

**INTERESTING READ:**

***The following is a post that Commissioner Laura Mulrooney made on her Facebook page, concerning the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual Conference, which she attended September 16 & 17, 2022, in Truro.***

‘Travel is definitely on my list of retirement goals , so I packed my bags Friday and off I went towards the airport and continued driving on to the Village of Bible Hill for the annual conference of Villages of Nova Scotia.

As a new Village Commissioner in Chester, I was excited . Now now! I can hear you yawning already . Don’t be fooled.

This was a group of pretty passionate, learned, hard working community minded folks who care about their own villages and their role in municipal politics.

I confess that when I was elected, I joked that we were in charge of the maintenance of swimming pool, bathrooms, which is in true, but we are so much more.

Bible Hill is home to Dalhousie’s Agricultural Campus, and we were invited to a lecture there. They are doing cutting edge work and research on farming both on land and water. Dean of the University, David Gray, a most impressive Scientist, identified the top three problems facing the world: climate change, feeding (adequately) 9 billion people in 30 years and having fresh water for all of us.

As many of us in Chester are struggling with low or dry wells, it reminds us that our little village is part of this bigger planet, and we are not immune. Only last week at a farmers market meeting I attended, we discussed the declining number of farmers and how it was affecting communities.

So, all of this comes back to the theme I often talk about – COMMUNITY AND CONNECTEDNESS!

We all have to do our bit, no matter what level of politics we’re talking. Village, municipal, provincial, or federal.

**We must be involved in our own future. Our children are counting on us.**