

# Fletcher's July 5<sup>TH</sup> Council Corner

By Don Fletcher

We began council on July 5th at 5 pm, in camera, with three items covered and two of these moved to public council. At 6:30 we began public council with the first item, good attendance certificates, for staff who had utilized less than 2 days of sick time the past year. There were 19 staff members. There were also 4 staff members who received service recognition awards for 10 plus years of service. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your service!

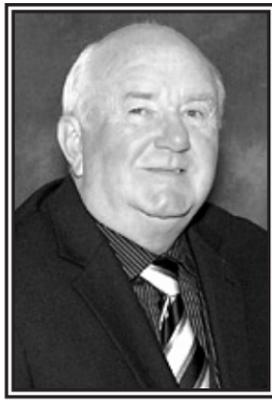
The next item was the award of the tender for the Parrsboro wastewater treatment plant. Motion approved. Next we approved a contract between the municipality and Miller waste for

solid waste collection in Parrsboro. Public meetings will be held in the near future to explain to the community.

The Pugwash Point/Gulf Shore water extension updated tender was approved next.

A report from our EMO coordinator on a recent telephone service disruption was discussed and improvements to reporting will be implemented. The Ann Murray centre fundraiser on July 29th at 11:30 am was discussed next.

A Mobile emergency coordination center kit was discussed and approved for purchase. This kit can be taken and used in any part of the municipality. A report led by councillor Jackson on the recent FCM annual conference was dis-



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cussed next.

Playground equipment from the former River Hebert elementary school will be given to the joggins improvement committee to be set up and used in that community. Four grant requests were approved next. A request for compost pick-

up weekly in the municipality was discussed and a report will be brought back to council next meeting 19th July.

A tender for the Wallace fire dept truck chassis upgrade was approved as well as tender for the Collingwood Fire Hall siding. The noise bylaw will be looked at by staff regarding noise from equipment in the Wentworth area due to the clearcut going on there. A short discussion followed on an issue with fireworks disturbing neighbours and animals. The RCMP will be contacted for provincial information. Regarding fireworks, a motion was made to not support community groups seeking funding for fireworks in the future. A request to look at two municipality owned properties in Springhill which need

repairs was discussed. Staff will investigate and report back to council.

A certificate for continued support from the local chapter of MADD was presented to council. This was received at the memorial bench unveiling in Victoria square by MADD. A moving ceremony and a beautiful bench! Thank you was received from All Saints Hospital for recent work performed

by staff as well as thank you from the Brookside Curling Club for our continued support. Info item in our package was the sunset board meeting minutes from May 25th. Question: Do you have a problem with compost? Call your councillor.

**Don Fletcher is Deputy Warden and Councillor District 10, Municipality County of Cumberland.**

## Collecting Communities Exhibition Successful

The Joggins Fossil Institute thanks the local residents who contributed items to the Collecting Communities exhibition including Roger Glenn, Benny Legere, Dara Legere and Don Reid. Partial funding was received from a SSHRC

grant by J. Rogers (MTA). The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Marjorie Young Bell Fine Arts and Music Awards (MTA) contributed additional funding.

## Business Connector to Compliment Community and Business Development

By Jonathan McClelland

When the Ivany Report was released, a number of business people in the region began to look for ways to implement the recommendations in the Ivany Report within Cumberland County and the towns of Amherst and Oxford. It was felt the local region needed to take initiatives to support the growth of the local economy. The Cumberland Business Connector was established and registered as a non-profit society in 2016.

The Board of Directors of the Cumberland Business Connector have spent the past number of months working to identify the mandate of the Connector and recruit its first Chief Executive Officer. The mandate of the organization is to:

- Focus on decisions that drive economic development by influencing all levels of Government
- Assist and support existing businesses in Cumberland County

- Support Cumberland County youth to create a job-ready workforce for Cumberland County

The Connector has hired its first Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan McClelland, who started in his new role on June 12. Jonathan has a background in rural Community Economic Development as well as having experience managing a small business for the past 12 years.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on June 27th. The full slate of board members comes from across the county including Advocate Harbour, Amherst, Malagash, Oxford and Springhill. The Connector has a strong focus on removing barriers to growth for existing businesses. Another desire is to encourage youth, and older workers, to consider entrepreneurship as a career opportunity.

The objective of the Business Connector is to complement the community development and business development work that the municipali-

ties are already doing. The key role of the Connector is to make the connections between businesses and the resources that they need. These needs may include identifying potential sources of financing, workforce training, etc.

On the job for less than a month, Jonathan has made the following observations:

"I see the Cumberland region as one that has huge potential for growth. There is tremendous potential for growth in the agricultural sector, the tourism sector, fishing and in manufacturing. The beef industry has entered an expansion phase, with the supply chain now ready to meet more of the market demand in Atlantic Canada, the fisheries sector has benefited from export market growth particularly in Asia. The development work on the Trans Canada Trail, the promotional work around the potential Fundy Cliffs GeoPark designation, the variety of parks and wilderness

areas, all add up to an opportunity to expand tourism outside of the summer months. The high end tourism market is developing well, with anchor attractions such as Fox Harb'r Resort, Jost Vineyards and many other attractions drawing visitors to the area."

"The Canada - European Trade Agreement also holds a lot of potential for Nova Scotia.

The trade deal will eliminate many import tariffs on Canadian goods being exported to Europe. This will improve our competitive position in a market with approximately 500 million people. Some of the tariffs that will be immediately lifted include tariffs on maple syrup products, blueberries, and lobster. There is also good potential for manufacturing companies

engaged in Aerospace and Clean Technology to increase exports to Europe."

"The Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy has the potential to develop local expertise in tidal energy that can also be exported in the future, along with specialty manufacturing services."

**Jonathan McClelland is CEO of the Cumberland Business Connector and started the position on June 12th.**

## Demolition Orders in Parrsboro

By Maurice Rees

In an updating of an action member to council at the July 5th meeting, it was noted owners of Parrsboro properties located at 35 Eddy and 1679 Western Ave who had had previously received notices the properties had been approved for demolition were given until July 14th to comply.

Council reported it was advising officials at Oxford and Amherst that invitations had been sent to A. J. Bird at Raven Skye Renewable Energy and Kevin Cameron and Peter Vinall at Sustane Technologies for a presentation to a joint council meeting in September.

Four municipal employees were recognized for service recognition awards: Thomas Trenholm for 30 years service as of June 29th; Brenda Moore, 15 years at of June 3rd; Ron Moore and Barry Melanson for 10 years as of January 8th and July 20th.

Nineteen staff members were honoured for utilizing two days or less sick leave in 2016. The employees included: Rennie Bugley, Wayne Christie, Brian Heretis, Kevin Yorke, Cathy Ward, Mike Johnson, Richard Hicks, Pat Boyce, John Ellis, Fred Arsenault, Chris Clark, Richard Dobson, David Buell, Wanda Nicholson, Steve

Varner, John Burbine, Peter Cottingham, Betty Ann Paris and Kellie Seaman.

The Cobequid Off Highway Vehicle Club will receive \$816.00 representing 50% of the project cost to mark four trails with four different colour coded signs in the Cumberland area to make it easier for visitors to navigate the trails. All trails will start and end in Springhill, which will bring more riders to the area.

The club is supplying \$200 cash and \$1440 work of in-kind towards the projects total cost of \$1322.50. Earlier this year, council had previously approved \$20,000 towards a bridge in Collingwood.

## Gem & Mineral Show to Attract 3,000

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be 12 metre high at 10:45 pm. A two hour tour led by Dr. Howard Donahoe at Five Islands Provincial Park will leave the museum at 5:00 pm, or meet at Five Islands Day use beach at 6:00 pm. A 12 meter tide will be high at 11:15 pm.

ON Sunday, Dr. John Calder will conduct an East Bay Tour. Those participating are to meet at the Museum at 1:30 pm. Tide will be high at 12.5m at 12:00 pm.

Each year information

exhibits are also displayed by the Nova Scotia Prospectors, Nova Scotia Gem & Mineral Society, Atlantic Geo Science., Department of Natural Resources. A new feature this year will be the Geological Survey of Canada celebrating 175 years, as well information on the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Open House in September.

The show is one of Cumberland County's biggest events, and each year brings in more than 3000 people to the area. The show will also

offer guided beach tours, as well, community events are scheduled during the weekend, giving visitors the opportunity to experience the local hospitality.

For more information on the show check out the website at <https://fundygeological.novascotia.ca/gemshow> or by liking the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FundyGeologicalMuseum> page.

Pat Welton is Co-ordinator of Public Programs, Fundy Geological Museum

## Bernie Burke Memorial, Friday, August 25

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is putting the final touches on the organization of the 17th Annual Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament on August 25, 2017. This event is held each year at the beautiful Parrsboro Golf Club. It will be an 18 hole scramble format.

Registration starts at 9 am with a shotgun start at 10 am. There will be a light reception beginning at 9 am. There will be several contests held during the tournament. There will be a putting contest at the end of the tournament before the banquet and presentations to the

winners. The biggest drawing card for the tournament will on the first nine with the chance to win a 2017 Ford Focus for a hole in 1 on # 3. This prize is brought to you by C E Sargent & Son and Archway Insurance. An auction will be held as the putting contest finishes.

To register the tournament has a wonderful new website designed by Goaline in Halifax. We encourage people interested in playing to go to [www.bernieburkegolf.com](http://www.bernieburkegolf.com) and register or contact [brendawheaton@gmail.com](mailto:brendawheaton@gmail.com). Registration forms are also available at the Parrsboro Golf Club. We ask you register by August 3, 2017.

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