

Year in review: June

First responders revived

Just as it looked like the West Queens First Responders were finished, a renewed interest surged in the community. The mission of the Medical First Response program is to enhance a community's ability to provide safe, effective, reliable, advanced First Aid. Their vision is a provincial network of volunteer, community supported medical first response teams adequately resourced and competently staffed. However with only two members, it was becoming too much for the pair to handle.

Now six months on, the first responders are back on the scene with a solid base.

Two less police officers

The Region of Queens decided that one less officer was needed at the Queens detachment, as crime had steadily dropped off. However in losing one member of the force, they also learned they would lose their presence at the South Shore Street Crime Unit. It didn't sit well with councillors, but in the end they voted to reduce the size of the Queens police force.

Hank coming home?

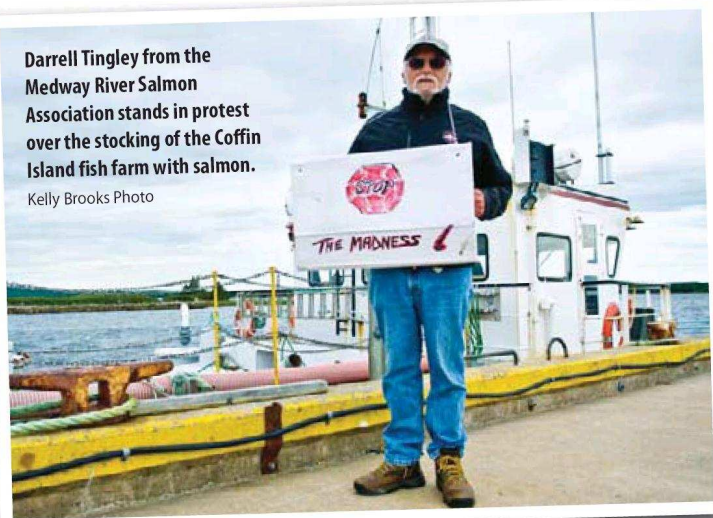
The Hank Snow society made the first official mention they would like to return the annual Hank Snow Tribute to Liverpool in the coming year, and were at council to ask for \$12,000 in festival funding. Plans are in the works, but with Queens Place finished it looks like Hank might finally be coming home.

Fish farm change draws protest

The fish farm between Coffin Island and the mainland changed hands in June, going to Cooke Aquaculture out of New Brunswick. The company previously owned the fish farm that drew protests in Port Mouton Bay. This time it was the Medway River Salmon Association who brought the matter to light, concerned over the farmed salmon escaping and hurting the already fragile wild stock.

Darrell Tingley from the Medway River Salmon Association stands in protest over the stocking of the Coffin Island fish farm with salmon.

Kelly Brooks Photo



Fishing enthusiasts get ready for the annual fishing derby at Victoria Lake in Western Head. Nick Moose Photo

