



There were plenty of entries for the Old Home Week, Doll Carriage Parade. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Mike Murkey Trio Visit Friday, Aug. 2

By Patricia Burke

The Mike Murley Trio will be coming to Parrsboro on Friday, August 2, 2019 to perform at The Hall at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on line at www.thehall.ca. Go to the on-line payments section and click on the icon. Major credit cards are accepted there. If you purchase that way, tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

You must be 19+ to attend this concert as there will be a bar. Tickets can also be purchased at Ken's Grocery, Love, Jill Boutique, Harrison's Home Hardware and Lynda's Guys and Gals Hair Salon all in Parrsboro. Mike Murley is an engaging lyrical saxophonist and is

one of Canada's most celebrated and well respected jazz artists. Currently he is active in various formations from duo septet and maintains a busy schedule as both a sideman and is Associate Professor at the University of Toronto Jazz Program.

He has played on 14 Juno Award winning recordings since 1990. His most recent Juno's include The North (2018), Metalwoods 20 (2017) and his Trio's Test of Time (2013).

This is going to be a real treat so get your tickets today. This concert is brought to you by The Concert Series Committee of The Parrsboro Band Association.

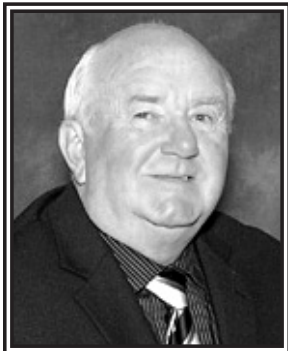
Cumberland Approves Two Solar Projects

By Don Fletcher

Council began on July 3 with an in-camera session covering three items. After a short break, we began public council with a public hearing on a dangerous and unsightly property, which was approved for demolition.

A short discussion was held on Parrsboro's facilities review. The document is available to public. Solar projects for Dr Carson and Marion Murray Centre, Springhill, and the FORCE building were approved. Other motions approved by council included amendments to the PACE by-law and one grant request.

Up next for discussion was reimbursement for attending events/meetings. The draft policy will be distributed to all and recommendations be made for a future discussion at council. Food truck fees were discussed. Staff will look



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at other municipalities and report back to council.

The naming of the rainbow bridge was next. Discussion concluded a letter will be sent to the citizen who is spearheading the change and ask the group to do a petition, which council would send Nova Scotia Transportation Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). We will meet two more times in July

on the 17th and 31st. Council does not meet in August. I encourage residents to attend council meetings on a regular basis. Information items in our package were an update on dangerous and unsightly properties, Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring GeoPark; Cumberland Energy Authority recent board minutes; information on GeoPark evaluator dates and meeting with Department of Justice regarding police service review. Other items included an outline of a Request For Proposals for Springhill mine water geothermal business park concept design and Parrsboro Wastewater Treatment and Collection question and answer sheet.

Question: are you prepared and excited about our Geo Park? Call your councillor!

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

Fletcher Emcees Cape d'Or Announcement

By Don Fletcher

On Monday July 8th I had the privilege to be the master of ceremonies for an event at Beautiful Cape d'Or near Advocate Harbour. The event included the Federal Minister of Tourism, Melanie July to make a funding announcement towards the municipalities project to upgrade Cap d'Or and ensure it continues to be a tourism destination and experience.

Darlene MacDonald, director, sector development of tourism Nova Scotia also spoke and brought funding from the province. The final speaker was Warden Al Gillis who spoke on behalf of the municipality and announced the funding. After the official speeches the minister was given a tour by ATV of our local trails towards Advocate by two local members of the ATV club. Thanks to Jerry and Mike. When the

minister returned she was amazed by the raw beauty and hospitality of the local communities.

We then had a beautiful dinner prepared by Darcy and staff and great conversation with the minister. I found her to be very down to earth and really interested in rural Canada. Very positive. She even asked what we envisioned Cap D'Or to look like in fifteen years and I told her she would have to come back and see the many improvements!

I wish to thank the many local residents and business people who attended and I believe this was the first time a Federal Minister visited the site. All positive for our communities. All in all a beautiful day in a beautiful place.

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Council to Revisit RCMP Staffing Level

By Don Fletcher

We began council on July 17 at 5 pm in camera with 4 items covered. After a short break, public council began at 6 pm with a presentation from Dr. John Calder on the GEO park and upcoming evaluation. John thinks that we will be ready for the evaluators from 26-29 July. As chairperson I feel we have done all that we can to be successful. John also thanked council for stepping in and becoming a partner with Colchester.

Next we held a public hearing on a land use bylaw amendment. The amendment passed with no objections. Discussion followed on RCMP advisory board request to revisit our decision to reduce our numbers. Justice will be asked to present to advisory board in the future.

A short discussion on reimbursement policy for members of council and CAO followed with the decision to have staff do more work on the policy and bring back to council. The property assessed clean energy program (PACE) policy was approved. For the past year Cumberland, Amherst and Oxford participated in a

tourism strategy. That work has been completed. The next step is implementation. A motion to approve funding to continue was approved by council and a committee will be formed in the near future. Funding for social committee was approved by motion.

Four stream exterior solid waste sorting stations tender was approved by motion. Upgrades to the former Springhill town hall was approved by motion. A request to remove the flag pole from the River Hebert

elementary school and give to legion was approved.

Information items included employee appreciation night, Cape d'Or funding announcement, occupational health and safety information sessions, Cumberland RCMP quarterly update, municipal finance corporation quarterly newsletter and joint municipal fire services committee bulletin.

Question: do you have a 72 hour survival kit? Call your councillor!

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