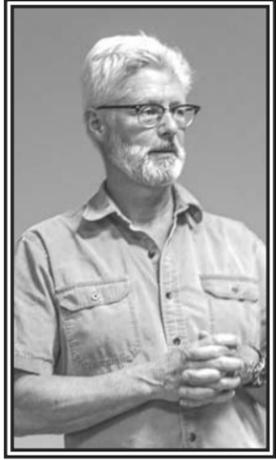


## Will the Bay of Fundy Become Global Geopark?

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

There is a possibility the Bay of Fundy will join the



Dr. John Calder, senior geologist Department of Natural Resources. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

prestigious group of Global Geoparks, which are popular in Europe, China and other Asian Countries. The Fundy Geological Museum board was approached by Dr John Calder, Senior DNR Geologist, in the early spring concerning interest in the creation of a Geopark, and to see if we were willing to assist with its creation.

Since then consultations with citizens at several locations has taken place, as it requires their interest to go forward. Meetings have now been held in Parrsboro, Port Greville, Advocate and Economy

Although you will see the name "Fundy Rift", the final name will be from the public input if this goes ahead, all seem positive at this point especially after the communi-

ty meetings.

Creating a Geopark would have zero impact to space use or property interference, because it carries no restrictions for local people and has no legal boundaries. Simply put it's a designation in the form of a prestigious award.

Proponents realize the process is a lengthy project to take this forward, but has wonderful possibilities to increase international Tourism to the area. It's important to note this is not a project of the Fundy Museum, but will/would be a separate entity with its own management group.

Follow developments at: <https://www.facebook.com/fundyriftgeopark/>

## What is a Global Geopark?

The following is a brief outline of a Global Geopark and what it could mean to the local area as a tool to increase tourism and attract world travelers.

### What is a Global Geopark?

A Global Geopark is a celebration of a place that has exceptional geological landscapes or history. Geoparks are very popular in Europe China and in neighbouring Asian countries. They are recognized as an official UNESCO program. A Geopark is not a park, or at least as we know a park. It carries no restrictions for local people

and has no legal boundaries.

### If it's not a park, what is it?

Simply put a Geopark Global designation is a prestigious award. Becoming a member of the Global Geopark family connects our region to Geoparks in Europe and Asia and raises our profile to world travelers.

### How can a Geopark help us?

A Global Geopark creates international awareness and creates a tourism brand for a region. This will create economic development opportunities and local pride in our region's special character including its arts and culture.

### Who manages the Geopark?

A Geopark is a community project and is managed by members of the community.

### Does Nova Scotia have what it takes to join the Global Geopark Family?

Definitely, Nova Scotia has a richness of geoheritage sites and no region is richer than the spectacular and dramatic seacoast of the Fundy.

To become involved, or to make a suggestion join the conversation on [www.facebook.com/FundyRiftGeopark](https://www.facebook.com/FundyRiftGeopark)

To learn more about Geoparks in Canada visit [www.canadiangeoparks.org](http://www.canadiangeoparks.org)

## Chainsaw Artist Carves Up Work

On July 8th, Eternity Chainsaw Carvings artist, Robert Milner arrived in Parrsboro for a working demonstration of his unique

wooden chainsaw carvings. A gifted artist with a chainsaw, Rob travels to areas, sets up and creates and sells his work. Even if you don't have a budg-

et, it is fun to watch him create his creatures in incredibly short time. He's another example of the many artists displaying their work in Parrsboro.



The concept of a Global Geopark for the Bay of Fundy is explained by Dr. John Calder at a meeting in Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Rob Milner, Eternity Chainsaw Carvings, shown with a collection of his chainsaw creations. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Regardless of the size or intrigue design as an feather, Robert Milner can create it for you. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Shore Drive Association Celebrates Canada Day

By Barbara Aris

The Shore Drive Community Development Association held its First Annual Canada Day celebration at the FPW Fire Hall on Friday July 1st from 12 to 3. I was asked by Layton Yorke to be sure to send you pictures



Tennis toss was one of the many youth games arranged for Canada Day celebrations organized by the Shore Drive Development Association at the FPW fire hall. (Barbara Aris Photo)

especially of the cakes from the cake auction. Particularly the train cake and the sailboat cake as they were so cute.

I am embarrassed to say, but I made the train cake and my husband, Mike, who has Parkinson's, worked hard on the sailboat. He was navy for 25 years so of course it had to be a sailboat.

Our organizers as well as some of the local children

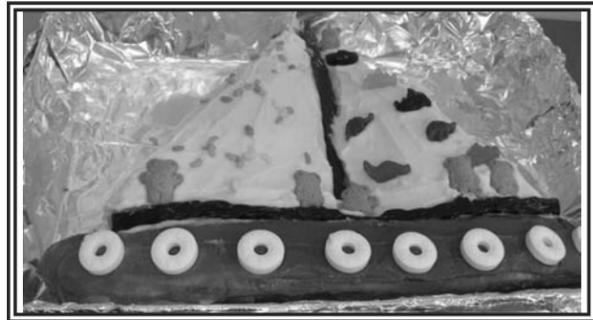
worked hard preparing the events of the day. We had games for the children and water balloons flying - but it was a hot day so it was all part of the fun and a chance for the kids to cool off.

Even though it was our first, of what will become an annual July 1st event, we had a great crowd of locals. It was a chance to see some who have been very ill, but wanted

to make the effort to spend a few minutes with old friends. Walter Lake who has been in the hospital for months in Halifax came home for a few days and it was wonderful to see him at the celebrations.

Among the events were free bbq'd hot dogs and of course Canada Day cake. We held a cake auction and it was such fun as people were trying to out bid each other for their favourites. Lots of laughs on such a beautiful day.

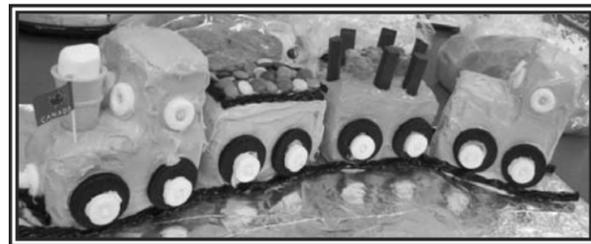
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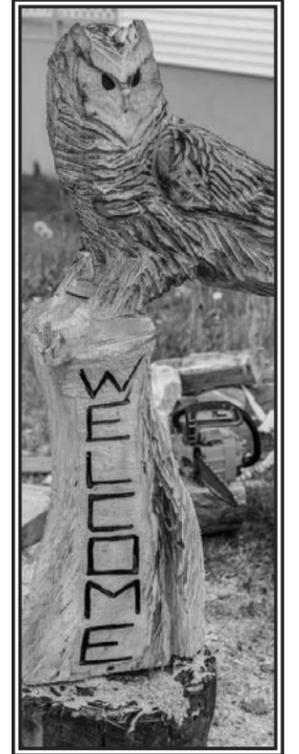
Mike Aris, who served in the Navy for 25 years decided his contribution to donated cakes for the cake auction should be a sailboat. Mke also suffers from Parkinsons. The events were sponsored by the Shore Drive Development Association and were held at the FPW Fire Hall on July 1st. (Barbara Aris Photo)



Using a propane fired burner, Robert Milner darkens the wood to add another unique feature to his latest creation. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Barbara Aris decided to submit the photo of the Great Canadian Railroad Cake she made for the Shore Drive Development Association cake auction on July 1st. (Barbara Aris Photo)



Need a unique welcome sign for your property? Robert Milner can create it. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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