The Flyer

Friday July 24th, 2020

The deadline for receiving items for the August Flyer is **Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 at 4:00 pm** with delivery coming on **Friday August 21st, 2020**

Please send items to: **The Flyer: P.O. Box 55, New Ross, NS, B0J 2M0**

or e-mail – nrfrcnewross@hotmail.com

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NEW ROSS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
4691 Highway 12, PO Box 106, New Ross, (902) 689-2414,
E-mail: nrfrcnewross@hotmail.com nrfrc.ca

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This month's flyer will be delivered by email, and facebook only. If you would kindly share the flyer content with any neighbors or friends who may not have access to internet and find this information of value, we would appreciate it. Thank you NFRC

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Blood Collection UPDATE: Coleen with continue her service through HOME VISITS ONLY. You must call Colleen Hull at 624-0406 to book your appointment.

Coleen thank you for the service you provide this community.

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT: We have been approved for a 16 week summer student placement. If you are between 16 and 30 and looking for work, give us a call. See full job on our facebook page. Job starts as soon as possible.

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The New Ross Family Resource centre is open by appointment, you can contact:
Diane @ nrfrcnewross@hotmail.com
Leanne @ nrfrcleanne@gmail.com or call the centre @ 902 689 2414.

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WE ARE PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER! IF YOU NEED **AFTERSCHOOL CARE CALL US! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN **DANCE** CALL US! 9026892414**

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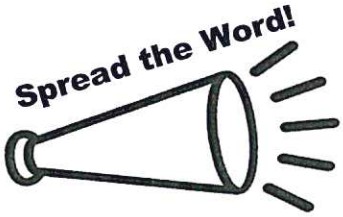
Julia Sanders RMT

* Registered Massage Therapist
* Craniosacral Therapist

Afternoon and evening appointments available.

Phone: (902) 689-2849
E-mail: juliasandersrmt@hotmail.com

4905 Highway 12, New Ross



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Supports to Help You During COVID-19

Worried About Paying Your Bills or Affording Food?

Power:
Contact NS Power customer care centre at 1-800-428-6230 if you are having difficulty with payments. They will continue their COVID-19 supports (i.e. relaxing timelines for bill payments, waiving fees and suspending missed payments) until Aug. 31st.

Lighthouse Food Bank:
Hours: Wed. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. When you arrive, please get a number and wait in your vehicle until called. Orders will be put outside the food bank door when ready. If you have a hard time getting to the Food Bank, call Community Wheels at 902-273-2440 for help.

Feed Nova Scotia Food Box Delivery Program:
Feed Nova Scotia has a short-term program to deliver food boxes to people who can't get to a food bank or other food supports. Call 211 on weekdays 8am-8pm. They will help figure out if the program is a good fit for you.

Chester Municipality: https://chester.ca/covid-19/covid-19-financial-relief

Information on Community Services: https://chester.ca/covid-19/covid-19-community-services

Facebook Groups Connecting People:
- New Ross - Neighbours Helping Neighbours
- Municipal-administered Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeanOnMeMOC/

Need Help Getting Groceries or Medication?
Ask family, friend or neighbor. We are all looking out for each other!
Free Grocery Delivery: Lunenburg County YMCA is offering pickup and delivery of groceries, medicine and essential supplies for those 55+ or vulnerable persons in Lunenburg County. Call 902-208-1900 or e-mail Kim.Roy@ns.ymca.ca

Contact Chester Municipality Economic Development Office with questions about financial benefit programs for yourself or your business. Heather Hennigar, Economic Development Officer, 902-275-2599, hhennigar@chester.ca

For Non-profit Groups
- A one-time emergency grant for non-profit organizations with facilities negatively impacted by COVID-19, up to $1000/month to a max. of $5000 per organization
- Council Grants will increase to $50,000

NEW: Property Taxes:
- COVID Property Tax Financing. Deadline to apply: July 31, 2020. Provides low interest financing for property tax (1.35% over 30 months). https://chester.ca/government/property-taxes-and-rates/covid-property-tax-financing

- Interest is withheld for affected property owners until Aug 31.

Provincial Government:

https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/support/#support-for-business

Government Services: https://novascotia.ca/closures-cancellations-and-service-changes

Business Supports:

- **COVID-19 Agriculture Response Program:** Funding information at: https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/agriculture-response-program/
- **COVID-10: Small Business Reopening and Support Grant (for non-profits too):** https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/small-business-reopening-support-grant/
- **Business Support website:** https://www.nscc.ca/sites/covid19-business-support/
- **Small Business Loan Guarantee Program:** http://www.novascotia.coop/programs/small-business-loan-guarantee-program/

Support for Individuals:

- **Red Cross Friendly Calls Program:** Feeling isolated? Need someone to talk to? Call 1-833-729-0144 to register for pre-scheduled calls.
- **Helpline**: If you need non-emergency, non-medical help, call 211 or visit ns.211.ca. It is a toll-free helpline that connects you to community and social services in your area, 24hrs/day, 7days/week.

Federal Government - Canada's COVID Economic Response Plan

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

People Facing Loss of Income – Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- A Taxable benefit of $2,000 every 4 weeks, for up to **24** weeks to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.
- Do not apply for CERB if you have already applied for E.I.
- To apply, go to: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html or call the 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041 automated services.
- Answers to common questions call: 1-833-966-2099.
- CERB is for workers:
  - Residing in Canada, at least 15 years old;
  - Who have stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19, or are eligible for E.I. regular or sickness benefits or used up their E.I. regular benefits between Dec. 29, 2019 – Oct. 3, 2020.
  - Who had employment and/or self-employment of at least $5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application.
  - Who have not quit their job voluntarily.
  - First claim - you cannot have earned more than $1,000 in employment and/or self-employment for 14 or more consecutive days in the four-week period of your claim. Later claims: you cannot have earned more than $1,000 in employment and or/self-employment for the entire four-week benefit period of your new claim.
- **Dedicated Employment Insurance (E.I.) phone line:** 1-800-206-7218

Temporary wage top-up for low-income essential workers: More information to come.

Students:

- **Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) (for Students Not Eligible for CERB):** https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.html For answers to common questions, call: 1-833-966-2099
- It is also available for those who are working but not making more than $1,000 (before taxes over the four-week period for which they are applying). The benefit gives $1,250/month for eligible students or $2,000 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities (May – Aug. 2020). Students are expected to be actively looking for work.
- **Student Loans:** Student loan payments are not due until Sept 30, 2020. This will happen automatically. There are changes to the Canada Student Loan program for more students to qualify, and be eligible for greater amounts.
- **Canada Student Service Grants (CSSG):** Students who volunteer to support Canada's response to COVID-19 can receive a grant from $1,000 - $5,000 towards their education in the fall. You are not eligible if you receive or received CERB. Search for approved volunteer opportunities, and program information at: https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/volunteer/initiative

Support for Seniors:

- Reduced required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds by 25% for 2020.

Support for Businesses:

- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS): Canadian employers whose business has been affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for a subsidy of 75% of employee wages for up to 24 weeks, retroactive from March 15, 2020 to Aug. 29, 2020. To apply, go to: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy/cews-how-apply.html
- Contact ACOA for a variety resources, and information on the relief and recovery fund: COVID-19, for businesses, at 1-800-561-7862; e-mail: ACOA.information.APECA@canada.ca; https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/campaigns/covid19/covid-19information.html
- For information on a wide variety of supports for Businesses, Sectors and Organizations, go to: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

Indigenous Peoples – Variety of increased supports for communities. Post-secondary students should contact their band council or organization administering the Post-Secondary Student Support Program for information on supports.

Extra time to file and Pay Income Taxes:

- For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020. However, if you expect to receive a GSTC or the Canada Child Benefit you are encouraged not to delay filing your taxes. The Canada Revenue Agency will allow all taxpayers to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any new income tax balances due, or instalments until after without paying interest or penalties.

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Meeting Notice from the New Ross Regional Development Society

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the New Ross Regional Development Society will be held on August 12, 2020 at the Bandstand at 7:00 pm. Due to COVID 19 restrictions we are meeting outside so we can socially distance.

Important agenda items include the election of the executive, a review of last year's activities and a look at what is coming up for this year. Why not bring your own chair and join us for the meeting. New members and guests are always welcome.

In the case of inclement weather we will post a notice at the bandstand on the day of the meeting if we have to change venues.

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SCAM ALERT***BE AWARE***

Scam artists prey on vulnerable people and at a trying time like we are in now with Covid-19 they are working hard to scam us!

PLEASE REMEMBER **NEVER** GIVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OUT TO ANYONE OVER THE PHONE.

If you are unsure the call is legitimate ask for their phone number and you will call them right back. They can also use local area codes to try and draw you into their scam. If you feel uncomfortable hang up!

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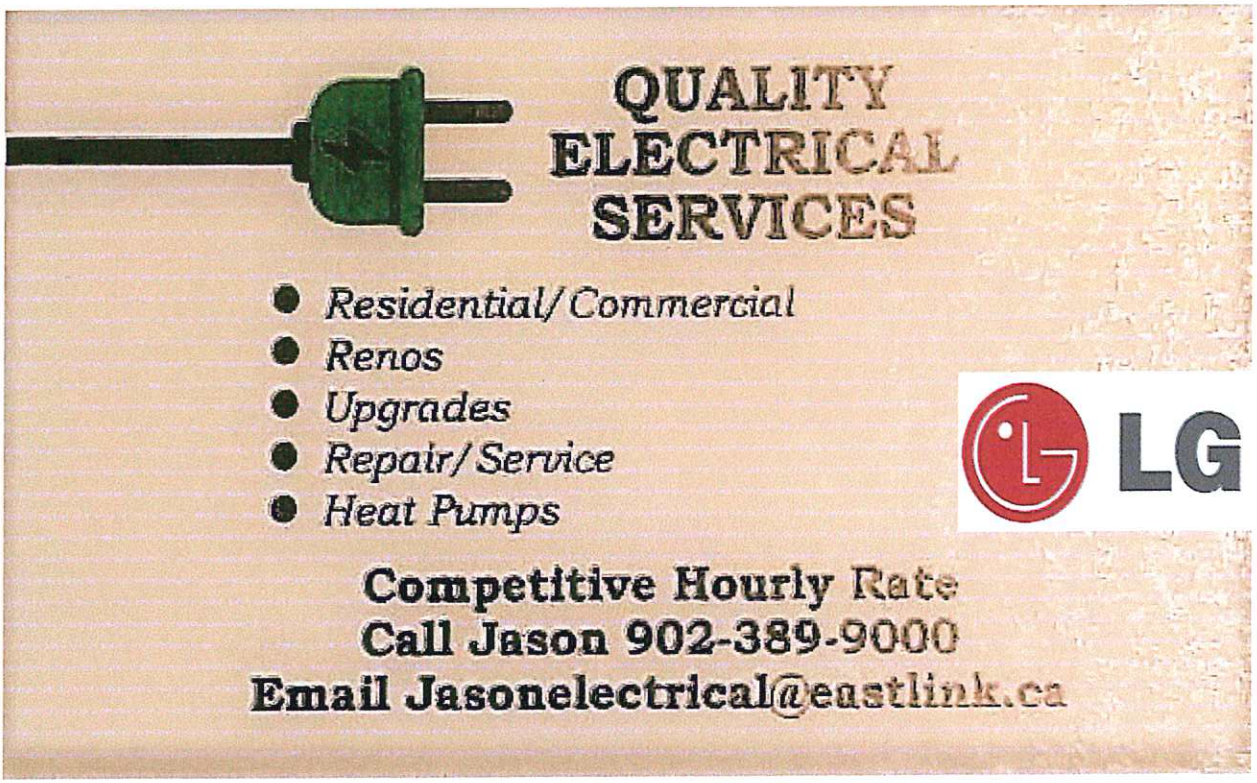

THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CHESTER
REVISIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS
Municipal Council
And
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial School Board Member
October 17, 2020

The Preliminary List of Electors has been prepared for the upcoming October 17, 2020 Municipal and School Board (Conseil scolaire acadien provincial) Election.

A Voter Information Letter is being sent by addressed mail to all persons on the Preliminary List of Electors. This letter includes information pertaining to each individual voter.

If you have not received a Voter Information Letter by August 10, or have received one containing incorrect information, please contact Pamela Myra, Revising Officer:

- By telephone at (902) 275-3631; or
- By fax at (902) 275-4771; or
- By email at election@chester.ca; or
- If required, an appointment can be made to meet with the Revising Officer using the contact information noted above.

You will be asked for your name, address, and date of birth.

Additions and corrections to the Preliminary Voters List can be made during the Revision Period from August 4 to August 21 during regular office hours.

Sam Lamey
Returning Officer

Pamela Myra
Assistant Returning Officer/Revising Officer

A Message From Your Community Development Coordinator

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CHESTER

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LET'S HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

This summer may looks different but it is flying by! How are you and your family doing things differently? We have been spending extra time at the local beaches and lakes trying to stay cool. We also hope to spend some evenings enjoying live music at Picnic in the Park and trying new things with online program offerings.

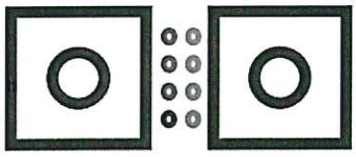
Are you looking for support in connecting with rec opportunities? Give our hotline a call at 902-275-4127 and talk to our knowledgeable and creative staff about opportunities in and around your home/ neighborhood!

Thinking about what programming might look like in September? If you have any questions or ideas please give Nadine a call at 902-275-8503!

ONLINE RECREATION RESOURCE

We know that COVID-19 has brought some inconveniences to everyone over the last few months, so the Recreation Summer Staff have a gift for you! We are presenting our Online Recreation Resource to ensure you're equipped with our favourite games, crafts, and activities!

Head over to https://chester.ca/recreation-parks/programs/online- manuals-of-fun to browse or download our activities!



Looking for some backyard fun?!

We have washer toss and bocce ball sets to loan out! Limited supply – call us at 902-275-3490 to book.

Family Time in the Park...We've missed you!

The Summer Recreation Staff are doing their due diligence to provide recreation opportunities with your safety and comfort, during this uncertain time, as our number one priority. A family (and their bubble if you wish), will arrive at Lordly Park and participate in one hour of our fun games and activities. Parents are expected to stay and participate with the little ones which will offer a little bit of play to their day. All equipment is sanitized before their arrival and after their departure and social distancing will be designed into the program. We hope to see you at Lordly Park to try out an alternative for summer programs. Bring water and sunscreen. Washrooms are unavailable at Lordly Park.

Spaces are available August 5th, 12th, and 19th, call us at 902-275-3490 to register!

Don't forget to check out our Mini Explore Life Brochure for more in-person and online programs happening this summer!

New Ross Legion Events

All shows are open to everyone. Guests must be signed in

by a Member. Under aged guests must be accompanied by a guardian. Membership is easy and inexpensive. Come take a look!

Hello fellow New Rosser's, we hope everyone is doing well. With the Covid-19 restrictions loosening the Legions in our Zone (Zone 13) has submitted a reopening document which has been approved. We will be reopening on Friday 7th of August at 4:00 pm with normal operating hours Monday, Thursday and Friday.
We have a number of restrictions we must follow that are in accordance with the Covid-19 Health Protection Act, to ensure the safety of our members, guests and our community.

We respectfully request people (s) wishing to visit the Legion comply with the following regulations:
1. If you have a cold, cough and or fever or have been in contact with anyone with Covid-19 within the last 14 days before coming to the Legion that you stay at home,
2. All individual (s) must sign in, which will include your phone numbers,
3. The VLT's are permitted to be open, only two players at a time, no other people are allow in the VLT room except to use the restrooms,
4. One person at the Bar at a time,
5. You are not permitted to purchase a drink for another person and bring to the table,
6. Pool is permitted to be played as long as individuals follow the rules and maintain social distancing,
7. All persons entering the Legion must sanitize their hands and are requested to wash their hands after using the restrooms.
9 All smokers must maintain social distancing.

We are attempting our best to ensure the safety of everyone, but we need your assistance to make this happen. It sounds like allot but when one looks closely it's just a little common sense and patience by everyone.
We are truly looking forward in seeing you at the Legion on the 7th of August and in the future.

Friday Night Live and Chase the Ace are still suspended. Stay tuned!

Update from Tina Connors
Councillor – New Ross (District 6)

Meetings during Covid-19: As Council, we last met ***in person*** on March 19. Since the Provincial State of Emergency was put in place, Council and staff have continued to meet pretty much weekly, **online** by way of Zoom Videoconference... almost 'business as usual'.

On March 19 we approved the annual Budget 2020-2021; the Operating Budget is $26,775,296 and the Capital Budget, $6,643,500. Tax rates remain the same, with residential at $.705 and commercial at $1.53. Deliberations started early in the calendar year with each department presenting to Council priority projects and cost figures. The budget reflects financial priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, as well priorities that align with our Strategic Plan. There are always 'must-do' projects and 'like-to-do' projects, so it is the must-do projects that emerge as the top concerns in terms of where resources will be focused.

A substantial portion of our annual budget – our share of Mandatory Provincial Payments – automatically goes to the Province. Mandatory or non-discretionary provincial expenditures include such things as: education; RCMP & correctional services; library services; and more.

All budget information is available to the public.

Municipal Election 2020 (District of Chester): Amid concerns around Covid-19, the decision was made in early July to hold the municipal election electronically - online and telephone voting, no paper ballots. The decision was not made lightly. The safety of voters, volunteers and workers at the polling stations was the most important of all factors taken into consideration. Other concerning factors included: sourcing of necessary personal protective equipment; recruiting required number of workers; ability to secure suitable polling station locations; and, potential line-ups at the polls.

Noteworthy dates:

Nomination Day	September 8 {nomination can be filed by appointment in the seven business days prior to nomination day}
Advance Poll	October 6 to October 14
Election Day	October 17

Sherbrooke Lake Public Access Update: The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) has not begun development of Sherbrooke Lake Park as of yet; Council (MODL) did not allocate any funds to the project during their recent budget approvals for 2020-2021. The public access site is accessed either from Walden, or Mahone Bay.

On a final note - and in case anyone might have forgotten - *Happy Birthday New Ross...* celebrating its 204th on August 7!

See you soon,

Tina C.

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