment's website at <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/> or contact them at 902-893-5880 for more information.

#### Flood Advisory Committee Work

The County Flood Advisory Committee has been assisting local residents with flood repair and protection projects for over 22 years. Each year, the Committee provides technical and financial assistance to private property owners who have experienced damage to their property as a result of flooding. So far this year, the Committee has identified a total of 19 projects, ranging from small projects on private properties to large river improvement projects aimed at benefitting entire communities. The Committee has completed 7 projects over the last 2 months, valued at \$44,000, with more to come. Residents of Colchester who may be experiencing the negative effects of flooding and who wish to obtain support from the Committee can review our Small Flood Reduction Projects Policy at [www.colchester.ca/residents/policies](http://www.colchester.ca/residents/policies).

### Property Tax Bill Reminder

The Municipality of Colchester 2016/17 property tax bills were due on August 11, 2016. Any outstanding balances accrue interest at 15% per annum.

There are many options for you to pay your property taxes. Payments can be made at the Tax Office 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 need to set up a re-payment plan for your outstanding property taxes, please contact Donna Arnold at 902-897-3162 or [darnold@colchester.ca](mailto:darnold@colchester.ca).

### 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 educations. Scholarships are awarded to students who are enrolled in Bachelor or Trade Programs.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the following students received scholarships: Cameron Brown and Branden Rice from South Colchester Academy; Regan Tattie and Sara Veno from North Colchester High School; Clare Maguire, Therese McCurdy and Duncan Baillie from Cobequid Educational Centre; and Sam Dykeman and Parker Whitehead from École acadienne de Truro.