



With the unusually warm weather the golf club members take the time to prepare the course for the winter. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



In public Parrsboro residents still remember CoVid-19 and automatically avoid gathering close together during services on November 11. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Home Lift Program Improves Safety

Healthcare workers will be able to deliver care to people in their homes more safely through a new program that provides access to mechanical lifts. The program opened October 31. Individuals or their caregivers are encouraged to contact their Nova Scotia Health Authority care co-ordinator for more information.

The devices are used to lift, transfer and position someone who is unable to do so inde-

pendently. Home lifts help reduce strains and other injuries for home-care workers caring for people with limited mobility. The use of lifts will also help some people stay in their homes longer.

The Home Lift program is free and available to eligible recipients of home-care services from a provincially funded agency who have been assessed by an occupational therapist or physiotherapist as

needing a mechanical lift. It provides a floor or free-standing lift and a sling.

The \$650,000 Home Lift program is part of a \$3-million investment to fund workplace safety initiatives in continuing care. The Home Lift program will be administered through the Canadian Red Cross and the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Fiona Damage much less in Cumberland

By Maurice Rees

A month or so ago, following Hurricane Fiona, I contacted Peter Spicer, who with his family operates, Seven Gulches Forest Products, to see how much damage was inflicted upon his area of Cumberland County. He replied, "I didn't have much damage from this one. I will be done my clean-up in a couple of more weeks. I have a few photos of root systems if you need any photos, but I imagine you could get better ones over your way."

I drove down to Sherbrooke a week ago and I couldn't believe the damage in Colchester and Pictou Counties. There is a perfect storm brewing in the actual on the ground industry, as there is so much recovery to be done, with contractors starting to park gear with the price of fuel so high and more than 50% of the salvage wood only of pulpwood quality!

Spicer also reported that The new Executive director for Forest Nova Scotia is Stephen Moore, who is replacing Jeff Bishop who moved on to another job. For those interested in contacting

Forest Nova Scotia, Moore's email is contact@forestns.ca

Jeff Bishop is now Executive Director at Association of Municipal Administrators (AMANS), NS. AMANS is a professional non-profit organization with over 250 members drawn from Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Province and other professionals in the field of local government. Membership includes CAOs, Clerks, Deputies, Directors, Administrative Assistants and other administrative positions within local government. Our membership is open to professionals involved in the administration of local government in Nova Scotia.

The creditor protection for Paper Excellence regarding Northern Pulp has been extended for another 6 month term, meaning they can continue funding the EA for the new Mill and all the other things they have been doing, such as treating their surface water run off, providing stock from their tree nursery for most of the tree planting done in NS, and meeting their pension obligations.

Cumberland Council Briefs

The following items were approved by Cumberland Council at its meeting on November 24, 2022.

Cumberland County changes size, eligibility requirements of youth council

The Municipality of Cumberland is expanding the size of its youth council and opening membership up to older students.

Municipal council passed a motion at its November regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 23, to expand the youth council's size from 8 to 12 members while eliminating the requirement that every district be represented and opening up membership to no more than three people from outside the municipality.

Council has also agreed to change the eligibility from students in Grades 7 to 12 to students ages 12 to 25.

Coun. Jennifer Houghtaling

is the appointed liaison between municipal council and the youth council. She reported in October that her recruitment efforts at area schools resulted in five applications.

Municipal council appoints Rachel Sovka to poverty committee

Cumberland municipal council has voted to approve the appointment of Rachel Sovka as the municipality's representative to the poverty reduction advisory committee. Sovka replaces Hannah Landry, the county's present representative, who resigned from the committee.

Sovka has spent her career in international development and humanitarian aid across five continents and worked with the impoverished in areas of West Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Cumberland County approves \$3,000 grant for Wallace Community Centre Society

Cumberland municipal council has approved to a motion to provide a \$3,000 grant to the Wallace Area Community Centre Society.

Staff received the grant request from the society to assist with the operation of the community centre.

Cumberland County to provide one-time grant to non-profit organization Cornerstone

Cumberland municipal council has decided to provide a one-time grant of \$15,000 to Cornerstone to help it hire an executive director for a one-year term.

Cornerstone is a non-profit, volunteer-led organization working towards establishing of additional affordable housing units in Amherst and the establishment of the first permanent emergency transitional housing facility within the town.

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The tour has been scheduled so all three officials can be part of each community conversation. However, there may be times when unforeseen circumstances mean one of them cannot attend.



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