

## Marketing levy

# Bylaws being reviewed

by Jim Morrow

The room levy for accommodations operations with more than 10 rooms is back on the rails.

Speaking to Victoria County Municipal Council on May 10th, Doug Peach and Mary Tulle, CEO of Destination Cape Breton, explained that the next step in the process is to have each municipality involved with the room levy enact a set of bylaws.

Victoria County along with Richmond County, Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Port Hawkesbury have indicated they will support a Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act.

Mr. Peach, who was hired by Destination Cape Breton to insure best practices are followed, has submitted a set of bylaws which are identical to those enacted in other jurisdictions which have a room levy.

"Once the bylaws are enacted by the participating municipalities it is expected the Legislature will proclaim the Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act, Bill No. 267," Mr. Peach said.

The levy will be 2% of room sales and the onus is on the operators to collect and submit the levy to the Municipality in which it operates. The Municipality will then forward the levy on to Destination Cape Breton.

100% of the money collected will be used for Island wide marketing programs. Ms. Tulle estimates the annual

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## Annual Lupus support run



In lupus, the disease with a thousand faces, something goes wrong with the immune system so that it also makes antibodies that attack the person's own tissues. The result is an autoimmune reaction which causes the inflammation that affects the specific tissues or organs. In Middle River on May 8th, 8 walkers and 17 runners supported Lupus Canada's

Walk/Run. The fastest walker (5 km) was Linda MacDonald. Jon Saul was the fastest runner (10 km) with a time of 38:47. Ken MacKinnon was second and Bruce MacIntyre 3rd. In the women's category Rachel Harvey and Samantha Wong tied with a time of 54:38. Carol Campbell and Kaye Toms were 2nd and Arlene Morrison was third. The youngest 10 km runner was Lauren Matheson who came in with a time of 1:14:39 while 5km youth runner Luke Overdyke came in with a time of 27:22. Over \$1,500 was raised during the event for Lupus research.

## Stock requirements not met

# Mi'kmaq Chiefs oppose sport salmon fishing in local rivers

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The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have been engaged in consultation with DFO over Atlantic salmon management. Through the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC) the Mi'kmaq maintain that where the needs of resource conservation are not being met in Nova Scotian rivers, there must be neither an Atlantic salmon sports fishery nor a Mi'kmaq food fishery. The ANSMC opposes DFO's decision to allow two rivers in Cape Breton - the Middle and the Baddeck - to open in September and October for a recre-

ational fishery because conservation requirements are not being met there.

In the historic 1990 Sparrow decision the Supreme Court of Canada recognized and affirmed the existing Aboriginal right of Aboriginal people to fish for food, social and ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The Supreme Court said the FSC rights of Aboriginal people took priority over all other users of fisheries resources, including the sports/recreational fishery.

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have a constitutionally protected right to fish for food, social and ceremonial (FSC)

purposes, limited only by conservation needs.

The ANSMC believes that when conservation is an issue, all measures must be taken to preserve the valuable natural resource for the future of all generations.

In two rivers in Nova Scotia where conservation needs are not being met, namely, the Middle River and the Baddeck River in the Bras d'Or watershed, DFO proposes a hook and release salmon fishery this year during September and October. The ANSMC opposes *see Salmon, page three*

## Dr. Carlyle Chow

# Outstanding Health Care Professional of the Year

by Jim Morrow

The Dr. M. A. Naqvi Outstanding Health Care Professional of the Year Award recognizes Dr. Carlyle Chow, who has spent many years working tirelessly to provide quality care to his patients in Victoria County, particularly in Baddeck and surrounding area.

When John Malcolm, CEO for Cape Breton District Health Authority called Dr. Chow regarding his being the recipient of the Dr. M. A. Naqvi Outstanding Health Care Professional of the Year Award, Dr. Chow said he would be thrilled to accept the award because it would be from Dr. Naqvi

whom he knew to be a dedicated physician.

"Dr. Naqvi always took the bull by the horns," Dr. Chow said. "He always did what he had to do and he was always right.

"I would call him any time and I was never refused. He has an excellent work ethic, is always diplomatic, gets things done in a timely fashion and is selfless in all situations. For these reasons I am thrilled to accept this award."

Dr. Naqvi was on hand to present the award named in his honour to Dr. Chow at Victoria County Memorial

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## Public information sessions

# Coyote behaviour and human response

by Jim Morrow

Parks Canada's Cape Breton Highlands National Park staff with Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel held a series of public information sessions in communities around the Park between May 5th and May 13th regarding coyotes.

The sessions were quite informal allowing the public to chat with staff and experts about the behaviour of coyotes and get answers to questions regarding best practices.

Since the tragic death of Taylor Mitchell who was killed by coyotes last fall on Skyline Trail in Cape Breton

Highlands National Park (CBHNP), the public has been more concerned with the presence of coyotes and more reports have been made regarding unusual coyote behaviour.

The provincial government has initiated a bounty of \$20 per animal trapped by bona fide trappers across the province.

The CBHNP public sessions saw a number of displays and information handouts which the public could pick up and peruse. Staff were obliging and accessible and very helpful in explaining what people should and should not do

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