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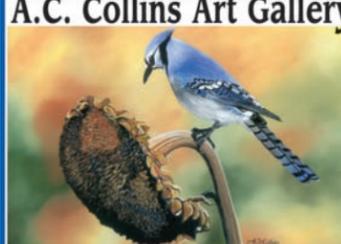
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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2016

**The eastbound** lanes of the Amherst Viaduct Bridge on Highway 104 have alternating lane closures for repairs until Monday, Oct. 31. Work takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and traffic will be controlled by concrete barriers and signs. The bridge has a 4.5 metre width restriction and an 80 km/h speed limit.

**Matthew, Bonnie, Catherine, and Donald Harrison** of Lynn Mountain, Cumberland Co., have been recognized for their outstanding woodlot management receiving Woodland Owner of the Year award for their outstanding achievements. They were selected as the Central Region and provincial winner. The family manages a 1,000-acre woodland near Springhill. The lot has been in the family since the 1950s. They focus on improving the woodland through careful harvesting, selection management and by developing the land for recreation. The Harrison's operation also includes blueberry production, and a sugar maple business called Hidden Mountain Maple Farm. "Managing this woodlot has provided myself and my family a wonderful place to live, work, and create a variety of business," said Matthew Harrison. "We are very grateful to be recognized for this hard work in receiving woodlot owner of the year. We are proud of the impact our woodlot has on our family, friends and our community."

### Whitney Rose to Return to the hall

The Parrsboro Band Association and everyone involved with the hall are proud to announce Whitney Rose will return to "The Hall" on Sun. Aug. 7, 2016 at 8 pm. What is phenomenal she has chosen Parrsboro to be one of her stops on her North American tour. Tickets are on sale and are \$20 and can be purchased at Harrison's Home Hardware, Amethyst Boutique and Ken's Grocery all in Parrsboro. You can also purchase tickets on line through our website [www.thehall.ca](http://www.thehall.ca). You can also see everything that is happening at the hall. Tickets are selling fast so get yours today. After 3 pm the day of the concert the price will be \$25.

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Two of the skull fragments of the 200 million year old lizard-like reptiles that were found during the recent field work. Top is roof of mouth (palate), and bottom is the lower jaw and upper jaw from the right side of a second skull. (Dr Tim Fedak Photo)  
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## Floating Turbine for Testing in Late 2017

By Maurice Rees

A floating turbine is anticipated to start in-water testing in late 2017 at the FORCE Sight in Minas Passage. The technology consists of four, 250 KW T2 bi-directional open rotor turbine generators, which will be attached to a semi-submersible floating platform.

Several decades ago several families from the Netherlands settled in Colchester and other parts of Central Nova Scotia making a valuable contribution to the economy. Now, Tocardo International BV (Tocardo), a large company from the Netherlands is teaming up with Minas Energy and

International Marine Energy Inc to test their floating tidal energy turbine at the FORCE sight in the Minas Passage.

To operate under the name of Minas Tidal Limited Partnership (MTLP or Minas Tidal), the partnership will test Tocardo's tidal turbines. In-water testing is anticipated in late 2017.

Minas Tidal has commenced discussions with local supply chain companies including fabricators, marine contractors, system integrators, engineers and scientists early this fall. The partnership will also undertake comprehensive stakeholder consultation with First Nations, the fisheries industry, regulators, and communities and complete all regulatory requirements prior to testing.

Minas Energy's leasehold rights to the berth site at FORCE, along with a 4 megawatt power purchase agreement (awarded in December 2014) will be transferred to Minas Tidal, the new Nova Scotia-based development entity.

The selected Tocardo technology consists of four, 250 KW T2 bi-directional open rotor turbine generators, which will be attaching to Tocardo's patented semi-submersible Universal Floating Platform Structure (UFS). The platforms are held in place by catenary mooring systems. Each turbine can generate up to one megawatt of power, for a combined output of four megawatts, comprising the total berth allotment.

For over a decade Tocardo has been developing and deploying its tidal turbines in rivers and ocean environments.

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Living on the Bay of Fundy has many gifts and surprises. Interesting cloud formations, of course the tide swings, and sometimes even a rainbow creates a postcard photo the Parrsboro Harbour and Lighthouse. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Ottawa House gets \$19,940 from MP Bill Casey

By Maurice Rees

When Bill Casey, MP arrived at Ottawa House-Bye-The-Sea Museum on July 12th he brought \$19,940 in funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society. The money is to be used to repair the West Wall of the Museum, install 16 new windows, a new door and update the electrical system.

The Municipality of the County of Cumberland also contributed \$14,190 to the project. The Parrsborough Historical Society owns and operates Ottawa House-Bye-The-Sea Museum as a museum and also a community space. The building is thought to be one of the oldest buildings in the Parrsboro area. It was used as a summer residence by Sir Charles Tupper, Father of Confederation and Canadian Prime Minister in 1896.

Containing over 400 artifacts, the Museum attracts visitors worldwide and also

serves as community space for workshops, and a variety of other activities such as cultural events, celebrations, and provides space and artifacts to conduct genealogical research.

In making the presentation Casey said, "Ottawa House is

more than a museum for visitors to the area. It's also a community hub for residents to gather and learn. This magnificent property continues to play a prominent role in the community and with the right care and attention, it will be for generations to come".



A bright antique car offered a great backdrop in the parking lot at Ottawa House Museum for a funding announcement by Bill Casey, MP. In the background contractor workers can be seen working on the windows and exterior of the building. (Rees Photo)

## August 25<sup>TH</sup> Court Appearance

By Maurice Rees

Nova Scotia Supreme Court has set August 25th as the appearance date in the The Bay of Fundy Inshore Fisherman's Association (BoFIFA) court challenge asking for the court to overturn a June 20th decision by Margaret Miller, Minister of Environment, approving a monitoring program for tidal energy turbines deployed in the Bay of Fundy's Minas Passage.

Boyer Clark lawyer, David Coles who is representing BoFIFA indicated the association had met with Cape Sharp Tidal and hope to agree on a remedy outside the courts. Named in the July 22nd application are the Minister of

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