

Leefe's Joint Council's Report of February 18TH

By Maurice Rees

In his report to Cumberland and Parrsboro Council's for the period up to February 18th, Transition Co-ordinator, John Leefe reported Paul Wills completed the DAMs for Parrsboro and Parrsboro/Cumberland combined. This piece was forwarded immediately to Parrsboro, Cumberland and Kim Livingston at Grant Thornton for review. It is anticipated Grant Thornton will complete their work and report on February 12. This provides sufficient time for review of the report and filing with the NSUARB by Peter Rogers on February 19.

On January 26 the NSUARB forwarded 12 Information Requests to Peter Rogers QC. He has forwarded them to the Transition Manager who is creating draft responses. The Manager has notified specific Parrsboro/Cumberland staff, who have the expertise to provide the critical technical information. Their responses were required by February 3. The end of the week included a check in with Pat Hartling, who is making progress with individual Parrsboro staff interviews and preparing an effective transition plan for a combined Parrsboro and Cumberland organization.

The week of February 1st focused on making final edits to the 26 IRs (Information Requests) emanating from the NSUARB. The finished document was vetted by Peter Rogers QC and filed with the Board on February 12. On a parallel stream, Kim Livingston CA, Grant Thornton received the

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reworked Debt Affordability Models which she and colleagues will review with respect to efficacy and is confident they will be ready for pre-filing review early in the week of the 15th with URB filing on the 19th.

During the week of February 8th, a comparison of all dissolutions and mergers completed in 2015 and underway in 2016 respecting Letters of Intent. No two are alike as all are derived from circumstances unique to each unit. The Transition Manager produced a most useful table that allows the reader to compare "apples to apples". The responses to NSUARB's Information Requests were filed by Peter Rogers QC on schedule on February 12. Kim Livingston continued to make good progress on the DAMs review

The week of February 15th comprised the Transition Co-ordinator and Transition Manager finalizing the agenda for the NSUARB pre-hearing meeting with Peter Rogers

QC. Participating were Rennie Bugley CAO, Ray Hickey CAO, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance Cumberland, the Co-ordinator and Manager. The purpose of the meeting was to identify potential witnesses for the schedule URB hearings on March 30-31. Those selected will be briefed by Mr. Rogers.

On the same day, representatives from the units, the Transition Co-ordinator and Manager met with Deputy Minister Municipal Affairs Dan McDougall and senior departmental staff to review the Letter of Intent "ask" should dissolution and merger be approved by the URB.

The Co-ordinator and Manager reviewed the agenda for the Transition Committee meeting of February 18 and for the Joint Council meeting of the same date. The Manager will focus on the financials that have been created by the Transition Team and independently verified by Kim Livingston CA of the firm Grant Thornton.



Bill Casey, MP Cumberland-Colchester speaking to members of the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society. On March 16th, he announced the group's successful application for a New Horizon's for Seniors grant. The three components of the project to increase accessibility are: Raising the height of the veranda decking to create level access through the entrance door; Levelling the thresholds between rooms on the main floor of the Museum, which currently present a tripping hazard and paving the handicapped parking space to provide smooth movement to and from vehicles and easier movement to the ramp. Pictured above (L-R) are: Bill Casey, MP; June Wagstaff, archivist; and Con Byers, board member. (Submitted)



Concert Series at The Hall

The Hall - 44 King Street - Parrsboro, NS

March- June

Alana Yorke

March 26, 8pm



With dream-like vocals and a minimalist piano style, Alana Yorke combines irresistible hooks and captivating rhythmic patterns to draw listeners into her hypnotic and beautiful world. Yorke is poised to emerge as an exciting new voice in Canadian independent music.

The Good Brothers

April 14, 8pm



The Good Brothers have won eight consecutive Juno Awards for Best Country Group. They have gained a worldwide audience over the course of their accomplished career. The Good Brothers return to The Hall after a sold out performance in 2015.

Greville Tapes Music Club - Live!

with Jon Mckiel & WHOOP-Szo

May 11, 8pm



Two artists from disparate regions of Canada come together for 4 days in Port Greville, NS, on a musical blind date. Featuring Sackville NB's hometown hero Jon Mckiel, and art-rocker's WHOOP-Szo (London, ON). Special: students \$15 - others \$20

The Hupman Brothers

May 20, 8pm



The Hupman Brothers are one of the most loved musical groups in Nova Scotia. Ryan and Scott Hupman have an original sound, superb artistry, and are at ease as they find each other in the music. Raised in a family where music was important, they began playing and songwriting when they were young. Within a very short time they knew that music was their life.

Joan Kennedy

June 4, 8pm



Joan's love for music started at an early age when the whole family would sing songs around the kitchen table after her father returned from his day's work. Joan was 2nd to only Garth Brooks in the 1990's as Canadian Country Music Radio's most played artist. Joan returns to the The Hall after a sold out performance last year which was then released as her latest CD.

Ryan Willigar

June 11, 8pm



Combining a soft spot for feel-good pop melodies with a sense of soul and musical wisdom well beyond his years, Ryan Willigar displays a keen melodic sensibility mixed with a knack for strong musical arrangements, and a dynamic, thrilling vocal style that is uniquely his own. Home town musician - special home town price - \$15

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