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Local cadets always perform very important tasks in Parrsboro throughout the year, but their presence is very visible on Remembrance Day.



It was a damp day with occasional showers, but those who attended Remembrance Day service in Parrsboro didn't seem to mind. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



The sidewalk around the iconic former post office on Main Street, adjacent to the cenotaph, is always filled with a large crowd. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



One couldn't ask for a more beautiful setting to hold a Remembrance Day service in Parrsboro. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

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New Blue Route from Pugwash to Wallace Opened

By Darrell Cole

Cycling Nova Scotia, together with The Provincial Department of Public Works and the Municipality of

Cumberland, are excited to announce the opening of a new section of the Blue Route from Pugwash to Wallace along Gulf Shore and Ferry Roads!

The Blue Route is a province-wide project to create a continu-

ous 3,000-kilometre network of cycling infrastructure. By developing safe, well-connected bicycle routes, the Blue Route will make it easier for Nova Scotians to get around the province by bike.

Route selection was based on the planning priorities such as connecting communities and destinations, availability and accessibility of services along the route, scenic views, incorporat-

ing existing routes, coordination with local and regional plans such as active transportation plans, existing conditions or feasibility of infrastructure upgrades, and providing a diversity of route types to accommodate a broad range of users. The route incorporates input from meetings and consultations held with stakeholders around the province over the past 10 years.

The Nova Scotia Department of Public Works has just completed new paving on portions of the Pugwash to Wallace route to ensure a smooth ride.

This section of Blue Route is a shared road as vehicle volumes and speeds are low, allowing a more comfortable environment to share the road.

Some tips to ensure safer sharing of the road include:

For those cycling: Ride predictably and follow the rules of the road; Be seen and heard - a bell and bike lights are required by law; ensure you're equipped with them and Ride single file, allowing safer vehicle overtakes.

For those driving a vehicle: Give space - allow at least 3 meters when passing a cyclist; Be patient - if there is not a safe time to overtake a cyclist, wait until there is. Although it might seem to be slowing vehicles down, it realistically only takes a few seconds to wait for a safe passage.

This new section of the Blue Route offers beautiful views of the Northumberland Strait! Along it, you will stumble across the Gulf Shore provincial park, and campgrounds to stay the night. There is even a golf course if you've got clubs in tow!

Let the Blue Route signs guide you, and the good times roll!

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The Municipality of Cumberland presented long-service awards to 13 members of staff. Among those receiving awards were: (front, from left) Margaret Pitts, Jennifer Moore, Ralph Pettigrew, Isobelle Chapman, (back, from left) CAO Greg Herrett, Justin Waugh-Cress, Cathy Coon and Mayor Murray Scott. (Darrell Cole - Municipality of Cumberland photo)

Cumberland Recognizes 13 Employees with Long Service Awards

By Darrell Cole

The Municipality of Cumberland recognized 13 long-serving employees during an employee appreciation ceremony at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023.

Isobelle Chapman was recognized for 35 years of service as a crossing guard with the former town of Springhill and the Municipality of Cumberland, while another crossing guard, Virginia Kelly, was recognized for 30 years of service to the municipality.

"This event is a great opportunity to pass along our appreciation to all of our staff members for their efforts, everyday, to the provision of excellent municipal services here in Cumberland County," Municipality of Cumberland chief administrative officer Greg Herrett said. "Often, it seems, their work is taken for granted and they're the target of criticism rather than gratitude. I'm really pleased to say 'thank you' to our staff on behalf of the municipality."

"A number of our employees have also reached significant milestones in their municipal careers. We're happy to honor them and thank them for their dedication to serving their communities."

Being recognized for 25 years of service were: Catherine Coon, the administrative assistant in the engineering department, and Public Works operation supervisor John Burbine.

Recognized for 15 years of service were: crossing guard Candace Calder, GIS analyst Margaret Pitts, driver Ralph Pettigrew, mechanic/driver Tom Hunter, labourer/equipment operator Gerry Clark and facility maintenance person Jack Gilroy while revenue officer Jennifer Moore, director of Public Works Justin Waugh-Cress and community centre maintenance person Joel Stone were recognized for 10 years.

Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Murray Scott said the strength of the organization as a whole is in its employees.

"Every organization depends on its employees and we have a lot of people who have served this municipality with dedication and commitment for many years," the mayor said. "We're so privileged and honoured to have these employees and we're so thankful to be able to recognize them for everything they do to make this a great place to live."

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Mayor Scott, Law Enforcement Agencies Launch 36th Project Red Ribbon Campaign

By Darrell Cole

As a former police officer, Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Murray Scott knows all about the challenge law enforcement faces in deterring impaired driving.

Speaking during the launch of the 2023 Project Red Ribbon Campaign by members of the Cumberland-Tantramar Chapter of MADD Canada, the mayor said he's disappointed with the most recent statistics in impaired driving in Nova Scotia.

"It's kind of disappointing when you see the numbers because they're still way too high," the mayor said during the launch of the campaign designed to raise awareness about

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