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"The Hall" as it is referred to in Parrsboro has become totally wheelchair accessible thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, now sports a new roof. Soon the building will also be sporting several solar panels as a result of being chosen to be part of the province's Solar Electricity for the Community Buildings Pilot Program. The power produced will feed the NS Power grid and is enough to power up to 10 households. The mounting of the panel will start in late spring 2018, and production should start by the end of June. (Submitted)



Attendees participate in signing during the Parrsboro Remembrance Day Service. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo) Many area Remembrance Day photos are on page 2 and 3.

## DFO and Nova Scotia Power in Cahoots

By Maurice Rees

People should not believe everything they read in a newspaper as being the total truth. However, I'll provide you an instance which turned out to be true. Not that I did not believe retired Acadia

University biologist, Mike Dadswell, in a front page story by Aaron Beswick in the Chronicle Herald, when he suggested DFO and NS Power were in cahoots regarding reporting of fish mortality at the Annapolis Royal tidal

power generating station.

Let me outline the scenario, as it evolved. In the evening of November 7th, I sent an email to the media department at Maritimes Region of DFO, requesting a reply regarding the status of

an operating permit in Annapolis Royal, when did it expire, and if a new one to be issued what was the process?

At 9:25 am on November 8th, I received a reply from Stephen Bornais, Communications Advisor, Maritimes Region, which said: "We are reviewing your inquiry. Likely a comment limited to DFO's role. The Province can address most of this. I should be in touch soon".

It took longer than Bornais suggested and in the meantime we exchanged a couple more emails. He did send DFO's response at 1:14pm on November 9th, which stated: "Here is the Department's response to your inquiry. DFO undertook a review of the design of the Annapolis Royal Generating Station in 1981 and determined that the project was compliant with the Fisheries Act. The Department does not author-

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The new band shelter in Parrsboro was a great backdrop for the photo opp gathering of many of the Parrsboro residents who have volunteered and worked hard in recent years resulting in Parrsboro winning a provincial award, plus \$10,000 cash. (Submitted)

## Parrsboro Wins Award and \$10,000<sup>00</sup>

Norman Rafuse, District 13 Councillor for the Municipality of The County of Cumberland, accepted the 2017 Arts Nova Scotia Community Arts & Culture Recognition Award on behalf of Parrsboro. It was presented at the Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala held Saturday November 18, at The

Discovery Centre in Halifax. This prestigious award is given annually to the community which best demonstrates a commitment to the integration of arts and culture into the fabric of everyday life. The Community Arts and Culture Recognition Award carries a cash value of \$10,000, and the money will be used to further

the connection between the arts and its community. Last year's winner was Town of Lunenburg.

"This award is a testimony to the extraordinary amount of artistic involvement in this community", says Parrsboro Executive Director Robert More. "The number of people engaged in creative pursuits in Parrsboro is amazing, and the variety of arts and culture organizations is impressive." Among the many groups flourishing in Parrsboro are: Ship's Company Theatre, Art Lab Studios & Gallery, two museums, Fundy Geological and Ottawa House, Classics By The Bay, contemporary art at Main & Station, and The Hall, a thriving cultural/entertainment hub always busy with art exhibitions, open mic nights, music classes, workshops, a feature film series, the Citizens Choir, theatrical presentations and more!

"Add three annual festivals," More goes on to say, "the Parrsboro Plein Air, 10 Days in October, the Parrsboro Film Festival - and the result is an inspiring combination of grass-roots artistry and exploration by high-profile artists that makes this community a unique and exciting place to live.

## Remembrance Day Services Along the Shore.

### "Diligent River Remembers"

By Roderick Boland

A Remembrance Day service was held at the Diligent River Baptist Church on Sunday, November 5th 2017. Following the service wreaths were placed at the Diligent River War Monument "In Memory of Fallen Comrades": Royal Canadian Legion #45 - placed by President Arthur Yorke; Community of Diligent River by Eric McCully; Canada Federal by Legion member; Nova Scotia Provincial by Legion member; Municipality of Cumberland by Councillor Donnie Fletcher.

Wreaths placed "In memory of deceased veterans" included: Clifford Allen by Ronnie Allen; Ronald Colpitts

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On Saturday, November 25th was time for Dr. Tim Fedak for one last photo with Fundy Geological Museum staff during a "send-off" party, with Dr Fedak assuming a new position as Curator of Geology at the Museum of Natural History, Halifax. Pictured above are: Sharon Gillis, Leisa Babineau, Ivan Richard, Sandra Tanner, Tim Fedak, Angela Steeves, Regan Maloney, and Pat Welton. (Dr. Howard Donohoe Photo)

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