

Elizabeth Copeland Artist-In-Residence

The Joggins Fossil Institute has received funding from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland in support of its 2018 ArtScape: The Artist-in-Residence programme. Elizabeth Copeland, an author and poet from Sackville, New Brunswick, is the 2018 ArtScape Artist-in-Residence.

While in Joggins, Copeland will create her "Rock Whisperers" project, combining research and writing plus workshops (for all ages) to create a chapbook of poetry. "Rock Whisperers"

examines what the Joggins Fossil Cliffs can teach us about human interconnectedness with life at this critical juncture in Earth's history.

ArtScape is an outreach initiative that invites visual, literary and performing artists to explore the relationships between the human experience and the natural world at the Joggins Fossil Cliffs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is contingent upon funding. For more information, contact Laurie Glenn Norris at 902-251-2727 ext. 224 or education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net

Parrsboro and Springhill get additional staff

The collaborative family practice team in Parrsboro is being expanded with the addition of one Nurse Practitioner (NP) as part of the addition of 39 health care professionals across the province. Meanwhile Springhill is being expanded with the addition of one Family Practice Nurse (FPN). The Parrsboro and Springhill centres are the only locations in Cumberland and Colchester to receive additional staff.

Health Minister Randy DeLorey's announce-

ment on March 8th to expand primary health professionals includes 15 nurse practitioners, 17 family practice nurses, six social workers and a part-time physiotherapist.

Nova Scotians who need a primary care provider should register with Nova Scotia Health Authority's provincial list, by visiting needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca or by calling 8-1-1, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

No Date for South Cumberland Liberals, Yet

By Maurice Rees

Liberals in Cumberland South have yet to set a date for their nomination meeting for the upcoming Cumberland South by-election, which will be called to fill the vacancy created by the sudden resignation of PC party leader and Cumberland South MLA.

Calls to association executives on Friday, March 23rd were answered, but the source indicated they were waiting for word from the office in Halifax. Two candidates have announced their candidacy.

Scott Lockhart, who resides in Springhill, had been serving as the association's president, but resigned from the position when he filed his nomination papers. He works as a sales and marketing executive in the motorsport industry and travels Atlantic Canada.

Brian Sanderson the other candidate to carry the Liberal banner is Brian Sanderson is a regional water specialist with State Chemical. Sanderson lives in Upper Nappan with a background in Industrial Engineering, Manufacturing Management and Sales.

Fletcher Reports on March 7TH Meeting

By Donald Fletcher

Council meeting began on March 7th with an in-camera session covering two items. After a short break we began council with three presentations: Nature Conservancy of Canada on shore birds of Cumberland County with a great presentation on the importance of our shores. They were looking for a letter of support which was passed by motion.

Ottawa House which does a nice job preserving our history and displaying it for the public provided the second presentation outlining their work over the last few years and extended a grateful thanks for council's ongoing support. The YMCA presentation, by their homeless prevention and outreach coordinator, was a very interesting and important presentation on what they do to help our citizens in need throughout the municipality.

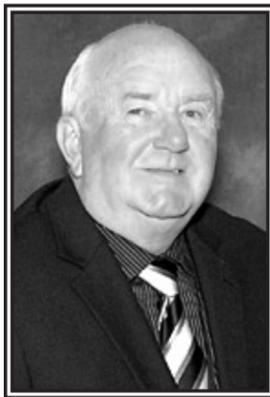
Council approved a new revenue and collection policy and first reading of the munic-

ipal planning/land use by-law by motion. The low income tax exemption has been increased this year. If you know someone you think might benefit from this credit let them know. Information is posted on the website, or you can always call your local councillor.

The tender for roof replacement for the Springhill Municipal building was approved. The mandate for the Pugwash source water protection committee was approved, as well as, a trail agreement existing through the area. Terms of reference for Cumberland's revised tourism strategy committee was approved.

Financial condition indicators were discussed and will go to the audit committee for review and report. Nine councillors are registered to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference being held in Halifax later this year.

Information items in our package included update on



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Pugwash Waterfront Development, canine control/by-law officers report, Cumberland public libraries report, municipal modernization and purple day/epilepsy awareness proclamation on March 26.

Question: Do you believe climate change is happening? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

Amherst Offices Being Renovated

Renovations began on February 12 and will continue until the end of March to the Nova Scotia Health Authority's Mental Health and Addictions offices in downtown Amherst. Once construction is complete, adults will access the clinic through the entrance at

30 Prince Arthur Street and children and youth will enter at 33 Havelock Street. New entrance points, reception and waiting areas will be built at each location.

Darlene Gould, Manager of Clinical Outpatient Services said, "While the project is

underway, there will be some inconvenience to clients and their families. We will do our very best to keep clients informed of when and where access may be restricted and we encourage those coming for appointments to arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for them to be redirected if necessary".

Mary Sees It Differently

By Maurice Rees

(EDITOR'S COMMENT: In an earlier article, South Cumberland News published a letter to the editor in which Darren Porter complimented Mary on the work she did at FORCE, and also to let the public know of her situation, and situations she was facing).

When I contacted Mary to see if she could supply a photo from the event, she provided a totally different version. Her opening comments were, "I want to thank you for publishing the letter by Darren Porter as a number of friends and acquaintances in the community only learned of the issues upon reading the letter you published. I received a lot of feedback and many people reached out to check in on me, after the issue went to print. She indicated how she learned about the upcoming appreciation event and emailed the following remarks to the South Cumberland News:

"A luncheon that FORCE held in my apparent honour, which none of my family, nor my partner were invited to was held January 8. Members of the community committee encouraged my partner to attend. In fact, they had blocked me

from my email access, and so I didn't know the exact date or time of the luncheon so the community committee members are really the only reason I knew where to go, and when.

In fact that particular day, I was assisting with a test at FORCE and one of the community members who was also there helping with the project was driving me, and insisted because of the other community members, who would be in attendance, I should go. Not knowing what to expect or how I might feel, I agreed to go.

Mary further explained: "Rob (my partner) also attended the luncheon and it was there where Matt Lumley approached him, and rebuked him for supporting me and appreciating/supporting Darren's comments, which in turn supported and appreciated me.

Rob was also told "whatever Mary tells you, just remember there's two sides to the story" and witnessed by another FORCE colleague, Matt was defensive, accused Rob of "attacking FORCE" by liking Darren's post of Facebook (which spoke of my depart-

ure). We're both very much stalked on Facebook whenever we like anything Darren posts, and they are very interested to see what we post (which is not much) but I want nothing to do with it.

In a subsequent email on Monday, March 19th, Mary sent the following message:

Rob and I attended the event, separately. I attended with Tom MacLaren, co-chair of the Community Liaison Committee, after having been on a shoreline walk. Rob arrived to event after being encouraged by the co-chairs of the CLC, following the remarks. Rob and I didn't have much opportunity to interact at the event, as he was sidelined by a FORCE colleague outside the room, which is where he was badgered about his critical remarks toward FORCE and rebuked for supporting Darren Porter in writing positively about me.

(Editor's concluding remarks: As you have just read, there are two opposing versions to the appreciation luncheon. We believe our readers and community residents always need to know the full story. Without making comment one way or the other, I chose to reprint, in their entirety, in separate articles, both sides of the story).

Fletcher Reports on March 21ST Meeting

Cumberland expresses concern over gold mining project

By Don Fletcher

Cumberland County Council began its March 21st meeting with an in-camera session at 5 pm with one item on the agenda. The public meeting began at 6:10 pm with a showing and short discussion of the recent award the municipality won for being a great place to work.

Councillors commended staff for the excellent job completing the questionnaire to the level of quality Cumberland was a winner.

First presentation of the evening was NSCC regarding there make way campaigns that will and does help students from Cumberland county complete their education. It is a very good project that I am sure we will support as increase the education of youth and county residents is our future. Our second presentation was on the proposed gold mine and the concerns over the water shed in Wentworth / Tatamagouche area. It was a great presentation with great information and proposals for future jobs. Council had already approved and sent a letter to the province over concerns.

A motion to approve the new solid waste bylaw which includes: two stream recycling and covers the complete

municipality was approved. The Pugwash Waterfront Development master plan was presented and discussed and the project will continue in stages. Approval for groundwater and surface water monitoring for the Pugwash Water Supply was next and approved.

A motion to recommend changes to the CJSMA and the inter-municipal agreement was approved. Another motion to consider an amendment to the fees policy to add a site plan application processing fee was approved. A project in Springhill to complete trails around Miners Memorial Pond Park to provide a letter of support and a funding commitment was approved.

Next three grant requests were approved. Budget for CJSMA for 2018/2019 was approved. The borrowing resolution for Sunset Industries was also approved. Final item was results of the nomination committee held prior to public council whereby two councillors were selected for the tourism strategic planning committee and one councillor for the GOVRC workshop association. Motion approved.

Information items in our package included strategic priorities, tax collection report and regional funds/district funds grant balances.

Question: what do you think of the provincial budget? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

2018 90 & 90+ BIRTHDAY PARTY

We wish to thank all those who attended the 2017 Annual 90 & 90+ Birthday party. We hope you had a good time.

We are planning this year's party and need your help. I ask you to think about friends, relatives and neighbours from our coverage area, who will be turning 90 in 2018. Let's not wait until next year to get them registered.

If you know of someone who turns 90 in 2018, or is over 90 and never been invited, please pre-register them by sending name, mailing address, phone and date of birth so we can invite them to the party being held in Economy on May 12, 2018.

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