



Anita MacLellan explains some of the areas attractions to Dr. Nickolas Zouros, Tom Taggart and Dr Asior Hilano during the GeoPark evaluators tour at Five Islands Lighthouse Park on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Dr Zouros, President Global GeoPark Network is from Lesvos, Greece. Dr Asier Hilario, the second UNESCO GeoPark evaluator is from Basque Coast, Spain. (Rees Photo)



Dr Nickolas Zouros smiles as he prepares for a helicopter ride to get an aerial view of the proposed Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark area. Dr Zouros lives in Lesvos, Greece serves as President Global GeoPark Network. He is credited as the founder of the GeoPark now located worldwide. (Rees Photo)

Will Palliser Site be Included?

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 team visited the Cumberland areas on July 27th and received presentations from several federal, provincial and municipal public officials. A demonstration of Indigenous dances in full regalia costumes, plus local citizens, including a 5 year old girl who stole the show were included in the presentations. In addition to touring many sites, a helicopter ride was scheduled to view the Cape Chignecto Park area and Joggins Fossil Cliffs, which already has UNESCO designation. John Calder, Senior Geologist in the province has been project leader and responsible for driving them from place to place.

On Sunday, July 28th the trip included a visit to Five Islands Lighthouse Park then to Cobequid Interpretive Centre, (CIC), which is sporting a new sign, "Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark Welcome Centre". While at the CIC Anita MacLellan, who has spearheaded the operation of the site since opening in 1995 was able to explain the area's history, culture, geology and the actions of the high tides. To say the evaluators were impressed with the displays and

explanations at the CIC is an understatement. They were overheard making comments about the quality of presentation, but each time came coming back to "Bay of Fundy" should be the main focus. The remainder of the day included lunch in Five Islands, a visit and tour of the Five Islands Provincial Park, then a trip to Wasson Bluff once the tide had receded. Sunday evening, Anita MacLellan said the evaluators were "blown away" with the tour to the provincial park then Wasson Bluff.

Back in Parrsboro on Monday morning they are expected to make comments on what they have learned, and to provide recommendations on what the committee should do to improve the application and implement process.

They travel to Halifax to catch an early Monday evening flight. The committee, including Councillor Tom Taggart, is attempting to adjust the travel schedule to give them opportunity to visit the former Palliser site and explain to municipal officials why they recommend the site should be within the GeoPark designated area.



Dr. Zouros, left, and Dr. Hilano study the area map while visiting the CIC. Anita MacLellan helps explain the area. (Rees Photo)



Dr Nickolas, founder of the GeoPark Network operation under the UNESCO designation chats with Councillor Tom Taggart at the Cobequid Interpretive Centre (CIC). The new GeoPark roadside sign in front of the CIC was installed last week in advance of the evaluator's tour. (Rees Photo)

Wilson Family Scholarship 97 Awarded

By Maurice Rees

Leslie Wilson was emcee for the 11th annual Wilson Family Scholarships Presentation, which was held at a noon luncheon on July 9th. The scholarship program started in 2009 as part of the Wilsons 100 year celebrations.

After introducing several Wilson Family Members, Leslie introduced the Scholarship Committee members, which included: Shelley Hannam, Chair, who is also Wilsons HR/Payroll administrator; Derm Kemp - Manager Wilsons Heating, who was not present; Christine Doyle, Wilsons Security / Office manager and Troy St. Peters, Installation Manager Wilsons Heating Truro.

Other members included: Ron Gillis - Manager Wilsons Heating Sackville/Bridgewater; Eleanor Moore, Area Supervisor ESSO/Wilsons Gas Stops; Gregor Wilson, Family Member and herself, Leslie Wilson, Family Member.

Since 2009, there have been over 320 applicants 2009 from all four Atlantic provinces. Including this year 97 scholarships have been awarded. The company's total

investment is approximately \$350,000.

Scholarship have been awarded to 52 women and 45 men. Over \$50,000 in gas cards awarded to anyone who applies for the scholarship.

In 2009, family members decided on awarding eight scholarships, but in later years a 9th scholarship was added to the process. A permanent scholarship in memory of Jonathan McIntyre, son of Linda McGill, long time employee of Wilsons died in a tragic accident. Each year Linda reviews the applications and selects the recipient of the scholarship in her son's memory.

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Taggart Requests Detailed Chronological Report

By Maurice Rees

A letter to the editor by former councillor, Doug MacInnes, drawing reference to a proposed Code of Conduct for Colchester Council in the July issue of the Shoreline Journal caused Councillor Tom Taggart to request staff prepare a chronological report on the topic and present it to the next council meeting.

A code of conduct for council has been under consideration for approximately two years, following intense media coverage following former Councillor MacInnes' public disclosure why he resigned, and a furor created when an article appeared in FRANK magazine.

Mayor Blair raised the matter of the required Code of Conduct two months ago noting government regulations under the Municipal Governance Act (MGA) has since ruled each municipality must adopt one. When the Mayor raised the matter, it was decided staff would determine what actions had been taken by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, who had indicated they were drafting proposed legislation.

At that time, Council was asked to report back within 60 days, with the report due for August discussion. Councillor Taggart was of the opinion council had not been dragging its feet and unjust criticism

was levied at certain councillors. His motion for a written report for the next meeting was supported by Councillor Gibbs, motion seconder.

Councillor Cooper had added "June Council Meetings to the agenda. He asked what could be done to possibly change the date of the June council meeting each year, so it did not conflict with local high school graduations.

Staff will research dates of graduations and the data will be incorporated into the 2020 schedule of meetings. Cooper felt since bursaries and prizes are often awarded by council or councillors, but they are unable to attend due to conflict of dates.

Lenore Zann wins Nomination

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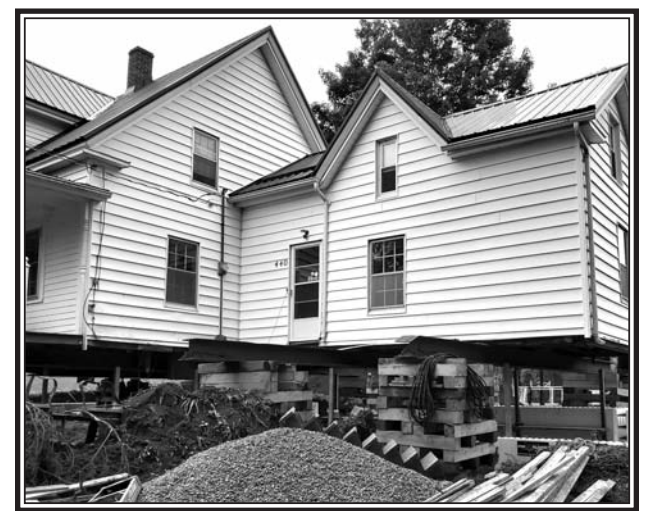
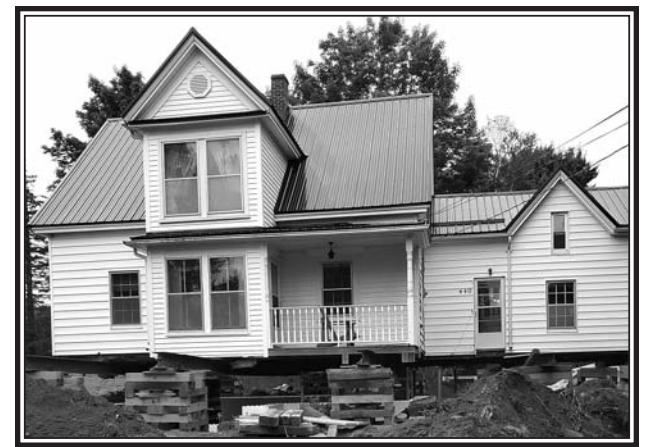
the nomination will require her to resign as MLA for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River. Lenore Zann was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Truro-Bible Hill in 2009 and was again elected as MLA for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River in 2013 and 2017. On June 9th she resigned as a NDP MLA announcing she would sit as an Independent.

In the same speech celebrating 10 years at the MLA, Zann followed her choice to sit as an Independent by simultaneously announcing she would be seeking the nomination as a Liberal in Cumber-

land-Colchester to replace Bill Casey, who is retiring after representing the area for 30 years.

Across the province three PC MLA have decided to run federally. They have resigned their seats effective July 31st. Now a former NDP seat will be up for grabs.

Premier McNeil who has been pressured by the PC switching MLA's not to leave their constituents without representation. McNeil has promised an early call for by-elections. Pundits are suggesting he will call by-elections in the four constituencies soon with possible voting on Tuesday, September 17th or 24th.



The historic home of the late Joyce Starratt on Edgewood Drive, Bass River is being raised to install a full basement. (Tom Taggart Photos)

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