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Parrsboro - The Fundy Geological Museum has had a busy month of July. Our visitation is up, as well we have seen an increase in our beach tours and children's programs. Looking ahead to August we are optimistic that we will continue to see an increase.

First Beach - Bay of Fundy Tide Experience 1 pm - 2 pm July 30th, August 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 16, 23 and 31: Join a guided tour from the Fundy Geological Museum to visit the nearby First Beach to have a unique Bay of Fundy tidal experience. Hear the stories of the famous Bay of Fundy, from the history of its effects on the local community and coastline, and explore the rocky beach to search for special rocks or minerals. This is a great introduction to the Bay of Fundy and the surrounding geology. A great family activity. Please note Sturdy footwear is required. This is a rocky beach, with moderate uneven surface. Bring water and sunscreen, and dress for weather conditions; it is usually cooler along the coast. Cost Museum Admission plus \$10.00 per person. Ages 12 and under free (accompanied by an adult).

Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show August 18th, 19th and Mau20th 10 am - 5 pm: More than thirty exhibitors offer a broad mix of earth treasures. You'll see fine mineral specimens, jewelry and jeweler's supplies and precious stones and gem cutting tools; beads and beading tools; fossils, tumbled stones and more. It's a learning show too, with geological field trips and interpretive walks plus demonstrations of gem cutting and jewelry making, gold panning, wire wrapping and more. The Nova Scotia Metal Arts Guild will be present showing the work of Nova Scotia silver and goldsmiths. Geologists and mineral collectors from the N.S. Department of Natural Resources, Atlantic Geoscience Society, N.S. Prospectors Association and the N.S. Gem and Mineral Society will be on hand to identify your mineral treasures.

Rock hound Days will also be held at the Fundy during the Gem Show from 10 am - 4 pm, with activities for children. Grab your hard hat and get ready to dig into a mine load of fun with Mining Matters on Friday and Saturday! Discover the properties of minerals! Be surprised when you learn that rocks, metals and minerals are in the everyday things around you, from your food, medicine and toothpaste to your cellphone. Find out how geologists explore for treasures of the Earth and how engineers go about building a mine. Explore exciting careers in the mining industry! On Sunday other activities will be held.

Partridge Island Beach Tour August 6 11 am; August 9th 1 pm; August 10th 1 pm; August 12th 3 pm; August 24th 2 pm and August 25th at 2pm: Join in a guided tour from the Fundy Geological Museum to Partridge Island Beach to learn the early history of Parrsboro and the historic Ottawa House Museum, some Mi'kmaq legends, and learn some basic geology and collect minerals. A great family activity. If you are lucky you can see the boiling tide and learn the legend of "Glooscap's Grandmothers cooking pot!" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikDmZRJeN7Q>. Museum Admission plus \$12.00 per person. Ages 12 and under free (accompanied by an adult). Price includes admission to the Ottawa House Museum. PLEASE NOTE: Sturdy footwear is required. This is a rocky beach with moderate to challenging walking surfaces. Bring water and sunscreen, and dress for weather conditions; it is usually cooler along the coast. DISTANCE: Approximately 1 km

Guided Tour - Wasson Bluff: Jurassic Dinosaur Site August 1, 2, 3 and August 30th, 1 pm - 3 pm: Meet at Museum at 12:45 pm \$20 PER PERSON Children 12 and under free. Description: Join the Curator for this special guided tour of the important dinosaur research site at Wasson Bluff. Walk on the ocean floor and travel back in time while looking at the rocks in the cliff that were formed 200 million years ago. The tour provides a special behind the scenes experience to dinosaur research that is ongoing right here in Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy. PLEASE NOTE: Sturdy footwear is required. This is a rocky beach with moderate to challenging walking surfaces. Bring water

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Dora wins \$3.8-Million Parrsboro Contract

By Maurice Rees

Two tenders have been awarded in the \$11,278,500 Parrsboro Wastewater System, with Dora Construction winning the Sewage Treatment Plant tender, which closed on June 21st. Dora's price was \$3.8-Million, plus HST, which bettered the bids by four other contractors. CBCL, the project's design contractor, previously

estimated the job at \$3,624,000.

Other firms submitting bids were: Brycon Construction, \$5,558,000; Higgins, \$4,320,000; Mid Valley, \$8,342,975 and Pomerleau, \$3,900,000. The Dora tender was compliant with the tender specifications, however, their safety and insurance certificates were not submitted with the tender, but will be requested prior to award.

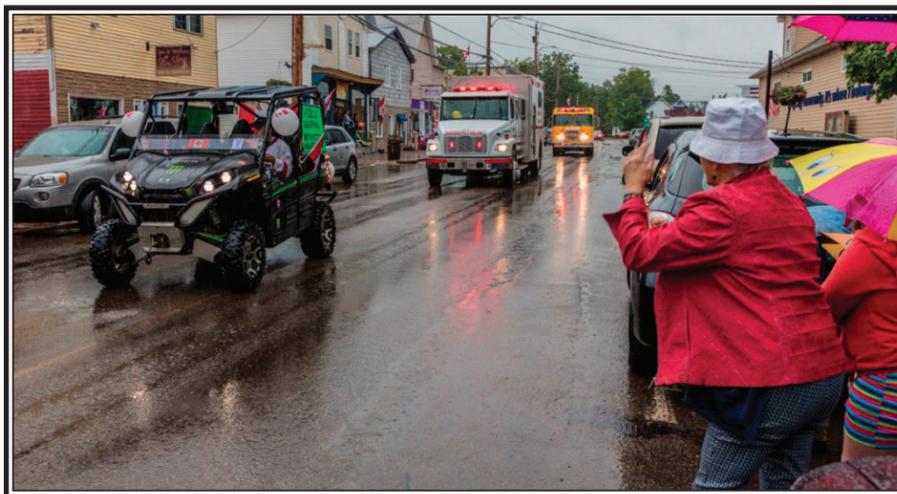
Brycon Construction previously won a \$7,478,500 tender for the collection system and have already started laying pipe and other components for the collection system.

CBCL Limited was selected as the project designer in September 2016 with a tender valued at \$476,644 less than two months before the former town was dissolved and became

part of the Municipality of County of Cumberland. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by March 2018.

CBCL's scope of work includes project management, WWTP design, collection system design and tendering. When CBCL was awarded the design contract, there had been discussion at Parrsboro's council table on how to coordinate infrastructure for the new treatment plant into TIR's plans to replace the aboiteau bridge on Two Islands Road in 2019/20.

Financing of the multi-\$Million wastewater treatment plant and associated infrastructure is being possible with \$4.3-Million from the federal government and \$2.1-Million from the province. The remainder is responsibility of the municipality and residents of Parrsboro.



Even though it was wet for the Parrsboro Canada Day parade, there was a large crowd of dedicated enthusiasts who braved the rain, before moving to the firehall for the remainder of the activities. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Gem & Mineral Show to Attract 3,000

By Pat Welton

The 52nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show is looking to be one of the best years to date. The Show held at the Lions Arena, Parrsboro on August 18th through to August 20th. This year the show has over 30 vendors, and of those, there are 8 new, who along with repeat vendors will be displaying gems, minerals and jewelry. The Show will be open daily 10 am - 5 pm.

There will be demos on a daily basis. Attendees are encouraged to check the Fundy Geological Museum booth (54-55) for times and details. For those with a sweet tooth and wanting a snack, Blueberry Cake and Sauce will be served at the back of

the arena starting at 2:00 pm. Extra fees will apply.

If you enjoy the excitement of a penny auction, drop by booth 54-55. It starts at 2:00 pm on Friday closing at 4:00 pm on Sunday.

Rockhound Days, free with museum admission will be held on Friday and Saturday at the Fundy Geological Museum on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm A fossil lab talk will be held in the Gallery commencing at 12:00 pm on both Friday and Saturday.

The Gem and Mineral Show also sees the community get involved with several events to ensure the 3,000 show attendees have a good time in Parrsboro. A Blueberry

Community Supper comprising Cold salad plate, rolls and tea, coffee dessert will be held at the Anglican Church Hall from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Takeouts are available.

Be sure to check out the Blueberry Breakfast from 8:00-9:30 am at the Parrsboro Branch Royal Canadian Legion on 56 Moore Street. Menu includes blueberry pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee or tea. Take Outs are also available.

Sean McCann will perform in concert at the hall on Friday evening at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available at 902-701-8951. The Old Fashioned Saturday Night - Prospectors Street Party will be held on Main Street from 6:00-8:00pm. Sunday evening will see the Concert in the Park being held at the Band Stand, on Main Street commencing at 7:00 pm.

Ship's Company Theatre will present "The Mystery Play", at 8:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Geology tours are a popular event during the Gem & Mineral Show. On Friday, July 18 a 90 minute Dino Footprints and Bay of Fundy Sunset Tour with Dr. Tim Fedak will depart the Museum at 7:00 pm. Tide will

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JOGGINS Artist in Residence

Sophie Jaillet, the first artist-in-residence with ArtScape begins her residency at the Joggins Fossil Centre on Monday July 31.

For the following six weeks, she will be creating art onsite along with providing a workshop and lecture and weekly studio visits. Drop in to watch her recreate - on paper the Joggins land and seascape. ArtScape is made possible with funding from the Municipality of Cumberland County and ArtsNS.

As another summer attraction, Summer Children's Day Camps at Joggins Fossil Centre on July 25 and will continue again August 22, 23 and 24. Registration is required.

Youth Breaks Leg

An 11 year old Alberta youth visiting Parrsboro fell off the Parrsboro wharf and broke his leg in two places. The Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Brigade were called to the scene to help extricate the youth from the bottom of the wharf.

EHS was on scene and after examination he was taken to the hospital in Amherst. His mother says he has a cast from tip of his toe to his hip. He is awaiting an appointment at the IWK, Halifax and may be there for upwards of a week.

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