

# Manor to be studied for future improvements

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use the sitting room and who cannot," she maintains.

Mr. McNamara admitted he did not have all of the answers but would not shut the facility down and would find the solutions to the situation at Highland manor.

"As part of the 10 year Continuing care strategy, the Government of Nova Scotia has made a commitment in principle to replace 1,616 long term care beds and to date the government has approved the replacement of ten facilities and the replacement of individual beds in seven other facilities," Deputy Minister McNamara said.

Although Highland Manor is not part of these improvements, the Depart-



**Highland Manor Administrator, Esther Blakeney**

ment of Health staff will be visiting nursing homes and residential care facilities that were built more than 15 years ago. Highland Manor fits this criteria so they will gather information on the Manor's structural condition, space and functional aspects

and factors impacting resident programs.

The Department of Health will use this information in planning for future replacement or renovation should funds be allocated by government.

Administrator Blakeney is hopeful the contractor will sit with the Department of Health personnel to explain further the long term issues which need to be addressed at the Manor.

# Working to reduce human-coyote conflict

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behaviour and education to develop and implement best practices for visitor safety in Cape Breton Highlands. Visitors to any park or natural area should be aware of the risk of wildlife encounters.

To improve your personal safety on the trail Parks Canada suggests:

- **Don't feed.** Coyotes that have access to our food lose their fear of people.
- **Make noise.** Hike with friends and a solid walking stick.
- **Act big.** If a coyote approaches you, make noise and act big to scare it away.
- **Fight back.** If a coyote attacks you, do not turn your back or run

away. Fight back. Shout, throw stones, use whatever is available to defend yourself.

If a coyote approaches you in the park, report it to Parks Canada staff.

Parks Canada is working to reduce human-coyote conflicts by improving trailhead signs and safety messages for residents and visitors.

Working with the NS Department of Natural Resources and tourism operators Parks Canada is sharing best practices and adopting best practices from around the world for co-existing with coyotes.

Parks Canada is also improving garbage facilities to reduce the availability of human food.

# Musician raises funds for 2 County fire depts



Classical guitarist Ross Chaisson (L) donated his time and talents to raise \$480 for Indian Brook Volunteer Fire Department and \$1,302 for the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department. Indian Brook VFD responded with a gift of crab legs. Both concerts venues, St. Ann's Bay United Church and Baddeck Masonic Hall, were donated for the well attended concerts. Shown accepting a cheque from Ross is Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ernest Roberts.

# Winds, tides and biomass

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based organizations, Mr. Lisi feels his company can provide the renewable energy experience and expertise as well as find the financial resources required to bring any project to fruition.

Mr. Lisi told Council he sees wind, tidal power and biomass as the major

sources for renewable energy in Victoria County.

Warden Bruce Morrison thanked Mr. Lisi for his presentation and suggested that when Council makes the decision to pursue renewable energy projects his information will be considered.

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