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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2018

Four public submissions were received by Department of Environment concerning Big Moon's application to conduct testing of smaller tidal power technology in the Bay of Fundy according to a NS Department of Environment spokesperson. Under the revised Marine Renewable Act, a 30 day window was permitted for public submissions. Under the act once an application has been submitted, the government has 90 days to make a decision. Decisions are posted online when made.

The bodies of two people were found inside a Beaton's Lane, Springhill home when Springhill Fire Department responded to a call around 4:30 pm on March 21st. The ages, genders and identities of both remains were not confirmed the next day. RCMP are being assisted by the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner's Service and the Office of the Fire Marshall. The RCMP's Northeast Nova Major Crimes Unit is investigating.

Sources to South Cumberland News (SCN) indicate Kira Krumhansl is reported to have resigned from her duties as Director of Environmental Programs at FORCE. SCN has been unable to establish recent contact. Her Research Experience is listed as January 2008-March 2014 as PhD Student PostDoc at Dalhousie University, Department of Biology.

Cumberland South NDP Association will hold a nomination meeting for the Cumberland South by-election at All Saints Parish Hall, Springhill on Saturday, April 7th commencing at 2:00 pm. As of press time, Larry Duchesne, who was the party's candidate in the last provincial election was the only declared candidate. Party leader, Gary Burrill will be attending.

Gerry Taylor, President of Fundy United Fishermen (FUF) informed South Cumberland News he had been advised by Carys Burgess, Emera's Manager, Environment, Stakeholder and Aboriginal Relations in 2017 Cape Sharpe Tidal sold 41.4MWh to Nova Scotia Power in 2017. Burgess' explained the amount of electricity the turbine generated during was limited as it was tested in different conditions and tidal cycles. Total generation was 111MWh, but 70MWh was used to toward to energize the transmission line to the substation, plus the substation itself, as well as substation heat and lighting. Cape Sharp is required to submit an annual sales report to NS Power, who are obligated to report to Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, who in turn reports to the Legislature through the Department of Finance.



Fit for royalty, blueberry pancakes, sausage, ham, home baked beans and lots of maple syrup. What more could you ask? Lawrence Nicoll took a drive out to Davison's Pancake House and Maple products shop and brought back some great pictures. See more on page 2 of this South Cumberland News.

Engineers and Reality

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

Parrsboro is one of many communities getting sewage treatment plants, and frankly not putting raw sewage into the ocean is indeed a great improvement. The many workers are doing a great job, too bad the contract often has them replacing only one side of a road, but that is the contract.

The summers will certainly smell better, and my pic-

tures of the water will no longer require work to remove the unsightly mess that has been there.

The somewhat large treatment plant is located a good distance from the road in a logical location so it doesn't intrude in the community. The problem is that the engineers, in what I can only conceive as a windowless world, originally planned to place the plant across the road

beside the Fundy Museum, beside two houses, and supposedly at the back of the little forest.

It is not a little structure and would be an eyesore where the community is moving more toward being tourist friendly. The Museum's the only view that side would be the plant and there would be no room for future expansion.

The houses would drop in value, and the little forest which in summer is frequently used as pleasant stroll

would be destroyed. The two eagles that roost there would be no more.

The land is rapidly eroding at the water's edge and I wonder if the plant would still be on land in 10-15 years.

They were pushed to relocate the structure to the more logical location and I cannot believe that any real thought went into the first choice. Glad to see it happening, gladder still to see they were forced to change the location. Great job to all the workers.



Workers installing sewage line with Ships Company Theatre in the background. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The new sewage treatment plant shown above is still undergoing construction. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Thank you to Mary McPhee

By Maurice Rees

(Editor's Note: There have been times, over my 54 years in publishing, when what I thought would be a very simple happy story. On occasion it is difficult when two people, whom you know and trust explicitly provide a totally different version about the same event. The following story is the most recent occurrence).

With Mary McPhee finishing up her duties at FORCE near the end of 2017, I was informed an appreciation event in Mary's honour was held on January 8th. Since I personally did not attend, I reached out to Matt Lumley, FORCE's communications point person to get some photos and details.

As has been the case in the past, he quickly cooperated and sent in the following paragraphs, which I am printing verbatim:

Long time Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE) facility manager Mary McPhee has made the

leap to becoming her own boss, finishing her post at the end of 2017 and now working as an independent consultant.

"I've had my eye on this for some time," said Ms. McPhee. "I'm not going away from the tidal energy industry, but rather expanding my reach and trying new things."

In an event to celebrate her tenure, FORCE staff, local contractors, members of FORCE's community liaison committee, Cumberland Energy Authority, friends, and neighbours gathered at Fundy Geological Museum on January 8, 2018.

"I've had the good fortune to work closely with Mary since 2012," said FORCE general manager Tony Wright, in a speech to guests. "I can't think of a more perfect person to have built this center to what it is today. Under Mary's watch - our visitors have grown from about 2000 in 2012 to over 5000 in 2017."

"It's amazing that over 20,000 people have

come though our doors in the six years we've been open - and it wouldn't surprise me that Mary has spoken to every single one."

McPhee provided logistics support for the completion of the FORCE electrical substation, installation of the subsea cables, and the installation and subsequent recovery of the first grid connected turbine. She also hired all support staff over the years, including a variety of students and part-time staff.

"It's an impressive array of activities but it doesn't stop there. Much of our success can be attributed to Mary - for this I will always be grateful," said Wright.

Reflecting on her time, McPhee says: "One of the high points of many days on the

job was just sharing the FORCE story and place with others. Thousands of people, from Nova Scotia and all over the world."

Guests enjoyed a lunch catered by Black Rock Bistro, and lingered to share stories and laughs about Mary's adventures managing the FORCE facility.

"It was nice to have so many people I've had the privilege to work with from the community take the time to join us and wish me well - that was meaningful," says McPhee.

Wright concluded in his remarks: "Words are a poor medium to express the wide range of emotions we all have in seeing you off. You have been our colleague and our

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