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Anger and Complaints Hot and Heavy at Ditch Tax Meeting

By Keith Ayling

More than 400 residents and business owners turned out at the St. Margarets Centre on April 15th for a heated discussion on the controversial Ditch Tax being implemented in the greater Hammonds Plains area and other areas of Halifax by the Halifax Water Commission.

The controversial issue came to the forefront last year and arose again this year with the issuance by Halifax Water of an $80 to $90 range “Right of Way” charge on top of a January 2014 charge of $39 per property levied to properties within the Halifax stormwater boundary.

Halifax Water says the two charges come from their managing stormwater that comes from private property and managing stormwater within the street right of way.

Many of those attending the meeting expressed their frustrations at getting these bills as they feel they are not being serviced by Halifax Water, do not have ditches or culverts, and, in some cases, have paid for their own culverts and maintain them themselves.

Dave Barrett of Barrett Lumber said in a letter, and which he read at the meeting, asking government to “immediately curb the power of HRM to download taxing power to anyone but the mayor and Council.”

Kelly Bush, Chair of the Highland Park Ratepayers Association, said, “The bills will only get higher. We saw that with the increase over last year. Essentially we are hog-tied.”

Steve Williams, a civil engineer living in Haliiburton Hills, gave a history of how roads and water drainage systems were installed by the province and how they ended up with HRM through time and amalgamation.

He said in 2007 HRM council instructed Halifax Water to take responsibility of storm, sewer, and sanitary systems and “keep any funds collected.”

He added that Halifax Water “is controlled by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) and, if water drains from any source and at some point enters the Halifax Water system, you are charged.”

Several Halifax councillors were in attendance at the meeting including Matt Whitman, Wayne Mason, Steve Adams and Brad Johns, along with MLA Ben Jessome.

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What Makes a Great Cinderella Story?

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David and Kelly Moore Headed to Africa to Help Orphans

By Catherine Clute

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“It will be a chance for them to get to know other kids who are going through the same thing,” says Kelly.

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BayRides Recruits New Manager

Alison Donovan has joined BayRides in the position of manager, says Rod Shaw, president of the St. Margaret’s Bay Community Transportation Society.

Alison will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of BayRides and will further develop the service in the community. BayRides will provide residents of St. Margaret’s Bay with door-to-door transportation around the Bay area to local businesses, and for shopping, medical appointments, and community events.

Details and dates will be coming soon.

“The ability of all residents to access local services and participate in shopping and social activities is dependent on the availability of reliable and affordable transportation,” said Alison. “I am excited to be part of an organization that will provide this valuable service to our community.”

Alison has a bachelor’s degree in public relations from Mount Saint Vincent University and has extensive experience in marketing, PR and management. She lives in Stillwater Lake with her husband.

For more information on BayRides itself, go to www.bayrides.ca.

Aspotogan Arts and Crafts Celebrates 15th Birthday

Aspotogan Arts and Crafts celebrated the group’s 15th birthday in style with an exhibition and sale of works by their members at the Blandford Community Centre on May 9th and 10th. A wide range of works, such as paintings, photographs, pottery, and felting, by 30 different artists were on display. In the photo are felted, sculpted pieces by Cheryl Schnare and by Susan Lord in the foreground of a collection of art created around the theme of “Celebration.”

Anger and Complaints Hot and Heavy

Councilor Whitman says he “agrees with most everything he has heard at the meeting.” He appealed the charge last year for his own property, unsuccessfully, and will pay but “we need to fight with proper process,” he said.

There were many more attendees speaking at the meeting, hosted by Pamela Lovelace, who had appealed her charge last year, and she requested a uniform position to HRM Council, Halifax Water and NSUARB.

A plan was adopted that included filing a Notice of Objection with the NSUARB, (2) contacting the councillors, mayor, provincial minister Diana Whalen, and the Board of the NSUARB to let them know that residents are challenging the ability of Halifax Water to create customer accounts without their permission, and (3) demanding a review of the Halifax Water service boundary.

Two other items included seeking legal counsel to mount a constitutional challenge and to issue a freedom of information request to find out who ordered the creation of new customer accounts at Halifax Water, and to find a plaintiff who can show harm has been inflicted upon residents by such things as receiving calls from a collection agency for non-payment or having a lien placed on their property.

At it’s April 28th meeting Halifax Regional Council voted to re-examine the Right of Way charge and have it examined by Council and HRM staff.

Councilor Whitman says this does not eliminate the charge, but it can be put on hold if residents who have received it, appeal to the NSUARB.

A recent post on the Facebook site Drich Tax of Hammonds Plains says, “This is only the Right of Way fee (water that runs off the road). It’s a small victory but proves your concerns are now being listened to.”
What Makes a Great Cinderella Story?

By Diane Wilbur

What makes a great Cinderella story?

In sports, it’s when a group of athletes come together to defy the odds in a dramatic fashion.

The St. Margaret’s Bay “Slam” Division 1 Juvenile Boys team recently entered the Basketball Nova Scotia Provincial Championship and were ranked as 37 out of eight teams with a record of 3-15.

Many of the other teams in the tournament had provincial players on their rosters and many of the teams had played together for many years.

Slam had none of these advantages.

The boys team played well in their first game against the Martyrs, keeping pace throughout the game, but fell short in the last three minutes with a final score of 66-63.

The team bounced back the next day and defeated Springhill 76-55 in a very physical battle.

Slam faced Yarmouth in the last round-robin game and needed a win to move on to the semi-finals.

Yarmouth came into the tournament ranked 3rd and had beaten Slam one week prior by 22 points.

Slam played their best ball to date with a convincing 84-49 win.

In the semi-finals, Slam faced Pictou, whom they had lost to in a previous match with a score of 80-88. Once again defence was the key and Slam won this game 69-63.

Just making it to the finals was an accomplishment, but was not enough for this gritty bunch. In the championship game, Slam would face the Martyrs in a rematch of their first provincial game.

The Martyrs are the Metro Basketball champions for 2014 and 2015. They were also the defending Provincial Champions (2014) and were the overwhelming favorite.

Could David take down Goliath?

Slam trailed for most of the game but never gave up and kept the game within reach at all times.

Slam tied the game with seconds left in regulation time. The Martyrs had less than four seconds to pull ahead.

However, once again the Slam defence stood strong and kept them off the scoreboard.

With 4.6 seconds left in overtime, Austin Brown was on the foul line and Slam was down by one.

After making his first foul shot, Austin had a chance to score the go-ahead basket…but it was not meant to be. In a heart-stopping moment, the ball bounced off the rim. However, the Martyrs were not able to secure the rebound and Slam retained possession.

In a set inbound play, with only 2.4 seconds left on the clock, and with nerves of steel, Austin Brown once again had a chance to score the game winning basket.

As he released his shot from 3pt range, the buzzer sounded and the ball seemed suspended in the air. The gym fell silent.

Another heart-stopper, another win for Slam…another Cinderella story, another provincial championship...

In the most exciting conclusion to a provincial championship, the ball sprung off the backboard and into the net.

The gym erupted as Slam won with a final score of 79-76.

The team starts and ends every game with their team cheer. “ONE-Together!”

And they did just that with every team member contributing both defensively and offensively in every game.

Austin Brown (Tournament MVP) led the team with an amazing 129 points, followed by Mitchell Heam (Slam All Star-54), Ryan Wilbur (52), Paul Hashem (45), Kirk Whitman (28), Jesse Kay (24), Brady MacDonald (19), and Tyson Doucette (14-3).

But the team was equally impressive on the defensive end, with the best defensive record of the tournament, allowing an average of 65 points per game.

Paul Hashem led the teams in blocks, Ryan Wilbur in defensive rebounds and Jesse Kay and Kirk Whitman led the team in steals.

And in keeping with their team cheer, the team ended the season with their usual chant, with a slightly different twist…”WON-Together!”

Annual Spring Fling at Hammonds Plains Consolidated School May 23rd

The Hammonds Plains Consolidated School is holding its Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 23, from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., rain or shine.

“Please join us to celebrate the ‘Spirit of the West’ at HPCS,” the school said.

There will be a photo booth, trackless train, bouncy castles, laser tag, fun games, prizes, silent auction, basket raffles, cake walk, balloon stump, cotton candy, snow cones, hot dogs and pizza.

Admission is free. Tickets for games and food are available for purchase at the door.

“Come out and enjoy a day of family fun at our 20th Annual Spring Fling,” the school added.

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Trinity “Kitchen Party” Dinner Show Running Two Nights, Always a Sellout  
By Ellen McLaughlin

The show will be held on Friday, May 22, and again on Saturday, May 23, at the church hall (round back) at Trinity United Church, 67 Trinity Way in Timberlea (the road across from Tim Horton’s). The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show runs until 9:00ish. The meal includes a roast turkey dinner followed by a delicious piece of pie, with entertainment throughout the evening. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or need further information, call Ellen at 902-499-6362 or Gordon at 902-876-7443.

Girls of St. Margaret’s Bay Slam Mini Girls Division 1 NS Win Title as Provincial Basketball Champions.

Several people within the Mashhead News circulation area have received Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

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In the front row, from L to R, are Robbyn MacNeil, Laura Hickman, Lauren Graham, Eva MacQueen, and Tamsen Hurd. In the back row from L to R are Neil Veldhoven (Coach), Alyssa Veldhoven, Hillary Norris, Ava Lee, Emmy Weldon, Kylie Meredith, Simon Hurd (Coach) and Brent Hickman (Coach)

Strategies for Parents of Children Refusing to Attend School to be Discussed

Sir John A. Macdonald High School is holding a School Anxiety and Internet Safety information session on May 12th at 6:30 p.m. This is for everyone who wants to attend.

The evening will consist of two guest speakers.

The first will be Dr. Daniel Chourney who will focus his discussion on school anxiety and strategies for parents of children who are refusing to attend school.

The second talk will be delivered by Constable Janelle Crocker, school liaison officer.

This talk will focus on internet safety and the many new laws that have been put in place over the last year.

These are free and informative discussions that the school is hoping will attract many parents and students.

All are welcome.

~ CORRECTION ~

In the March issue of the Mashhead News a story appeared entitled “Two Named as Rug Hooking Artists of the Year”. The Hooked Rug Museum of Nova Scotia was incorrectly named as the Hooked Rug Museum of Nova Scotia. We apologize for any problems this may have caused.

David and Kelly Moore Headed to Africa

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“We aren’t going for a vacation. That isn’t our focus. There will be no room service,” says Kelly. David adds that there will be a chance to experience some of the culture and surroundings in their free time.

“We are going to areas that are safe,” he said. “If anything were to change and it was no longer safe to go, the trip would be postponed. I’m looking forward to the whole experience.”

“It’s really exciting,” said Kelly.

Several fundraisers have already been held to support their trip with more in the works.

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Public Invited to Attend Ceremonial Review

The Cadets and Officers of the 328 St. Margaret’s Bay Sea Cadets Corps would like to invite the public to their 18th Annual Ceremonial Review on Sunday, May 24th, at the St. Margaret’s Bay Area.

Guests and members of the public are invited to arrive at 12:30 p.m. to allow for seating to be completed prior to the parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cadets, officers, staff, sponsors, and local dignitaries will be present along with their family and friends.

The free event is open to all residents.

Accompanied by their officers and Navy League Branch, the cadets will be reviewed by Lt(N) Valerie Woydylak, Regional Cadet Support United Atlantic Staff Officer.

The event will showcase the sea cadets and their accomplishments over the past year and will feature awards, presentations and demonstrations by the corps’ drum band and precision drill teams.

There will be displays and demonstrations by the cadets where the public will have the opportunity to speak to the youth about what they have been learning over the past year of training. Light refreshments will also be provided.

The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets is a free national program for youth ages 12 to 18. It is supported in part by the Department of National Defence with the St. Margaret’s Bay Navy League fundraising locally to support the corps as well.

The program aims to develop the attributes of leadership, good citizenship and community service and provides physical fitness through sailing, boating, seamanship, sport competitions and other activities.

For more information, please visit www.stmargaretsbayseacadets.com

Ariana Nasr to Sing Piaf at Chester Playhouse

The Chester Playhouse is excited to welcome the passionate Ariana Nasr and her homage to beloved French diva Edith Piaf to the stage on May 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Alongside her husband and long-time collaborator, Andy Flinn, Ariana Nasr chante Piaf will showcase 18 of Piaf’s original songs performed with minimal string accompaniment, including world-renowned classics such as La Vie En Rose, Padam Padam, La P'tite Coquette, L’Hymne à L’Amour, and Non, je ne regrette rien.

To keep true to its roots, all music presented shall be sung in French, but all additional information, including background and commentary, will be provided in English.

The performances have reached a few audiences before Chester, but from the reviews alone, it’s clear that we’re in for a treat.

Owner Barry Rundle of the Steve Soup Café in Wolfville agrees wholeheartedly, “We just had this show in Pictou, it is fantastic! Do not miss an opportunity to see this.”

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. but all of the pieces to be performed can be found on the website www.ariananasr.com

Tickets are available now for $20, adult, and $10, student. They are available online under reservations at www.chestserplayhouse.ca or by phone at 902-275-3933 or toll free at 1-800-363-7529.

Royal Canadian Mint Produces Looney Tunes Collector Coins

The Royal Canadian Mint, in partnership with Warner Brothers Consumer Products, is celebrating the kid in all of us by issuing gold and silver collector coins featuring the widely beloved Looney Tunes to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Bugs Bunny.

“Looney Tunes is one of the most popular cartoons ever to grace the small and big screens and the mere mention of adored characters, such as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Tweety and Sylvester, brings generations of Canadians and fans around the world back to our youth,” said Sandra Hanington, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint.

“These expertly crafted collector coins make a sentimental gift for any Looney Tunes fan or a wonderful collectible for those with a passion for animation and its history.”

Several Looney Tunes collector coins will be issued by the Royal Canadian Mint throughout 2015. The following are available for purchase as of today:

*A $20 “Merrie Melodies” silver coin featuring Bugs Bunny and the gang in a design that is reminiscent of the Looney Tunes’ end credits.
*A $20 silver Looney Tunes four-coin set featuring popular characters such as Sylvester, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Tweety. A stunning 14-karat gold Bugs Bunny and Friends coin, which brings together several famous characters from the Looney Tunes, including Bugs Bunny, the Tasmanian Devil, Wile E. Coyote, Daffy Duck and Marvin the Martian. Look closely for a hidden surprise design element in this coin!
*A $2,500 pure gold kilo coin and a $250 silver kilo coin depicting every major character in the Looney Tunes pantheon. A $20 for $20 silver coin featuring expert engraving that brings to life Bugs Bunny will be available on May 12, 2015.

These coins can be ordered from the Mint at 1-800-267-1871 in Canada or online at www.mint.ca/looneytunes. They are also available at Mint’s global network of dealers and distributors and Canada Post outlets.

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Chester Resident Heads to Haiti to Work with the Deaf
By Catherine Clute

Karen MacKenzie-Stepner’s living room in Chester is filled with school supplies and materials. Flash cards with animal pictures, continents, fractions and solar systems are stacked on her coffee table.

In the corner, three large suitcases stand ready to be packed. The Chester resident is putting together training manuals for her upcoming trip to Haiti where she will be a team leader for deaf teacher training as part of the Team Canada Healing Hands delegation.

Karen has been working with the non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitation and education since 1996 and, in the last eight years, has focused her efforts on working with deaf children and schools in Haiti as well as South America.

In her day job, she works as a speech and language pathologist at the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centre in Bridgewater and as an adjunct professor at Dalhousie University, but in the evenings and in her spare time she prepares for her trips to Haiti and other countries.

“It takes up most of my thoughts,” she says.

Her work with the deaf came by chance. Karen first went to Haiti as a speech pathologist and while she was helping an audiologist with hearing assessments, a child came in with a broken hearing aid.

The audiologist could not understand the child, who communicated with sign language, and the child could not understand the audiologist who spoke English.

Using sign language, Karen interpreted for the two of them.

The next day, approximately 300 deaf people showed up, looking for Karen, because word had spread that the clinic had someone who could understand sign language.

“Haiti is such a poor country,” she said.

“One day, I have no idea what anyone is saying,” she laughs.

In the past travel costs had been covered by assorted grants, but not this year, and an online fundraising campaign has been launched at www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/deaf-schools-teacher-training-project.

“I love doing this work,” she says.

At one school all the teachers have completed the training—a two-year commitment on their part.

According to Karen, the benefits are already noticeable with deaf children sent for the first time, to “level 6” exams, just like other children.

Since then, Karen travels several times a year, staying for two to three weeks at a time, training teachers so that they may be better equipped to deal with deaf students.

On her upcoming trip, she is bringing two deaf teachers from Halifax/Dartmouth. They will be training teachers at three different schools using the Haitian national curriculum.

According to Karen, the first session will involve 70 teachers, with days split between training the teachers and students ranging in age from 3 to 21 years in the classroom.

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Emily Moulstone and Robyn Soulsby Earn Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Two local girls, Emily Moulstone and Robyn Soulsby, received Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards from the Governor General, the Right Honourable David Johnston, on April 22nd at Saint Mary’s University.

The award is the highest award a young Canadian can receive in Canada.

To receive the award participants have to volunteer in their community, learn new skills, participate in a residential project, and take part in overnight camping trips.

Emily went to work at a school in China for 10 days, helping to dig trenches for a water system the school was implementing. She also went to Poland to grant wishes for terminally-ill children for 10 days.

In addition, she has learned the piano.

Robyn went to the same school in China to do the same kind of work alongside Emily and learned a few outdoor skills on a group expedition to Kejimkujik Park in the southern part of Nova Scotia.

Chester Relay for Life Celebrating 10th Anniversary

The Chester Municipal Relay is celebrating its 10th year on Friday, June 19th, and there is still time for teams to register.

Along with the relay will be fun things such as the lobster wheel, a daffodil pond, candy apples, the teddy bear wheel, popcorn, a fish pond, cotton candy, cake, sucker pulls and a bar-b-que.

The relays will run from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

To register go online to www.relayforlife.ca or phone the New Ross Credit Union at 902-689-2949 or Sheila Hirtle at 902-275-5966.

~ Announcement ~

Lighthouse Food Bank donations are gratefully received but if you are wondering what to donate, there is a shortage of breakfast type foods at the food bank, says a news release from the St. Stephen’s Parish E-News. Donations of oatmeal, cereals or peanut butter would be very welcome.

Tom Dyer won $574 and bought his ticket at Mo’s Grill.

Phyllis Furlong won $540 and bought her ticket at the Chester Pharmasave.

Charlotte Demont and Allan McNeill split a winning of $502 and purchased their ticket at Chester Foodland.

Christine Boylan won $607 and purchased her ticket at Chester Pharmasave.

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"Casual Lake Frontage" 235 granite Cove Dr, Hubley
3 bed, 2 bath
$320,000
MLS #41385980

"Comfortable Privacy" 339 Conrad’s Rd, Hubbards
5 bed, 3 bath
$320,000
MLS #41385980

"Private Lake Frontage" 3325 Spruce Brook Rd, Chester
4 bed, 2 bath
$344,000
MLS #41385980

"Suburban Oasis" 10 Grebe Ave, Timberlea
4 bed 3 bath
$319,900
MLS #40454449

"Private Lake Frontage" 1222 Westwood Blvd, Chester
3 bed, 2 bath
$399,000
MLS #41226978

"Great Bay Views" 15 Christies Rd, Boutiliers Point
4 bed, 2 bath
$250,000
MLS #40045601

"Executive Lake Frontage" 225 Granite Cove Dr, Hubley
5 bed, 4 bath
$729,000
MLS #41255308

"Large Family Home" 2746 Margarets Bay Rd, Tantallon
5 bed, 4 bath
$250,800
MLS #40026460

"Popular Neighborhood" 26 French Village Station Rd, Upper Tantallon
2 bed, 2 bath, 1,060 sq ft
From $279,900-299,900
MLS #40825671

Two local girls, Emily Moulstone and Robyn Soulsby, received Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards from the Governor General, the Right Honourable David Johnston, on April 22nd at Saint Mary’s University.

The award is the highest award a young Canadian can receive in Canada.

To receive the award participants have to volunteer in their community, learn new skills, participate in a residential project, and take part in overnight camping trips.

Emily went to work at a school in China for 10 days, helping to dig trenches for a water system the school was implementing. She also went to Poland to grant wishes for terminally-ill children for 10 days.

In addition, she has learned the piano.

Robyn went to the same school in China to do the same kind of work alongside Emily and learned a few outdoor skills on a group expedition to Kejimkujik Park in the southern part of Nova Scotia.

Emily and Robyn holding their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

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50/50 OHC Winners Since April 15th

Tom Dyer won $574 and bought his ticket at Mo’s Grill.

Phyllis Furlong won $540 and bought her ticket at the Chester Pharmasave.

Charlotte Demont and Allan McNeill split a winning of $502 and purchased their ticket at Chester Foodland.

Christine Boylan won $607 and purchased her ticket at Chester Pharmasave.

~ Announcement ~

Lighthouse Food Bank donations are gratefully received but if you are wondering what to donate, there is a shortage of breakfast type foods at the food bank, says a news release from the St. Stephen’s Parish E-News. Donations of oatmeal, cereals or peanut butter would be very welcome.
Be Aware of Vulnerable Road Users

Eight years ago, when members of our Aspotogan community gathered to strategize about what to do about the abundance of cyclists on Route 329, they expressed concern that recreational riders were making it difficult for truck drivers to maintain their speed and get their goods, such as fresh fish, delivered without delay.

The RCMP was invited to the meeting and many participants expected to hear that cyclists should not ride on the road with motorized vehicles.

There was some surprise when the RCMP informed the group that cyclists had as much right to share our roadways as motorized vehicles.

As a result of the meeting, the Route Enhancement Committee of the Aspotogan Peninsula—RECAP—was formed in 2006 to address the issue of safety for all road users.

Shortly after the committee was established, local resident Peter Brock was killed while riding his bicycle near Bayswater. It was purely accidental and yet the event hit home just how vulnerable we are on the road.

The driver was not expecting a cyclist in December, so when he was temporarily blinded by low afternoon sun, it may not have occurred to him to slow down in case a pedestrian or cyclist was sharing the road.

Things have changed over these years. Traffic on Route 329 has increased, with more people living on the peninsula.

Combined with awareness of the need for more active living in our communities, cyclist traffic is also increasing.

One of RECAP’s main goals is to create awareness of vulnerable road users.

We work to educate cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that they realize they may not be seen by drivers, who, for their part, must be ever more diligent with their “spidey senses”, alert to the presence of vulnerable traffic.

We have tackled this education process in a number of ways, volunteering our enthusiasm and dedication to active living whenever and wherever we can. This is our eighth year of hosting the Ride of Silence.

This year, we honour our colleague, Harry Wheeler, whose idea it was to instigate our hosting of the Ride of Silence in 2007. Harry will no longer be joining us by bicycle, but will ride with us in spirit.

For information about this ride, and other RECAP activities, check out www.aspotogannroute.org and the Ride of Silence website www.rideofsilence.org.

Vince Maessen Shooting to be Number One in Raising Money for Prostate Cancer Research

Vincent Maessen, a marine engineer who lives in Searbright, says, “I ride my Kawasaki motorcycle every chance I get” and “I’m shooting to be the number one competitor” in the annual Halifax Motorcycle Ride for Dad in the fight against prostate cancer.

Vincent tells the Masthead News he has raised over $10,000 since 2007, starting with just $300 in the first year.

This is the ninth year of raising awareness and funds for research on prostate cancer with all of the funds staying here in Nova Scotia.

Vincent says that the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation is just one of the recipients of the funds.

“Cancer has affected me, not personally, but it has a history in my family,” he said.

“Men have to go for checkups and the earlier it is detected, the better the chance it is corrected,” he added. “Look after your health. One in seven men in Nova Scotia will get it.”

The Halifax Motorcycle Ride for Dad takes place on June 6th and starts and finishes at Cole Harbour Place in Dartmouth.

The ride kicks off at 10:00 a.m. and covers approximately 160 km in a loop that passes through several locations including Porters Lake, Elmsdale, Waverley and Woodlawn.

There were 180 riders in the event last year.

Registration is just $30 and pre-registration can be found at www.RideForDad.ca.

Donations can also be made through this site.

Referring to the Ride for Dad as a pokker stop where riders collect cards at each stop along the run and win prizes for the best hands.

Vincent says, “It’s a bit of an incentive, a bit of fun.”

He and his wife, Sheila, have already started canvassing for this year’s event as he is now in the top five of fundraisers and “I’m chasing the guy who is number one.”

May Fair in the Park for Children and their Parents May 24th

Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust invites you to attend its annual May Fair in the Park from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, at the Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park at Lewis Lake.

Join the Trust for children’s games, face painting, BBQ and a scavenger hunt lead by the Indian Point Young Naturalists.

Children will have a chance to win prizes and tour fire trucks, while the grownups learn about community organizations working to enhance our community.

“We are grateful to RBC for their financial contribution to the success of MayFair 2015,” said a spokesperson.

The Trust hosts MayFair each year to thank families in the community “for their support of our work in the providing of information about the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area (FHLWA) and to work with other community groups and Nova Scotia Environment on stewardship plans for the FHLWA.”
How Is Safe Is Your Mooring?

10th Anniversary of the Bay Relay for Life Will Entertain You

The committee for this year’s Relay for Life has secured two great local bands.

“Right after opening ceremonies, The Saunders Brothers will kick off the evening’s enjoyment with their wonderful singing voices and their band’s great musical talent,” says Dolores. “Pull up a chair and sit back ready to be aptly entertained until the end of the Relay,” with a break for the luminary ceremony.

There are nine teams registered with 80 participants as of May 4th.

“Make this your year to become a new participant or rejoin this very worthwhile cause,” says Dolores.

You can create your own team or join one of the existing ones. Contact Dana at 902-826-2724.

“We dream of a day when we live in a world where nobody fears cancer,” says Dolores.

“As the largest national funder of cancer research in Canada, we have made strides. We know more about why cancer starts and then spreads—research has done that.

“We know more about the importance of detecting cancer early—research has done that. We know more about the role of environmental and lifestyle factors in cancer—research has done that. We are now harnessing the power of the immune system to fight cancer—research has done that.

“We have developed new drugs and technologies to make cancer treatment more effective and easier to tolerate—research has done that. We are paying greater attention to what people with cancer say about their experience with the disease—research has done that.

“The good news is that we’re closer than ever to fully understanding, treating, controlling and preventing the many diseases called ‘cancer’.”

“You helped us do that.”

Sheila and Stephenie Allt Memorial Soccer Tournament Being Held for 13th Year

Sheila and Stephenie Allt, a mother and daughter who were killed in a tragic car accident on their way home from a soccer game, are being honored for the thirteenth time on the weekend of May 15th – 18th.

Sheila was the ultimate soccer mom—always at every game—and Stephenie was a leader on the field and had a very promising future in soccer, said spokesperson Mallory Comeau.

Both were living in Shelburne Heights at the time of the accident.

A barbecue will be held during the event, clothing will be sold, and raffles will be held.

“Because all our money goes towards scholarships we value our support—so much and appreciate all the support we have been given over the last 12 years,” said Mallory.

Invitation to Participate Given for Kingswood Subdivision Clean-Up

The annual Kingswood subdivision Clean Up in Hammonds Plains will take place Saturday, May 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you are an interested individual or group wishing to participate in sprucing up the Kingswood neighborhood contact Paul McGuinness at 902-809-7285 or email damian31@bellaliant.net.

For additional information, visit www.mykingswood.ca.
Certificates of Appreciation were given to outgoing board members of the Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust on March 25th at its annual meeting. Alison Doublelay, Ron Brown and Scott Guthrie received the certificates.

David Patriniq also received a certificate of appreciation for his work in setting up a new website for the organization and for serving as its webmaster.

A special Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Safety Minded ATV Club in recognition of the tremendous amount of work its members did in 2013 and 2014 to upgrade the Old St. Margaret’s Bay Road where one of the former ditch maintenance fee was paid from the Halifax Water infrastructure, benefit from a ditch or any tax. Since then it has been generously paid for by Halifax Water customers for us.

If you feel that you do not benefit from a ditch or any Halifax Water infrastructure, start the interest free appeal process, dial the Halifax Water telephone number on your invoice.

If you don’t benefit you don’t have to pay either fee. I am currently appealing my bill.

If you do benefit you get ditch maintenance (including a very expensive new culvert if needed).

Dial 311 for ditch maintenance, which does not include spring pruning and litter clean up.

Please contact me if you need facts reference the Halifax Water fees and Council’s role in the process.

Don’t be fooled by ambitious mis-truths on social media.

Mike Marriott, President of the Safety Minded ATV Club, holds his Certificate of Appreciation with Peter Lund (L) and Harry Ward stand with him. Tom was the Founding Chair at the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust.

Tom Musial (middle) stands with his Certificate of Appreciation while Peter Lund (L) and Harry Ward stand with him. Tom was the Founding Chair at the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust.

Mike Marriott, President of the Safety Minded ATV Club, holds his Certificate of Appreciation on the left and Harry Ward on the right.

Member of Parliament Speaks for the Environment at Friends of Nature AGM in Chester

By Catherine Clute

The Friends of Nature is a small, but mighty non-profit organization.

The group was founded in 1968 by Martin Rudy Haase of East Chester and operates on a shoestring budget, yet has always been a persistent voice of environmental protection.

Just how mighty its reach is was on display at their latest annual general meeting on May 3rd in Chester.

Some in the standing room only crowd were there to hear the guest speaker, Elizabeth May, a Member of Parliament for Saanich Gulf Islands in British Columbia, the leader of the national Green Party and a board member of Friends of Nature, while others, including May, were there to honour Haase.

May paid tribute to Haase as she explained, “The only reason I am on the board is because Rudy Haase started Friends of Nature and has been playing a huge part in my life,” she said.

In her speech, May spoke about the challenges of activism regarding the environment and climate change.

According to May there are reasons for hope. “I am really hopeful for the first time in quite a while,” she said, referring to the decline in prices for renewable energies and solar power in particular, which makes these options more affordable for future development.

As a result, according to May, “global investment in renewable energies exceeded that of fossil fuels for the first time ever in 2014.”

May also stressed that it was important for Canada to continue working for the environment through the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in December of this year.

May says, “There is no more room for procrastination. We are right up against a moment in time.”

Although the federal election has yet to be called, May received her largest response when she took aim at the record of the current government and called upon those in attendance to make climate change an election issue.

“I am optimistic. I have great faith for Canadians to engage,” she says.

According to May, “The biggest problem is 40% of Canadians don’t vote,” as she called upon those in the audience to encourage their friends and neighbours to vote in the advance polls for the upcoming election.

And being a friend is something the Friends of Nature Conservation Society has been doing since 1968.

Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party and Rudy Haase after the Friends of Nature Annual General Meeting in Chester on May 3.
Two Winners Emerge in Bay Treasure Chest Draws

The Bay Treasure Chest “toonied” in two winners since April 15. The first was Karen Corbett and Tom Hill who won $3,836. Margaret Murray who played her number at Redmond’s Home Hardware.

Karen and Tom are a retired couple who met 10 years ago. “This win comes at a very good time,” Karen said. The couple plan to use the money to pay property taxes on their home in Hammonds Plains as well as some repairs to their driveway but are saving a bit of their winnings to take the grandchildren and rest of the family out for brunch at Smitthy’s…where they play their numbers every week. They found out about the Bay Treasure Chest’s weekly draw from the Masthead News and promptly registered jointly for five numbers in mid-March. Tom said, “I love our local paper. It has lots of news and I enjoy reading it more than the bigger city papers.”

The second winner was Margaret Murray who played her winning number at Redmond’s Home Hardware. She has played almost every week since she registered her only number in October, proving that persistence pays off.

Margaret said she has not decided on how to spend her winnings but high on her list is to buy summer tires for her car…now that winter is finally over! The third draw took place recently but it was a rollover. The number drawn was not played. It is anticipated that the next draw will be worth approximately $7,750.

David Wins Another Award

David Wimberly, who is well known for his volunteer work in the community, has also received the Volunteer of the Year award from Halifax Regional Municipality.

“My work with composting, recycling and Zero Waste has been the highlight of my volunteer years,” David said. He said that he hopes to soon have posted parts of a poem featuring himself by HRM Poet Laureate El Jones, which was composed and recited at the Volunteer Awards Ceremony recently.

David stands with his son John after receiving his Volunteer of the Year award.

Free Football Clinics Being Held for Ages 7 to 12, Boys and Girls

Free football skills clinics are being held for Mites, Atoms and PeeWees during May and June at the Sir John A. Macdonald High School field. The clinic is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 12 who want to give football a try or who are thinking of playing for one of the Titans teams in August 2015. The clinics are as follows:

*May 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain date June 1, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
*June 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain date June 9, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
*June 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain date June 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

This is an excellent opportunity for new players to see what football is about and to learn some of the basic skills such as throwing, catching, blocking, tackling, kicking and pass coverage. This is a non-contact clinic. Participants should bring water and dress in athletic clothing that is appropriate to the weather (shorts, sneakers or cleats, T-shirt, and sweat suit).

The clinic is also open to returning Titan players who may want to improve their football skills.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend.

For more information go to the Timberlea Titans Minor Football Association website: www.timberleatitans.ca

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

We are seeking a student summer assistant for 30 – 35 hours/week in the Chester office of the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Chester-St. Margaret’s. The schedule is variable, is determined weekly, and includes some evening and weekend work.

Qualifications: minimum Grade 12, preferably first or second year post-secondary student.

Skills: accurate, fast keyboard skills; computer literate (data base and spreadsheet entry, email, social media); exceptional inter-personal communications skills (phone, in-person, written); good alpha-numeric skills; good organizational skills.

Duties: reception (phone & in-person); data entry; filing; interview first-contact persons and open files; accompany MLA to constituency events, take photos and ensure appropriate social media coverage of these events.

Other: an interest in government operations and the political process is an asset.

For a full job description email denisepetersmla@bellaliant.com, or visit the office at 3794 Highway 3, Unit 4, Chester NS B0J 1J0, or call 902-279-3378 to have a job description mailed to you. Application deadline is May 24th. Although we thank all applicants, only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Invitation to Join Us and Have Fun

Submitted by Lions Peter Lund and Michael Hart

In April’s article there were three errors for which we apologize.

The annual Christmas tree sales are our largest fund raiser, followed by the June Road Toll for seeing eye dogs.

Each seeing eye dog cost $6,000, not $46,000 as reported in the paper (Editor’s note: This error was our fault and not Peter’s or Michael’s). We would like for you to also know that the club works in partnership with the Hubley Community Center for the Sunday night Bingo at the Center. The Air Cadets look after the canteen. Special thanks to Lorna Zinck and Lion Jim Miller, who have worked tirelessly to make Sunday night Bingo a reality.

We certainly appreciate the strong community support for our initiatives to help those in need. Our motto is “We Serve.”
Hammonds Plains Historical Society Holding AGM May 25th

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society is holding its Annual General Meeting on May 25th at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church (corner of Hammonds Plains Road and Kingswood Drive) at 7:00 p.m. A presentation will be given by MLA Ben Jessome on the Political History of Hammonds Plains.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments after the meeting and a chance to mix and mingle with “our growing group,” said spokesperson Heather Kelly. “Come and renew old friendships and meet new people also interested in the history of our area.”

Chester Farmers’ and Artisan Market Opening for 2015 Season

The Chester Farmers’ and Artisan Market is opening up for the 2015 season on Friday, May 22nd, running from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The market will be open every Friday from May 22nd to October 9th, rain or shine. “Join us in supporting your local vendors of fresh fish, meat, breads, seasonal fruit and veggies, baked goods, jewelry, soaps, woolen and wooden crafts, flowers, food vendors and more,” said a spokesperson.

“We look forward to seeing you!”

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Sat., May 16, Singles’ ministry event for ages approximately 35-60 years. The meeting will be held at the Tantallon Plains First Baptist Church, 1839 Hammonds Plains Road. Please join us for our monthly 3rd Saturday social and fellowship night for an opportune time to meet like-minded individuals while having a good laugh. Message from Pastor Manuel. All welcome. For more information contact us at saltcove@icloud.com or call 902-835-5752 or Facebook SALT Christians Single’s Group-Halifax.

Sun., May 17, An afternoon of music at the Hubbards Area Iona Club in Fox Point, starting at 6:00 p.m. Admission $7.00. Music by The Crowells, Two Old Hens, Agnes Clinton and an Harmony. Ca. 50/50 draw.

Mon., May 18, Atlantic Coast Gardening author, Denise Adams, will be the guest speaker for the Chester Garden Club, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., St. Stephen’s Parish Community Centre, Regent St., Chester.

Wed., May 20, The Hubbards and Area Community Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Hubbards Sailing Club, Lots of food and drinks will be available for the meeting and non-members. FREE. The evening starts with a Meet and Greet at 6:00 p.m. and we would love to hear what we’ve been up to and what is planned for the upcoming year!

 Thurs., May 21, The May meeting of the Council of Community Organizations (COCO) will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeside Community Centre, 1490 St. Margaret’s Bay Rd., Lakeside. Bring your friends to learn about networking and socialize with a group of like-minded individuals in our communities around the Hwy 103-333 loop. For further information contact Harry Ward, harryward@eastlink.ca or John Cascadden, jdcas@slccc.ca or Harry Ward, harryward@eastlink.ca or John Cascadden, jdcas@slccc.ca or contact Mosquod Bay Chamber of Commerce at 902-436-7400.

Fri., May 22, CoV and Friends’ Fundraiser, 6th Annual Kitchen Party/Dance at the Bonny Lea Farm, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in support of the Nova Scotia Community Music Society Fund. For updates visit www.mastheadnews.com or contacting icorkum@nstsa.ca or pr@nsca.ca. The fundraiser is for Autism Nova Scotia. 

Sat., May 23, Plant sale, Flea Market and Bake Sale, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Luke’s Cove Country Store, 1837 Hammonds Plains Road (close to the Bike and Bean), Upper Tantallon. Our Annual General Meeting is also coming out on our website at www.slccc.com, Admission $1.00.

Sat., May 23, Spring Plant Sale—Come find plants looking for a home in your garden from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Peter’s Church Hall, 10035 Peggy’s Cove Road, Hammonds Plains. A Bonnies Broadmoors Fair book will be open too! Sponsored by St. Peter’s Anglican Church.

Sat., May 23, Country Jamboree at the Little School, Chester, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 50/50 raffle. Donation jar at the door. Lunch provided.

Sat., May 23, The churches along the Prospect Road from Goodwood to Shad Bay, as well as the Chester Road Community Centre, are having a yard sale, altar, basement flea market, and baked goods sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sat., May 23, and every Saturday until October, Renewed Used Book Guild will provide a canteen with lemonade and cookies. Come and enjoy some wonderful music provided by our choirs under the direction of our organist Kevin Maclellan.

Sun., May 24, May Fair in the Park 2015—Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust invites you to attend its annual May Fair in the Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join the Trust for children’s games, face painting, BBQ and a scavenger hunt lead by Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps, 133 Central St., Chester, at 5:00 p.m. Pictures of our local service men and women. Learn about the Lord令 the Connecton to WW1. Refreshments.

Wed., May 27, The St. Margaret’s Bay Gardening Club will be holding its Annual plant sale at St. Luke’s Church Hall, St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Tantallon. Downtown open at 10:00 a.m. A variety of plants will be offered for sale, as well as items on a children’s table.

Sun., May 31, Yard Sale (Part of the Westwood Yard Sale) with bake and BBQ at Ms. Kenzie French’s Middle School at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Free for you and 18 years and under. To register call the Recreation Office at 902-257-3540.

Sun., June 7, The Annual Warbler Walk, organized by the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust, will be led by well known birder Hans Toom at the Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the picnic area inside the park. For further information please contact Hans Toom at jerrylawrence@outlook.com.

Sat., June 13, Stride to Turn the Tide Walk at the Jerry Lawrence Park, Lewis Lake. The Bay Grandmothers invite you to join them between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Funds raised will go to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Registration is $5.00 per adult (donations welcome). Children are free. Bring a lunch and join us for a picnic after you walk.

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Deadline for the June 17th Issue of The Masthead News is June 10th.
The Bay Treasure Chest was introduced to the Bay by two long-time community members with five winning principles in mind:

- The winners win prizes
- The Retailers... of whom are locally owned... win by increased traffic
- The Masshead News... which publishes the winners' names... wins through increased readership
- The 5 non-profit local community organizations win through increased funding
- The community in general wins by bringing community members closer together

And overall it is meant to be fun for the volunteers and for the community!

Total proceeds from draws $253,388
Prizes paid out $126,694
Total Expenses $12,437
Float Retained $100.00
Net Paid To 5 Organizations $114,157

The catchment area for the Bay Treasure Chest stretched from Exit 4 of the 103 and from Peggy's Cove to Peggys Cove Road. The money from this initiative stays in the Bay to benefit the whole community. The incredible success of this venture would not have been possible without the dogged determination, skill and passion of a number of core volunteers supported by as many as 75 volunteers who have become incredibly proficient at their assigned tasks. Visit us on Facebook and on our Website: http://www.baytreasurechest.ca.

And if you are the neighbourhood food drop by and celebrate with us at Recardo's Hall in Glen Haven from 2:00-5:30 on Sunday May 31st and be entertained by Tantallon Los Primos.

Best of luck in 2015.

~ Dana Gallant - Owner

Who are the five community-based organizations who benefit from the funds raised by the Bay Treasure Chest? ……And how are they spending the funds?

There are 5 Not-for-profit groups in total, all focused on having an impact for all the population of the St. Margaret's Bay area.

1. The St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (Rec’d $22,831), is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide housing and accommodation options and assistance for seniors, to research and represent the interests of seniors living in the greater St. Margaret's Bay area, and to promote and participate in the maintenance of quality living for seniors in the area. Please visit www.baystewardship.ca for more information
2. The Seniors Association of St. Margaret's Bay (Rec’d $18,812) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide housing and accommodation options and assistance for seniors, to research and represent the interests of seniors living in the greater St. Margaret's Bay area, and to promote and participate in the maintenance of quality living for seniors in the area. Please visit our website at: www.heartofthebay.ca
3. The GPI Atlantic Bay Youth Hub (Rec’d $22,831) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide healthy nutrition to children ages 0-5 such as well-balanced snacks weekly, to provide safe and supervised play for children during snack time, to support the growth of healthy eating through daily meals, and to support the initiation and resumption of life-long healthy eating. Please visit our website at: http://bayyouthhub.ca
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We support the bay Treasure Chest and the great things it is doing for the community.

Robert Munn - Owner

~ "I look forward to seeing my "weekly droppers". It's great to see everyone in the community getting involved, and the good it's doing right now." Ellen Helmke - Owner

RTO Recardo's Take Out 12779 Peggys Cove Rd, Tantallon, NS

"Plenty of people come in to play their tonnies, we chat and they buy"

Rola Jawhar - Owner

Whale’s Back Country Store

"The chest attracts a lot of existing and potential customers. We love having the chest in our store." Brian Smeltzer - Manager

Redmond’s Home Hardware

"Having the Bay Treasure Chest in our store definitely gives customers another reason to visit us, even if it’s just to say hello" John & Shelley Glover - Owners

Whale's Back Country Store

"It is a pleasure working with The Bay Treasure Chest, not only for those wishing to play their numbers each week, but also in bringing many new people to our cafe. Best of luck in 2015." Dana Gallant - Owner

"Whale's Back
Shelley Glover - Owners

"Just to say hello!" John & Ois & Vance Slauenwhite - Owners

The catchment area for the Bay Treasure Chest stretched from Exit 4 of the 103 and from Peggy's Cove to Peggys Cove Road. The money from this initiative stays in the Bay to benefit the whole community. The incredible success of this venture would not have been possible without the dogged determination, skill and passion of a number of core volunteers supported by as many as 75 volunteers who have become incredibly proficient at their assigned tasks. Visit us on Facebook and on our Website: http://www.baytreasurechest.ca.

And if you are the neighbourhood food drop by and celebrate with us at Recardo's Hall in Glen Haven from 2:00-5:30 on Sunday May 31st and be entertained by Tantallon Los Primos.

Best of luck in 2015.

~ Dana Gallant - Owner

Who are the five community-based organizations who benefit from the funds raised by the Bay Treasure Chest? ……And how are they spending the funds?

There are 5 Not-for-profit groups in total, all focused on having an impact for all the population of the St. Margaret's Bay area. Very broadly, they: cover the waters around the Bay, the land behind the eastern coastal area, seniors, youth, and everyone who would benefit from the availability of local transportation:

1. The St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (Rec’d $22,831) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide housing and accommodation options and assistance for seniors, to research and represent the interests of seniors living in the greater St. Margaret's Bay area, and to promote and participate in the maintenance of quality living for seniors in the area. Please visit www.baystewardship.ca for more information
2. The Seniors Association of St. Margaret's Bay (Rec’d $18,812) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide housing and accommodation options and assistance for seniors, to research and represent the interests of seniors living in the greater St. Margaret's Bay area, and to promote and participate in the maintenance of quality living for seniors in the area. Please visit our website at: www.heartofthebay.ca
3. The GPI Atlantic Bay Youth Hub (Rec’d $22,831) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide healthy nutrition to children ages 0-5 such as well-balanced snacks weekly, to provide safe and supervised play for children during snack time, to support the growth of healthy eating through daily meals, and to support the initiation and resumption of life-long healthy eating. Please visit our website at: http://bayyouthhub.ca
4. The GPI Atlantic Bay Youth Hub (Rec’d $18,812) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide healthy nutrition to children ages 0-5 such as well-balanced snacks weekly, to provide safe and supervised play for children during snack time, to support the growth of healthy eating through daily meals, and to support the initiation and resumption of life-long healthy eating. Please visit our website at: http://bayyouthhub.ca
5. The GPI Atlantic Bay Youth Hub (Rec’d $896) is a not-for-profit registered society, the goals of which are to provide healthy nutrition to children ages 0-5 such as well-balanced snacks weekly, to provide safe and supervised play for children during snack time, to support the growth of healthy eating through daily meals, and to support the initiation and resumption of life-long healthy eating. Please visit our website at: http://bayyouthhub.ca

We support the bay Treasure Chest and the great things it is doing for the community.

Robert Munn - Owner

~ "A lot of people come in to play and they come back to eat. We have definitely noticed more traffic." Diane & Tony VanNorden - Owners