

## Testing emergency response



The Cape Breton District Health Authority, Emergency Health Services, Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization, Canadian Red Cross, Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board, Victoria County Emergency Planning, the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department and numerous volunteers participated in an emergency exercise in Baddeck on Friday, May 13th. The exercise, called "Caper Support", tested each of the organizations' emergency response plans, including the coordination that takes place between the partners who respond to emergencies in the community. The scenario for the exercise involved a mock school bus crash near the Village of Baddeck. Volunteers participating in the exercise played the role of passengers from the bus.

## 35 assisted living spaces

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The massive deck will be spruced up with the addition of planters which residents will have the option of using for their own gardening purposes.

"We are extremely appreciative of the deck and the money the community put into it. We are looking at some roofed in areas for shade, perhaps gazebos, and flower boxes.

All the ceilings will be replaced as well as the electrical fixtures and while the floors in the rooms will probably be replaced, the hallway floors will remain as they are.

"The kitchen is pretty well operational, if we had the supplies we could go in there now and make a meal," Mr. MacLeod said.

"The dining room tables are extremely solid and we will dress them up a bit for our use, but the beds we will have no use for. I am offering them to the Red Cross and hopefully they can make use of them.

"As for the rest of the furnishings that we don't need, we will be offering them to the community at a yard sale. I would much rather give these things away than have them go to the land fill," Mr. MacLeod said.

The inside work will be tendered for competitive bids.

There will be one 2 bedroom unit while the majority of the units will be able to accommodate two people. There will be several bed-sitting rooms or bachelor type apartments as well.

Mr. MacLeod had nothing but praise for the Alderwood Board which negotiated the sale. He had high praise for both Board Chair Fraser Patterson and Administrator Arlene Morrison who were very responsible and professional in their dealings with his company.

Mr. MacLeod is hopeful residents can start moving into this facility which he is calling *Àros Bhadaig* (Gaelic for Baddeck Home) in the autumn.

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## Municipality of the County of Victoria

*Congratulations to the Nova Scotia Gaelic  
Community on the occasion of its 16th  
Annual Gaelic Awareness Month!*

**Bu mhath leinn meal an naidheachd a chur  
air a' Choimhearsnachd Ghàidhealaich airson  
Mìos na Gàidhlig a chumail fad 16 bliadhna!"**

## Smolt wheel in place



Angela Morris, Tyler Paul and Shelley Denny (l-r) retrieve smolt, parr and quite a few smelt from the smolt wheel Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources have placed in Middle River to count and collect biological information about the salmon in Cape Breton.

### Middle River

The strange looking contraption floating in the current of Middle River which resembles a giant funnel on its side, is a smolt wheel, also known by the technical term, 'rotary screw trap'.

The smolt wheel belongs to UINR, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources, which is working on a research project with partners CEPI Salmon Task Team, CBU's Bras d'Or Institute and the Fisheries Guardians in Wagmatcook and Waycobah.

The wheel collects young salmon smolt, safely directing them into a tank where they are counted.

Smolt are young salmon that migrate each spring up the rivers where they were born and grew up, to the ocean where they become adults. Every day technicians monitor the collection and once sampled, the smolt are set free

to continue their journey.

The wheel will be in the river for several weeks, from the beginning of the migration until the run is over. The purpose of the project is to estimate the number of smolt in Middle River and to collect biological information about the salmon population in Cape Breton rivers.

Lisa Young, UINR's Executive Director explains, "This research project is just one of our initiatives at UINR to help address the serious decline in plamu (Atlantic Salmon) in our rivers. We recently held a two-day workshop that brought together Mi'kmaq and non-native fishers to gather traditional knowledge and first-hand experience from the people who fish our rivers and have observed the changes. Paired with this scientific study, we will be a step closer to understanding the situation we are facing."



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