

# A little bit of Charlotte County at the 2017 America's Cup in Bermuda

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BAYSIDE

Crushed rock shipped from the Bayside quarry is being used to make a new venue for the 35th America's Cup yacht race to be held in Bermuda in June 2017.

Mark Clark, general manager of Jamer Materials, said the company just finished delivering its seventh shipment of four-inch crushed rock this week and there is an option for more.

"There was an initial order for 250,000 tonnes and the option for further loads but they have to proceed with the construction to see whether they need anything further."

He said the company began shipping the crushed rock in early November and about 250,000 tonnes have been delivered. The crushed rock was shipped in 35,000 tonne loads on the M. V. Bader.

"They are discharging it directly into the water ... tugs hold the vessel in place while they discharge."

Clark said this is a very interesting project to be involved with as the America's Cup is the biggest international sailing race in the world.



Image submitted

M. V. Bader delivers crushed rock from Bayside to a site in Bermuda.

"We were very proud to get the contract to do the work. It is a very prestigious event and the fact that they are using material from a local company is fantastic.

"It shows the global reach of companies in New Brunswick and is another example of the success story of the port in general. The port is busier than ever. It is good for everyone."

While Jamer is supplying the material to a sub-contractor, Clark said it has to be approved by the government of Bermuda and is subject to quality control.

Tom McFarlane, who divides his time between Charlotte County and Bermuda, said he and his wife were in Bermuda for Christmas when they learned that the crushed rock was coming from Bayside.

"We saw this red ship delivering gravel in Dockyard when we were having Christmas dinner and my nephew said I heard that ship is from Bayside so I took a few photos of it."

He said the America's Cup is a huge international race which will bring a lot of money to the island. The U.S. Team Oracle won the cup last year and this will be the first time the event has been held outside the cup holder's location, said McFarlane.

"It is a great windfall for Bermuda and will bring in millions of dollars to the island. Team Oracle has put their home base at Dockyard and pavilions are being built alongside of that. Other teams are putting up bases around Great Sound."

The America's Cup is the oldest international sporting trophy. It was originally awarded in 1851 by the Royal Yacht Squadron for a race around the Isle of Wight in England which was won by the schooner America.

The trophy was renamed the America's Cup after the yacht and donated to the New York Yacht Club which made it available for a perpetual international competition.

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## BUSINESS

### NBCC named one of Atlantic Canada's Top Employers

FREDERICTON

New Brunswick Community College is among Atlantic Canada's top employers according to the editors of "Canada's Top 100 Employers" and is one of 25 organizations in the region being recognized for offering exceptional places to work.

"NBCC has a strategic commitment to our people and a goal of creating a great place to work and learn," said NBCC president and CEO Marilyn Luscombe.

"Being recognized in this regional competition indicates that we are heading in the right direction."

The selection committee specifically highlighted NBCC's commitment to employee learning and development as well as leave policies that include two paid days annually to volunteer in the community.

"These winning qualities are due to the hard work and commitment of employees throughout the college. While we can all be proud of this external recognition, the work of creating a great place to work and learn is never finished and we will continuously strive to be better.

"We will continue our efforts to enhance the employee engagement. We recognize that this will, in turn, lead to the increased success of our college for learners, for communities and for New Brunswick's social and economic prosperity."

With more than 90 programs and six campuses across the province, NBCC is a provincially-recognized, public post-secondary institution reputed for producing skilled, knowledgeable graduates who are contributing to the province's socio-economic prosperity. NBCC offers students one and two-year certificate and diploma programs.

### St. Stephen funds BIA staff

ST. STEPHEN

Town council has approved two motions regarding the granting of funds to pay for community events organizer positions within the Business Improvement Area (BIA) organization and the St. Stephen Area Chamber of Commerce in 2016.

At its meeting in December, the council authorized a grant to fund half a full time position in both agencies and specified its review on an annual basis in October of each year. The specifics of the grants were outlined in a closed session of council in early December.

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