

Parrsboro Skating Club 2026 Finale

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Some Museums might be Community Operated

The province's plan surrounding the closure of 12 museums is part of the growing debate regarding the future of Nova Scotia's heritage sector causing several communities to suggest community involvement to keep the sites open. The province says it will be working with communities to determine if the spaces can still be operated locally.

In a statement, the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage said the closures are part of an effort to "modernize the Nova Scotia Museum system" and make it more sustainable. "Several community groups have already expressed interest," the statement reads, adding

that the department will be following up to look at local ownership.

"With 28 sites and more than 240 buildings, the system has grown complex and increasingly difficult to maintain," the department wrote. "We need to focus our efforts where they will make the most difference."

The statement also said that power and water will remain connected and collections will be managed according to museum standards.

The province confirmed that 12 sites, including Prescott House in Port Williams, the Barrington Woolen Mill and Fisherman's Life Museum in Head

Of Jeddore, will close, adding that those spaces represent around three per cent of annual museum visits in the province.

"Some objects may remain within the Nova Scotia Museum system, while others may be transferred to appropriate institutions or community organizations."

The statement does not detail what resources communities would receive to operate the sites.

Dave Ritcey, the minister responsible for communities, culture, tourism and heritage, defended the government's approach more broadly. "We were operating 28 provincially owned and operated museums, plus 65

other museums we were supporting," he said, adding that it was the most in the country. "It's difficult times. There are 12 of them. If you add up all their visitors they account for less than three per cent."

"We understand that arts are important, and that's why we continue to invest \$66 million into the sector," he said when asked about the closure of attractions because of the cuts.

What's coming up at "The Hall"

Submitted by Geoff Ingram

Tuesdays: (Apr 7, 14, 21, & 28) at 7:30pm - "King Street Strummers" rehearsal - All welcome.

Wednesday Night Movies: (Note: Wednesday films will revert to screening at 7:30 pm starting April 1st)

Apr. 1 at 7:30pm - "Is This Thing On?" [14A] (2025)

Apr. 15 - ** National Canadian Film Day ** screening several *Canadian* films throughout the day **

Apr. 29 at 7:30pm - "The Hidden Life of Trees" [PG] (2020) - special feature for "Earth Day"

Wednesdays: Apr. 8 and 22 at 7pm - "Bartlett's Privateers" rehearsal - All welcome.

Thursdays: (Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) at 7pm - Citizens' Choir rehearsal - All welcome

Fridays: (Apr. 10 and 24) at 7pm - Open Mic. - Lots of music, 50/50, door prizes, canteen. Admission by

Special Events:

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Sat, Apr. 25 at 7:30pm - special film screening for ANZAC Day: "Gallipoli" [PG] (1981)

More info at: www.TheHall.ca

FYI: Becky Brown will be taking over as outreach coordinator as of April (I'm switching over to the Technology portfolio)

Cheers, Geoff Ingram, Outreach coordinator, Parrsboro Band Association





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