#### Busting balloons for breast cancer research



Grades Seven to Twelve students at Baddeck Academy raised over \$300 for breast cancer research by stomping on balloons. To participate students paid \$2.00 each and a dollar per person to watch as participants tried to stomp on other participants balloons which were tied to their ankles. The last student standing (or in this case the last student with an unburst balloon) was Nathan Whitty who won a movie pass. Balloons were donated by Stones Pharmacy.

# Public hearing Nov. 29 for marketing levy bylaw

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from the room levy are turned over to Destination Cape Breton and the auditors of the Municipality's books ask where the money went and how it was spent.

The changes to the act also appear to leave the door open to the option of the municipality turning the room levy money over to local tourism organizations such as Baddeck Area Business and

Tourism Association and/or the Northeast Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The bylaw will require accommodations operations to charge a 2% levy on the cost of the rooms which will be used to market Cape Breton Island. The levy will be collected quarterly.

A public hearing will ber held on the bylaw Novemeber 29th at 4 p.m. at the Council Chambers in Baddeck.

# Guidelines & policy for community grants

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year will be considered only if there are uncommitted funds available in the current fiscal year's budget for general government grants.

Funding is not intended to support general operating costs of an organization.

Funding applications must be accompanied by financial statements of the organization as well as a budget for the upcoming year. The budget must show the proposed project costs and all sources of funding.

Applicants must indicate on their application their Registry of Joint Stock Companies reference number.

Funding applications cannot exceed up to a maximum of one third of the total project costs.

Funding from other municipal pro-

grams is not permitted.

There is no guarantee of renewal of grant funding in future years.

All contributions will require a report on how funds were spent. Failure to report how funds were spent may disqualify organizations from future consideration.

Advertising and any printing material of the project must include recognition of Municipal financial support.

Community grant application guidelines do not apply to inter-municipal agreements, fire services, tax exemption for registered charities or residential property tax rebates.

Total funding under this program will be based on a percentage of the general tax revenue of the Municipality to be determined by council on annual basis

## Is biomass compatible with long term interests?

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80%," Mr. Aikman pointed out

He asked council to imagine, for a moment, a truck trailer transporting 15 cords of roundwood biomass to a thermal generating facility. Only the heat energy equivalent of 3 of these cords will actually be converted to available electrical energy in the NSPI NPPH project. The remaining 12 cords will be burned as waste heat. It is significant to note that any other utilization of the resource would provide more added value and create more employment opportunities at a higher efficiency.

The proposed facility is expected to require 650,000 metric tonnes of biomass fuel per year Some of this will be purchased waste materials, but an additional 385,000 tonnes per year of roundwood would be harvested, increasing the total NPPH mill demand for greenwood to the 1980's levels of

1.3 million tonnes per year. Over the expected forty year term of the project, the increased harvest represents a woodpile 8 ft wide by 8 ft high and 2,500-3,000 miles long (depending on the wood species), sourced from the seven eastern counties of Nova Scotia.

"The total biomass consumed in the boiler during that time would be equivalent to a woodpile from Halifax to Vancouver and one quarter the way back again. The question will invariably arise, 'what else could we have done with a woodpile of that size?'

"Almost any other utilization of this resource would provide more benefit. One tonne of wood will produce approximately \$75 of electricity and [in this case] generate one job per 2,500 tonnes of wood harvested. The same resource would yield \$110 worth of wood pellets and provide one job for every 1000 tonnes harvested. One tonne of hardwood could produce up to \$750 of hardwood flooring and one job for every 165 tonnes harvested [depending on grade]."

Mr. Aikman pointed out to Council that roughly 50% of Victoria County's land mass is crown land on which much of this harvesting will occur.

Access to the resource for other smaller wood products producers may also be jeopardized by an increased demand for biomass.

"Resource management issues have demonstrated a need for improved dialogue between those making long term decisions and those affected by these decisions," Mr. Aikman advised council

"The purpose of this discussion paper, however, is simply to appeal for the use of our resources in a way compatible with the long term interests of the present and future generations of Nova Scotians," he concluded.





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