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Parrsboro Town Hall Demolished

Story and photos by Lawrence R Nicoll

Even though it survived many harsh winters and moist climate for over 100 years, the Parrsboro Town Hall could not withstand the lack of care or maintenance that the former town's council failed to provide.

After becoming amalgamated with the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, it was discovered the gigantic building was suffering from faulty electrical system and plumbing and was full of mould. The estimate of \$850,000 to restore the building was too much to bear. Following public consultation and hard decisions the current council made the only economical decision available. The structure has been torn down and a playground will be built.

Of course the latter is a wonderful idea, but I and a lot of citizens have trouble accepting the estimate when we see similar work (Eatonville) being done for so much less.

A long history and a building with character is lost.



The town hall had existed for over a 100 years and was a famous landmark in the coastal town. Years of lack of maintenance took its toll on the gigantic structure.



It didn't take long for an excavator to make short work of demolishing the over 100 year old building, which was studied and upgrading costs were determined to be too extensive and costly.



A volunteer firefighter sprays water on the demolished building, not that there was a fire, but just good preventive medicine.



Quickly down and site cleaned up motorists and residents passing the new bandstand are offered a totally different view. In a few years people will be looking for historic photos.

Advocate and Wallace Harbour Receive Funding

Advocate Harbour will receive up to \$105,000 for Geotechnical and Coastal studies as advanced planning work for possible future reconstruction. Geotechnical studies are necessary to ensure the proper type of structure is built based on subsurface conditions and

whether they are suitable to support a pile structure or if a gravity structure will be needed. Coastal studies are done to determine wind and wave action and this work contributes to the design of the structure.

Wallace Harbour has been awarded \$220,000 for basin

re-dredging to maintain safe vessel passage.

The announcement was made by Lenore Zann, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester, who said, "I am so very pleased to see this funding made available through the Small Craft Harbours program for Advo-

cate and Wallace Harbours. These harbours are important for the livelihood of fishing harvesters and make a significant impact to the local economy. Keeping them safe and maintained in an environmentally-friendly way is essential and our government has invested significantly to that end. Over the last five years \$1.1 million has been allocated to maintain these important spaces right here in Cumberland-Colchester."

Two Properties Ordered Demolished

By Maurice Rees

Council of the Municipality of Cumberland met via zoom for a Public Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. The meeting opened with a territorial acknowledgement. Five public hearings were held, two related to amendments to the land use by-law for rezoning purposes and three related to dangerous and unsightly conditions.

The land use by-law public hearings were for properties previously given first reading at the June 16 council meeting, a property on the Gulf Shore Road and a property at 59 Charles Street in Joggins. Second readings for each of the land use by-law amendments will be held September 1, 2021.

The dangerous and unsightly public hearings were for 31 Pearl Street in River Hebert, 46 McGee Street in Springhill, and 7691 Highway 208 in Joggins. The properties in River Hebert and Joggins were ordered to be demolished and leveled to acceptable municipal standards with all debris removed. The property in Springhill was ordered to be secured with a staff report made available.

First reading was given to an amendment to the land use by-law pertaining to a rezoning request for 556 Valley Road in Westchester. This amendment will also be subject to a public hearing on September 1, 2021.

Staff presented council with two suggested updates to the tax reduction and exemption policy. This policy allows council to provide a tax reduction from commercial to

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Who's Running in Cumberland South?

By Maurice Rees

With only a couple of days from the election call to our scheduled publication date, the South Cumberland News decided to delay for one week, publication of the August issue until August 3rd to enable our small staff to gather more information to help you assess who you wished to vote for as the MLA for Cumberland South.

Even with the delay, it was difficult to reach candidate's offices. We were only successful in getting in touch with PC Party and NDP offices. Unfortunately, we were unable to send and received completed questionnaires from the Liberals and Green Party candidates.

In Cumberland South on August 17th you have the option to vote for your preferred

candidate from four people who have been busy campaigning. The candidates are: Larry Duchesne, NDP; Nicholas Hendren, Green Party; Rollie Lawless, Liberal and Tory Rushton, incumbent who waves the PC Party flag.

Jamie Baillie garnered 3,536 (51.5%) in the May 30, 2017 election but resigned in spring 2018 and was succeeded by Tory Rushton who won the June 19, 2018 by-election with 3,417 votes, a lead of 1,588 over his nearest rival.

In Cumberland North, which is not our primary coverage area, it will be an interesting race on August 17th. Cumberland North candidates for August 17th election are: Bill Casey, Liberal; Lauren Skabar, NDP; Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, Independent and David Wightman, PC Party

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin received 3,632 votes (51.7%) in the May 30, 2017 for the Progressive Conservatives, upsetting incumbent Liberal, Terry Farrell. Following the Hwy 104 blockade earlier this summer, she was removed from her caucus position by PC leader, Tim Houston, who also announced she would not be permitted to represent the party in the current election.

She is now running as an Independent. Bill Casey who did not re-offer in the previous Federal Election has come out of retirement by throwing his hat in the this provincial election as a Liberal candidate. In a rush to find a replacement, the PC party chose David Wightman, while Lauren Skabar will carry the NDP flag.

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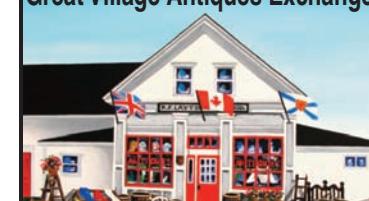
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