

Namesake Ship

HMCS INGONISH remembered

Ingonish

A representative of the Canadian Navy was in Ingonish on November 11th to present a framed pictorial history of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) INGONISH to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 105 Leading Seaman Tom Doucette and Lieutenant (Navy) Kevin Nolan from Canadian Forces Base Halifax presented a framed picture to the community of Ingonish as part of the Canadian Naval Centennial Namesake Project. The picture includes a photograph of HMCS INGONISH, a picture of the ship's badge, and a short history of the ship's service.

HMCS INGONISH is a namesake ship named for the town of Ingonish, N.S. Over the years, 320 Canadian warships have been named for cities and provinces, First Nations communities, and geographical features. Naming ships for communities served to create a bond between the namesake city and the ship's company. During the Second World War and the Korean War, people would send "care packages" to the ship's company. As such, it is a general practice that the ship's company regularly visit its namesake city to renew its acquaintance and to provide support to local charities.

The Bangor class minesweeper, HMCS INGONISH, was commissioned on May 8, 1942, in Esquimalt, BC, and arrived in Halifax, NS, on April 30, 1943. Once worked up her primary role
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Lest we forget



Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the cenotaph adjacent to Branch 53 Royal Canadian Legion in Baddeck saw a strong turnout of young and old to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the rights and freedoms we all enjoy.

Middle River Watershed Society

Discussion paper on biomass presented to County Council

by Jim Morrow

On November 1st, courtesy of Council was extended to Bruce Aikman, who was representing the Middle River Watershed Society.

Mr. Aikman, a professional engineer with extensive experience in the mechanical and operational aspects of the pulp and paper industry across North America, presented Councillors with a discussion paper which he had prepared on behalf of the Middle River Watershed Society.

In summary, the discussion paper reads, "the 60MW biomass thermal generation proposal for Port Hawkesbury offers short term operating capital for NewPage Port Hawkesbury (NPPH) and

long term equipment and biomass supply benefits to Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI), but likely compromises the long term interests of Nova Scotia."

Mr. Aikman pointed out that biomass fuels, including wood biomass, used on a scale appropriate to the resource, can negate the main concerns of fossil fuels. It can be renewable, sustainable and carbon neutral.

To achieve these advantages, biomass [wood] must regenerate at a rate greater than utilization, to allow for significant fossil fuel inputs for harvesting, forwarding, transporting and chipping. Biomass fuels may become essential to our future well being in Nova Scotia, when for example, heating oil prices

exceed the ability of many home owners to pay for it.

His first major concern, however, is with the inefficiency of the proposed 60 megawatt electrical generator.

"Green biomass fuels containing 50% moisture may not be appropriate for bulk thermal electrical generation because its heat energy from combustion can only be converted to electrical energy at a thermal efficiency of 20%. [or less, if parasitic loads, transformer/transmission and wood delivery fuel consumption are considered.]" Mr Aikman said.

"Biomass fuels for individual or regional heating systems however, can be used at thermal efficiencies of up to
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Marketing Levy

Bylaw expected to be in place by January 1

by Jim Morrow

Victoria County will have its own room levy bylaw.

At the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities annual general meeting held in Sydney during the last week of October, the CAOs, Mayors and Wardens of the municipalities who have agreed to institute a room levy on accommodations operations with 10 rooms or more decided each municipality would develop their own bylaw.

CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) for the Municipality of the County of Victoria, Sandy Hudson, told County Council on November 1st that he hopes

there will be a draft bylaw to present to Council on November 15th for its first reading.

Mr. Hudson expressed some concern with some changes to the Act which related to accounting and reporting procedures.

He informed council that he asked the Municipality's solicitor to incorporate a memorandum of understanding with Destination Cape Breton, the agency to which the levy will be allocated for destination marketing purposes.

Mr. Hudson also saw some potential for confusion when the monies collected
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Community grants

Council sets policy on funding allocations

by Jim Morrow

Victoria County Council unanimously accepted a community grants application policy on November 1st.

Municipal Council provides a modest level of support and assistance to community non-profit organizations, charities and recreational organizations every year in recognition of the value these groups provide to the well-being and growth of the community. The grants also help the Municipality retain a strong community focus.

However, every year the Municipality receives more grant requests than it can fund. The new policy is to ensure

all sections of the Municipality have an equal opportunity to apply for the funding available and to establish predetermined standards that are clear to all applicants.

Some of the requirements for funding include: Applicants must be registered as a non-profit organization under the Nova Scotia Societies Act or similar legislation.

Deadline for applications open on January 1st each year and must be received by the Municipality on or before April 1st of the same year. Applications received after April 1st of each
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