



# Municipality of the County of Colchester

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## Waste Management Facilities Open House Recap



On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we had close to 300 people attend our Waste Management Facilities Open House in Kempton. It was a fantastic day full of tours, games, food and fun! Thank you to everyone who came out to spend some time with us learning more about waste management in Colchester. We hope you enjoyed yourselves!

## Mayor's Message

November 2018 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I, the "war to end all wars," called "the Great War." On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, Canada honoured all those who fought or gave the supreme sacrifice in WWI and all subsequent wars. We honour, respect and value them. We pay tribute to all those whose lives have been affected by war. *"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them; We Will Remember Them."*

*Colchester's Strategic Priorities:* Approximately two years ago, Colchester County Council spent many hours working together to define our strategic priorities. These priorities have helped focus Council and staff on decision making, the allocation of resources, and have helped chart the course of actions to strengthen and enhance our future.

This past month, we completed an annual review of those priorities. This is a process that keeps us grounded in how we can meet community needs and allow growth and development in a fiscally responsible manner. Several items that were completed were removed. For example, our Regional Enterprise Network (REN), known as the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity, has been started and its strategic plan approved; Debert Business Park branding is completed, new signage is in place, upgrades have taken place to the airport, and a new water tower was built; Fundy Discovery Site has completed washroom facilities and started work on the grounds. These are on-going projects that will remain on the list. The solid waste/garbage collection contract is now completed. It will now be removed from our priority list. We also have operational priorities and quality core services that we provide to our citizens and goals that our staff works on every day. Council will continue to review our priorities yearly while maintaining a level of flexibility that will allow us to consider new opportunities or meet unexpected challenges.

*Events Truro-Colchester:* Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling in late October, and Nova Scotia Music Week in early November are over, but we have so many wonderful events to look forward to at the Rath EastLink Community Centre and in this community. One of the most



Photo taken during the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championships announcement in Halifax on October 30th.

important upcoming events is the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship in March of 2020, which will showcase the best female hockey players in the world. This event will take place in both Halifax, at the Scotiabank Centre and at the RECC. Truro and Colchester, as equal partners, are thrilled with the decision to hold this world-class event here in Nova Scotia, and especially in our jointly-owned facility. Working with Hockey Canada again after our successful World Junior Hockey competition, is very rewarding.

Entertainer Johnny Reid will be at the RECC on New Year's Eve and Walk Off the Earth's one and only Atlantic Canada show will be held here on February 9th. Events like these benefit our whole community and I can't say enough about the wonderful volunteers we have at these events. Thank you to them, to the organizers, Events Truro-Colchester, municipal

partners and our sponsors. We achieve great goals when we work together.

*The Future of Kennels:* Found later in this newsletter you will learn details of the collaborative approach that we intend to take to determine the best way forward for all concerned.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Council and Staff of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, I want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful and special Merry Christmas (or, an enjoyable Holiday Season). Our very best wishes for a Happy New Year and good health and happiness in 2019.

Christine Blair, Mayor

## Help Us Shape the Future of Kennels in Colchester

In August, Council met to consider adoption of an interim Kennel By-law that was intended to temporarily restrict the creation of new kennels in Colchester until such a time as they could review the suitability of current requirements. Following a well-attended hearing on August 30, Council decided not to proceed with the proposed By-law but remained committed to initiating a review process to establish a set of guidelines for kenneling operations in Colchester County.

With a targeted completion date of March 2019, an essential and up-front component of the review will involve a public engagement program that aims to understand the needs, concerns and recommended best practices of experts, stakeholders and citizens. The Planning Advisory Committee has considered several outreach tools to solicit citizen input and have confirmed the following program:

- A **Citizen Survey** will be available on the Municipality's website ([www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)) throughout the month of December 2018.
- An informal **Public Open House** will be held in the Millbrook Room at the RECC on January 16, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- The Committee will receive **Public Presentations** on January 22, 2019 beginning at 6:00 pm in Colchester County Council Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1 Church Street, Truro)

Please check the Municipality's website over the upcoming months for information and important dates; your participation is both important and essential.

## Property Tax Commonly Asked Questions

### How Are My Municipal Property Taxes Actually Calculated?

The Municipality of Colchester will set a tax rate each year that will be multiplied by your taxable assessed value per \$100 of assessment to determine your property tax. Property Valuation Services (PVSC) assesses property values yearly and mails you an assessment notice in January to advise you of your property's value for tax purposes.

### Can I View My Property Assessment Information Online?

Property owners can view detailed information on their assessment by accessing their "My Property Report" on the Property Valuation website at <http://www.pvsc.ca/en/home/default.aspx>. Use your Assessment Account Number and PIN access number to see your information. To obtain a PIN, phone 1-800-380-7775.

### What If I Do Not Agree With The Assessed Value On My Notice From PVSC?

All property owners have the right to appeal their property assessment if they disagree with the assessment value, ownership, or classification of their property. We encourage you to contact PVSC at 1-800-380-7775 with any questions or comments you have about your assessment notice before you make the decision to appeal.

### When Do I Appeal?

Your final annual assessment notice is mailed in January. If you decide to appeal your assessment, you **MUST** appeal within 31 days (the date specified on your assessment notice).

### What Are My Steps to Appeal?

1. **Review your Notice** – Is the information on the assessment notice correct?
2. **Contact** – Contact PVSC via website, phone or in person. They will review your assessment with you.
3. **Complete Appeal Form** – Complete the appeal form found on your assessment notice by the date indicated.
4. **Send to PVSC** – Once completed, fax, mail or drop off your form to your local PVSC office.

**Mail:** 15 Arlington Place, Suite #6 **Phone:** 1-800-380-7775 **Website:** [www.pvsc.ca](http://www.pvsc.ca)  
**Truro, NS, B2N 0G9** **Fax:** 1-888-339-4555

### If My Appeal Is Successful, Will My Tax Bill Be Automatically Adjusted?

Yes. The Municipality will receive notification of the appeal decision and will adjust your tax bill to reflect the correct amount. **You are responsible for paying your tax bill by the due date, even if your appeal is still under review.** Once the appeal decision is made, and an overpayment is determined, the overpayment will be refunded to you.

### When Is My Due Date?

The property tax bills are mailed annually in the month of June and are due on the last day of August.

### I Have Moved And Want To Update My Mailing Address.

Please contact the Municipality of Colchester Tax Office at 902-897-3150 and provide us with your updated mailing address.

### How Do I Change A Name On A Deed?

You will have to provide proof of a name change such as a marriage certificate, court order, or death certificate to the Registry of Deeds. You can call toll free 1-800-670-4357 to be directed to your appropriate Land Registry Office.

### I Have Moved Or Sold My Mobile Home.

Please contact PVSC if you have demolished, moved, plan to move or sold your mobile home. You will need to fill out a Mobile Home Transfer form with PVSC if you have sold.

**Please Note:** 2019 Preliminary Property Assessment Information is now online! Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) has released 2019 preliminary assessments to the public on their website, [www.pvsc.ca](http://www.pvsc.ca).

For more information, PVSC is available at 1-800-380-7775, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

## Public Works

### Winter Tips and Reminders

Winter is fast approaching! Please help us keep our roads and sidewalks clear of snow by following these simple tips:

- Please refrain from parking vehicles on roadways and on sidewalks before, during and after winter storms. This includes Debert Park and areas in Valley where no parking signs are installed.
- There is no overnight parking in County lots after hours during the winter season. Vehicles may be towed if they are restricting snow removal activities.
- Please be sure not to place garbage, recycling or composters on sidewalks.
- Keep your garbage boxes and mailboxes clear of snow to help prevent damage to both boxes and equipment during plowing. Brightly painted guide posts can be placed beside garbage boxes to ensure visibility for those who are plowing.
- Remember to keep snow clear from fire hydrants when plowing driveways. Buried hydrants can cause problems in emergency situations.
- Moving snow from driveways onto the street is a hazard for vehicle traffic and is prohibited by law. Where possible, please keep snow removal within private property.
- If possible, wait to clear snow from the end of your driveway until after the snowplow has passed.
- Clear snow from catch basins and driveway culverts to help prevent flooding on properties, sidewalks and streets.
- When placing stakes on lawns to protect grass from plows, please place the stakes far enough back to allow crews to keep snow well off the roads, shoulders and sidewalks. If your stakes have been damaged by the plow, they are too close to the road or sidewalk.
- Lawns extending in close proximity to the roadways and sidewalks may be subject to gravel accumulation as a result of snow plowing activities. Please note that the Municipality will not be responsible for cleanup of these areas in the Spring.

The Public Works Staff greatly appreciates your cooperation during the snowplowing season.

### Not Sure Who To Call About Snow Removal?

- **Provincially Owned Roads (Green Signs)** - contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal at 1-844-696-7737 or refer to the article on page 5.
- **Municipally Owned Roads (Blue Signs)** - contact our Public Works Department at 902-897-3175.
- **Private Roads (usually White Signs)** - contact the person or company responsible for snow removal on your road.

In some cases, County owned roads may be plowed by the Province and vice versa. If you are not sure who plows your road, please call the Municipal Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.

### Street Lights

If you would like to report a damaged or burned out street light, please contact Nova Scotia Power at 1-800-428-6230 or fill out their on-line form at <https://myaccount.nspower.ca//self-service/request-streetlight-repair>. You will need to provide a civic address near the location of the light you're reporting on. There is no charge for repair service.

# When will my road get plowed?

Levels of Service	
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	Cleared within 8 hours after snow stops
Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	Cleared within 12 hours after snow stops
Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops
Gravel roads	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops

Salting <sup>1</sup> and Sanding	
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve bare pavement</li> <li>• Salt applied before, during and after a storm if required</li> </ul>
* Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve a bare centre line</li> <li>• Salt applied at beginning of storm and after a storm if required</li> </ul>
* Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve a bare centre line</li> <li>• Salt applied only after a storm</li> </ul>
Gravel roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow packed</li> <li>• Sanding as needed</li> </ul>

There are more than 400 snow plows and other snow-clearing vehicles working to keep Nova Scotia's roads, highways, and bridges safe during the winter months. Crews are on the job day and night, 24/7, keeping the roads as safe and as clear as possible. Work starts before the storm and continues during and after the storm. At left is more information to help explain what you can expect this winter.



*\*In sanding only sections, acceptable driving condition is considered to be snow packed and sanded as required.*

<sup>1</sup> Note that salt will start to lose its effectiveness at temperatures below -12° C. In these conditions sand may be applied to increase traction for all service levels.



[novascotia.ca/tran/winter](http://novascotia.ca/tran/winter)  
Highway conditions: 511

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## Waste Resource Management

Waste Reduction Helpline: 902-895-4777

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

Follow us on Twitter @ColchesterWRM

Like us on Facebook - Colchester WRM

### 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, 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 Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays as well as Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Day holiday.

### Holiday Collection Changes

Please note the following changes to waste collection due to the holidays:

If your regular collection day is scheduled to be **Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**, this collection will take place the **PREVIOUS MONDAY – December 24<sup>th</sup>**.

If your regular collection day is scheduled to be **Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**, this collection will take place the **FOLLOWING MONDAY – December 31<sup>st</sup>**.

If your regular collection day is scheduled to be **Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**, this collection will take place the **FOLLOWING MONDAY – January 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**As always, material must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.**



### Recyclables Are To Be Placed In Blue Bags ONLY!

Colchester residents are reminded that paper recyclables and plastic container recyclables are to be placed in separate blue bags for collection. This enables the collector to easily identify your recycling materials when they are placed at the curb on your collection day. Using blue bags instead of clear bags for your recyclables ensures that garbage isn't mistakenly sent to the recycling facility. When garbage arrives at the recycling facility, it can contaminate the clean recyclables.

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter!

### Christmas Tree Collection

To ensure your Christmas tree gets collected, it must be free of any decorations, lights, stands and bags. **Please place your tree curbside by 7:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.** Collection will take place as follows:

Zone 1 - January 7-11, 2019	Zone 6 - January 14-18, 2019
Zone 2 - January 7-11, 2019	Zone 7 - January 21-25, 2019
Zone 3 - January 7-11, 2019	Zone 8 - January 21-25, 2019
Zone 4 - January 14-18, 2019	Town of Truro - January 7-11, 2019
Zone 5 - January 14-18, 2019	Town of Stewiacke - January 25, 2019



Please consult your collection calendar, visit our website to enter your address on the collection schedules page or phone the Helpline at 902-895-4777 if you require further information regarding Christmas Tree Collection.



*Leana Kennedy, Owner/Operator of G-Man Waste Removal; Deborah Searle, Environmental & Education Officer; Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste; and Shane Kennedy, Owner/Operator of G-Man Waste Removal.*

### 2018 Divert NS Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence

A huge congratulations goes out to G-Man Waste Removal of Millbrook for winning the 2018 Divert NS Mobius Award of Environmental Excellence as Small Business of the Year! They were recognized at an awards ceremony in Halifax on October 25<sup>th</sup> for all they have done to help the residents of Millbrook improve their waste diversion. Through collaboration, education and engagement, the community has seen huge results in participation in local recycling and composting programs.

### Snow Days

Winter weather is unpredictable. If collection is missed on your road due to icy or snowy conditions, hold on to your material until your next collection day. The drivers will collect up to twice the allowable amount. An alternate collection will be scheduled only if collection is cancelled across the entire County due to inclement weather. If an alternate collection is necessary, residents will be informed by public service announcements placed on the local radio stations and our website. Residents will also receive reminders by email and telephone if they have signed up for service alert messages for collection service interruptions.

**Want to know the moment winter weather affects collection in your area?** Sign up for a service alert messages at [www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling](http://www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling) or download our 'Colchester Waste' app and you will be notified by phone, email or Twitter the moment decisions affecting collection are made!

### Safety Alert

With shorter hours of daylight upon us, we would like to take this time to remind motorists to use extreme caution when passing garbage and recycling trucks along their collection routes. Ensure that you have a clear line of vision and are able to check for oncoming traffic prior to pulling out and passing these trucks. For the safety of you, other motorists and collection workers, please pass these vehicles with extreme care at all times.

## Winter Green Cart and Garbage Tips

- The collection trucks may be passing your homes at different times because of winter road conditions. To ensure your material is not missed you **MUST** have your garbage and green cart to the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.
- Please remember that plastic and bio-degradable plastic bags are **NOT** permitted in the green cart. Paper bags are welcomed.
- To keep your organics from freezing to the inside of your compost bin, wrap moist organics in newspaper or boxboard (ie: cereal boxes).
- To prevent your organics from freezing as a solid mass stuck to the bottom of your green cart, try lining the bottom of your cart with a pizza box, newspapers or leftover fall leaves.
- With the increase of snow in driveways and roadsides, please use caution when placing garbage and recycling bags curbside for pick up. Uneven snow piles may cause the bags to fall onto the road and cause traffic hazards.
- Please remember that all bags and bins must be ten feet or less from the road and in a safe location.
- To ensure collection; please make sure that garbage bins, bags and green carts are not buried in snow on your collection day. It makes it very difficult for collection crews to access your materials if they are not visible or stuck in the snow.



## 2018 Community Paper Shredding Event

On Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we hosted a community paper shredding event in the parking lot of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. 213 residents arrived throughout the three-hour event with boxes and bags of confidential documents they wanted



recycled responsibly and securely. In total, we recycled 4,164 kilograms or 4.16 metric tonnes or 9,180 pounds of paper! Thanks to everyone who came out, this was our largest paper shredding event to date!

## Clear Bag Garbage Collection Reminders

Remember, for each garbage collection day, there is a limit of six garbage bags per household. You are allowed only one coloured or non-see through bag and up to five non-coloured, transparent clear bags. **Please do not use blue bags for garbage.** They will be left at the curb for the contents to be properly re-bagged.

Please deliver any extra clear bags to the Balefill Facility, during the appropriate hours, or store them until the next garbage collection day. **Please note: Black bags/non-see through bags are NOT accepted at the Balefill Facility.** For a family of four, practicing proper waste reduction techniques can result in half a bag of garbage per week. Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost!

### Recycling Alerts!

For the health and safety of our collection and processing staff, as well as keeping the quality of our recyclables high, please take note of some of the issues we have seen in bags of recyclables arriving at our facility. Please help do your part to keep others safe!

- Items such as diapers, organics, kitty litter, auto parts, construction wood and nails should never be placed in recycling bags. Diapers are to be placed in the garbage. Organics and kitty litter belong in your green cart. Auto parts, as well as construction wood and nails, can be safely packaged and placed in your garbage bag if the size of the items allows. Larger or heavier items can be delivered to the Balefill Facility.
- Medical waste of any type NEVER belongs in your recycling bags. Sharps, needles and lancets should be placed in proper safe sharps containers, available free of charge at your local pharmacy. Once filled, these can be returned to the pharmacy for free, safe and proper disposal.
- Knives of any sort should not be placed in your recycling bags. If you are looking to dispose of a knife, please package it safely to ensure that it will not harm your family or the collector, and place it in your garbage bag.

### Christmas Reminders

- **Wrapping paper is NOT recyclable** due to its heavy dye content and high level of contamination (tape, bows, foil, etc.) and **should be placed in CLEAR BAGS for regular garbage disposal**. For a change this year, try wrapping with fabric ribbon and bows. They are reusable and more environmentally friendly.
- Throughout the Christmas party season, remember to recycle and compost. Compost all soiled paper napkins and any leftover food that cannot be consumed.
- Plastic food and beverage containers, and cleaning products that have the recycling symbol and the numbers 1 through 7 on them, are recyclable.
- Metal and glass food and beverage containers are recyclable.
- Think green this Christmas - green gift giving that is! Try giving gifts in reusable bags rather than wrapping paper. Give gift cards from a favorite store and always try to keep from purchasing over packaged items!
- During and after the season of giving, remember those that are less fortunate. Instead of throwing things in the garbage that still have value or use, keep in mind that donations are gratefully received by many local charities.



### Important Notice Regarding Green Carts

Did you know that green carts belong to the property and not the homeowner? When you are buying a home, ensure the green cart is on the property before you sign the deal with the realtor. If a cart is not present, a new green cart can be purchased at the Municipality of Colchester Tax Office, 1 Church Street, Truro. There are two sizes of green carts available for purchase. A 240 litre cart is \$64.00 and an 80 litre cart is \$44.40. A new mini bin for under you kitchen sink can also be purchased here for \$5.40, or at many local retailers.

If you are building a home, please call the Waste Reduction Helpline at 902-895-4777 to have a green cart and mini bin delivered to your door with helpful educational material.

## Recreation

### Walking (or snowshoeing, or skiing) in a Winter Wonderland

The best way to get through winter is to embrace it and be active! Why not make it a habit to spend time outside this winter and enjoy activities with family and friends. Walking, snowshoeing, skiing, tobogganing, skating, making snowmen. Dust off those winter boots and winter toys. Plan to visit a favorite outdoor place this winter. Municipal parks and trails in Colchester County including the Cobequid Trail, Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park and Nelson Memorial Park, are available for walking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months. Visit [www.colchester.ca/trails](http://www.colchester.ca/trails) and [www.colchester.ca/parks](http://www.colchester.ca/parks) for details. *Note, there is no regular park and trail maintenance during the winter months.*

### Showshoe Loan Program

Colchester Recreation loans snowshoes (adult and children sizes) to community groups and individuals during the snowy winter months. Be sure to reserve in advance – our snowshoes are very popular! A deposit of \$25.00 is required and returned when the snowshoes are brought back in good condition. For more information, or to reserve, contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).

### Grants for Community Trails and Community Parks

The **Community Trail Funding Program** provides grants to eligible non-profit organizations for planning, constructing, maintaining and promoting public recreational trails. Application deadlines for 2019 are January 25<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The **Community Park Funding Program** provides grants for capital improvements to public, outdoor recreational facilities, such as parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and multi-purpose courts. Application deadlines for 2019 are February 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about these programs, visit [www.colchester.ca/rec-grants](http://www.colchester.ca/rec-grants) or contact Hilary Paquet, Parks and Trails Coordinator, at 902-897-3180.

### Grants to Non-profit Organizations

The Municipality welcomes applications from registered non-profit organizations and charities which have a positive impact on local residents and the community as a whole. The deadline for 2019/2020 is January 31, 2019.

To receive an application form and details, please drop by Colchester Recreation at the Municipality of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro, visit our website at [www.colchester.ca/rec-grants](http://www.colchester.ca/rec-grants) or call 902-897-3185.



### 2018 Annual Colchester Art Acquisition

Congratulations to Jen Power on being selected as the winner of the 2018 Colchester Art Acquisition with her winning piece, "Five Islands Flock". Incredible work, Jen!

Each year the Municipality is proud to host an Art Acquisition show to feature creative pieces from local artists. During the show, a work of art is selected by a committee to be purchased by the Municipality to expand the County's art collection. The chosen art is permanently displayed on the main floor of the County Courthouse, and the artist's biography is added to a scrapbook of the history of the program.

## Volunteer Recognition 2019

**Are you looking for a way to say “Thank You” to a hard working Volunteer or Community Group?  
Nominate them for the recognition they deserve!**

Volunteers are the heart of our communities. The Municipality of Colchester recognizes the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers that help make our communities thrive. We encourage people to nominate deserving volunteers – individuals, groups, youth, families and businesses – in Colchester County for the following awards:

- Provincial Representative Volunteer Award
- Provincial Youth Volunteer Award
- Provincial Family Volunteer Award
- Colchester County Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award
- Colchester County Community Group of the Year Award

Deadline for all Provincial nominations is **Friday, February 8, 2019 at 4:30 pm**

Deadline for Colchester County nominations is **Friday, March 15, 2019 at 4:30 pm**

All nominees will be recognized at a special evening for volunteers in April. For more information and nomination forms, contact Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185, [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca) or visit [www.colchester.ca/volunteer-recognition](http://www.colchester.ca/volunteer-recognition)

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor’s Challenge Curling Event

Fun for the whole family! No experience needed! Draw to the button challenge!

**Saturday, February 2, 2019**

Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, Brookfield

Starting at 9:00 am

Teams of 4 for \$40.00



You must pre-register by contacting Colchester Recreation at 902-897-3185 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).

## Find things to do at FundyConnect.ca!



Fundy Connect is a one-stop spot to find events, arts and culture, attractions and facilities, parks and trails, programs and activities in Colchester County, Cumberland County and Sipekne'katik. Meet new people, try something new, explore outside!

Visit [www.fundyconnect.ca](http://www.fundyconnect.ca) to browse listings, or to suggest new events and listings for the database.

## Upcoming KidSport Deadlines

January 1, 2019

March 1, 2019

For more information on KidSport, contact Craig Burgess at 902-897-3181 or email [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).

KidSport applications can now be filed online at [www.kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/](http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/).



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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](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)

Materials Recovery Facility and  
Regional Balefill Facility - 897-0450  
Waste & Recycling Helpline - 895-4777  
[helpline@colchester.ca](mailto: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 - 897-0453  
Regional Balefill Facility - 895-2307

## Municipality of the County of Colchester

### Help us Build the Municipality of Colchester Brand

A brand is an idea or perception that lives in the hearts and minds of people. What positive perceptions or ideas do you have about Colchester County?

The Municipality of Colchester is undertaking the process of developing a fresh new brand and visual identity. The new brand is intended to improve community engagement; increase awareness of municipal services; build community pride; and promote Colchester County as an ideal place to live, work, and visit.

To ensure the new brand is genuine and reflects all of the County, we are inviting residents and businesses to participate in the process through a survey and community engagement workshops. To learn more about how you can share your voice, please visit [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca), email [dtrefry@colchester.ca](mailto:dtrefry@colchester.ca), or drop by our office at 1 Church Street in Truro to pick up a Brand Survey by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Let us know what Colchester means to you, and what makes our County so unique. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Animal Control Dog Tags Now Available

2019 dog tags are now available for purchase at the Community Development Department of the Municipal Courthouse, 1 Church Street, Truro. Dog tags are valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Tags are \$12 and can also be purchased at the following locations:

- Truro Vet (165 Arthur Street, Truro)
- Central Nova Vet (29 Main Street, Bible Hill)
- Fundy Vet (6 Greenfield Road, Murray Siding)
- Fundy Vet (21089 Highway 2, Shubenacadie)
- All My Pets (1205 Salmon River Road, Salmon River)
- Stay and Play (214 Crosley Avenue, Truro)
- SPCA (408 Industrial Avenue, Truro)
- The Store (1117 Highway 311, North River)
- Cross Roads Boarding, Training and Behavior Services (10 Cross Road, Great Village)

### Jordan Municipal Support Project

The Municipality of Colchester was one of three municipalities recently selected to represent Canada in a multi-year project implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and financed by Global Affairs Canada to provide peer support to rural municipalities in Jordan.

Colchester was selected for its achievement in solid waste management, including diversion, recycling, and public education initiatives. Delegation members who returned from initial visits to Jordan include Councillors Tom Taggart and Eric Boutilier, Economic Development Officer, Mark Austin and Waste Reduction Manager, Darlyne Proctor. The visits will help set the foundation for future technical support to be offered through the project. Watch for a more on this story in the next newsletter edition.