# **Breaking Even at The French Duck**

By Richard Bell

[The interview scene: I'm sitting in a barn yard on a warm October afternoon at a round table with Bruce and Stephanie Murphy, owners of The French Duck farm on West Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour. There are multicolored chickens roaming all around us,

two cats coming and going, the occasional goat, and one particularly inquisitive turkey who keeps pecking lightly on my sleeve.]

"I first heard about The



French Duck when I heard they were offering goat yoga," Stephanie explained. When one of the farm's owners told her that the farm was going to be for sale, she didn't hesitate: "I told her, 'I will buy the farm.' She said, 'Yeah, OK,' and I said, 'No, I will buy the farm.'" Bruce was at sea with the Canadian Navy. "I couldn't reach him by phone, so I messaged him and said, 'We're buying the French Duck farm.' He wrote back, 'OK.'"

Bruce and Stephanie and their son Finn were living on Scots Lake, where they had started their successful clothing company, The Shore Clothing Company, five years ago. Bruce is with the Navy, and Stephanie is a civilian ...continued on page 5





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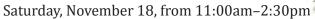
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