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2018 Activities Summary at FORCE

Sandra Currie

This year was a dramatic year at the Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE). Those following Nova Scotia's tidal energy sector will know the deployment of an OpenHydro turbine was immediately followed by shocking news of the company's insolvency. This made for a challenging time for everyone involved in marine renewable energy - both in the Bay of Fundy and elsewhere.

But there have also been some bright lights. We are encouraged to see Black Rock Tidal Power begin preparations for small-scale device testing, and new funding support for Halagonia Tidal's project at FORCE. Internally FORCE has been working on new approaches to research and monitoring that will make us less reliant on individual companies to do the near-field monitoring on their own devices.

Those activities have kept FORCE staff busy all year, and we continue to lead a number of operations to support both our environmental monitoring and Fundy Advanced Sensor Technology research activities. If you're interested, quarterly reports outlining that activity are available at www.fundyforce.ca/environment

Another exciting development: FORCE has been selected to participate in

the Solar for Community Buildings Program, allowing us to install solar panels at the visitor centre. It's great news for Cumberland County's growing commitment to green energy and will also help us better understand how to integrate different sources of renewable energy on a community scale.

Alongside our community volunteers, we've continued bi-weekly shoreline surveys, including a Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, participated in Canada's Science Odyssey, led Tai Chi at the Visitor Centre, and held another 'Tidal Talk' featuring WWF-Canada.

Again, we had another successful visitor season, welcoming 3100 guests from across the world. I'd like to say thank you to our students, Patrick, Victoria, and Jessie for making these visitors' experiences memorable and for their hard work throughout the summer. The positive energy, professionalism and knowledge these three showed on a daily basis enriched the traveler's experience to our area. The humour, kindness and individuality enriched the workplace and we were lucky to have them as part of our team.

We're looking forward to another busy year. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this year.

Sandra Currie is Facilities Manager at the FORCE site.

Regulations for Cap-and-Trade Program

New and amended regulations will support Nova Scotia's cap-and-trade program, which will begin Jan. 1.

The new cap-and-trade program regulations, released today, Nov. 14, detail how the program will run. For example, they establish: annual declining greenhouse gas emissions caps; rules for distributing, buying, and selling greenhouse gas emission allowances

Amendments were also made to the petroleum prod-

uct pricing regulations and to the regulations that govern greenhouse gas emissions reporting.

These details were included in government's release of the program in October, which also included setting one of Canada's most ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets - reducing emissions by 45 to 50 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030.

More information is available at climatechange.novascotia.ca

Jack Paterson Chosen Artistic Producer

By Maurice Rees

Jack Paterson has been selected as the Artistic Producer. Ships Company Theatre, Parrsboro and will begin in December 2018 planning for the company's 35th season.

The Ship's Company Theatre Board of Directors

will host a Welcome Reception for Jack at the Fundy Geological Museum on Wednesday 19 December 2018 from 12-2pm.

As an acclaimed director, producer, theatre maker, dramaturge and translator, Jack has pursued a variety of experiences across Canada and

internationally, exploring theatre production and partnerships in both bustling centers and smaller, more remote locations.

Having spent considerable time in Vancouver, Paterson has worked on critically acclaimed shows both large and small, including award

nominated and winning New Works, Classical and Theatre for Young People.

Jack has received nominations and awards on several occasions, including receiving the "John Moffat and Larry Lillo Award for Outstanding West Coast Artist" this past season.

"The Board of the Ship is eager to have Jack join us in Parrsboro as we start a new chapter in the Theatre's journey and look forward to our 35th season," said Mary McPhee, Chair of the Ship's Company Theatre Board of Directors.

"Jack's passion for bringing people together in harmony to explore their stories is a great fit for the company, and we can't wait for our community to experience the magic that will grow with Jack's leadership."

Michael Fuller, co-founder of Ship's Company Theatre shared his excitement for this announcement: "The tide is

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Wright's Pharmasave, Parrsboro is now under new ownership. Lisa Welton, right, owner and pharmacist, is shown with pharmacy technician, Barb Tennant. (Submitted)

"The Hall" Completes Another Renovation

By Patricia Burke

The Hall in Parrsboro has just completed another renovation to help make entrance to the front of the building safer with a new addition over the front steps and part of the ramp.

It has been years that our supporters have braved being hit by raindrops and snow when entering the front of the building.

An application was submitted to The New Horizons Program for Seniors last year and were successful in getting funding.

The enclosure was built by Eric Henwood Construction. Now patrons can go into the building without getting soaked.

This structure will have a window box on the front that will be installed soon.

There is a wonderful new light in this new addition, as well as a new sign has been built and is awaiting a new covering. All our events will be posted. Great things just keep happening at the hall thanks to the great support we get from the public.

Mi'kmaw Early Childhood Educators to Receive More Training Opportunities

A new pilot program, announced Nov. 19 will give Mi'kmaw early childhood educators more training opportunities.

"It's important that Mi'kmaw children have access to early learning programs that incorporate Mi'kmaw language and reflect Mi'kmaw knowledge and perspectives," said Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. "This pilot supports Mi'kmaw children and gives opportunities for enhanced education and training for early childhood educators."

The provincial and federal governments will invest \$338,000 and partner with Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey and

the Nova Scotia Community College to develop and deliver an early childhood education training program. The program will incorporate Mi'kmaw language, culture and perspectives.

"Well trained and supported early childhood educators are an excellent avenue to teach and reinforce Mi'kmaw language, customs, traditions and heritage to children on reserve in Nova Scotia," said Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. "I am pleased that the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia are working together to better support early childhood educators who are making a positive difference to children's future

health and well-being."

Up to 20 Mi'kmaw early childhood educators will participate in this accelerated workplace training program. Participants will upgrade their skills and earn a diploma in Early Childhood Education from NSCC while they work.

"We are very excited about this new partnership," said Ann Sylliboy, post-secondary co-ordinator, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey. "Providing opportunities such as this to our teachers help to bring even more Mi'kmaw language and culture into our early childhood education facilities, which benefits not only our children, but our communities as well."

The program will launch in January.

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