



In late December a fatal fire claimed the life of a mid-50's male in Parrsboro. (James Shaw Photo)

A Bright New Season for Parrsboro

kinds of great tips on how to do all those fun riffs, is going to be a mini-festival unto itself. The instructor, Manitoba Hal, is not only an amazing musician, he is a great teacher who knows how to make his classes totally entertaining, for both beginners and the experienced. Everyone has a joyous time in Manitoba Hal's workshops.

For the 2019 season, Parrsboro's Cultural Campus is presenting a greater variety of painting courses than ever with instruction from such well-known artists returning such as Wayne Boucher, Arlene Collins, Marc Grandbois, Joy Laking, Bill Rogers, Nancy Tankersley, and Monica Wright. "We're also offering a wider range of creative experiences for people this year as well," Robert More goes on to say, "with exciting new classes that include: Songwriting with The Long Sault Trio (May 11) presented by The Hall; Acting with TV/ film star, Sheila McCarthy (June 8-9); Wood

Carving with Jennifer Marlow (July 6); Encaustic Painting with Lynn Rotin (July 13)".

Pat Reid is also back with her popular The Art of Willow Basketry course, and once again The Age of Sail has a full slate of Blacksmithing Courses with master craftsman, Michael Tennyson. All the Parrsboro Cultural Campus 2019 courses can be online found at: <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/cultural-campus/course-listings/>. People can also sign up by contacting the Parrsboro Creative Office at 902-728-2007 or by email at info@parrsborocreative.com.

"There's no question about it," comments Robert More, "Parrsboro may have been a best kept secret in the past, but not anymore. Our reputation as a creative magnet is growing fast, and we're now seen as one of the most unique and exciting arts and culture destinations in the Maritimes. And at the same time, the shoreline from Economy to Advocate to Joggins is becoming known as a paradise for outdoor activities. Put it all together, and the future looks bright as we send our message to the world about what this extraordinary region has to offer, and bit by bit, more and more people in the world come to us".

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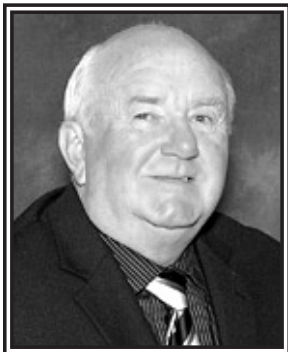
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Boundary Review to be Completed in 2019

By Don Fletcher

Cumberland Municipal Council began our last council of the year on December 19th at 4:30 with LED streetlights first up for discussion. A local company was awarded the RFP to supply our new LED streetlights. Next up was a discussion on boundary review of which we must complete by Dec 2019. The last boundary review document was discussed and it was agreed to bring in an expert on the subject as well as a Mayor to discuss Mayor verses Warden scenarios. If we were to change to the mayor system we cannot go back.

The last review only contacted 300 plus with a telephone survey and I feel it was not a true input from the pub-



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lic. If you have concerns about size of council or Mayor verses Warden please contact your councillor. This is a major decision that will affect the municipality for many years.

Next we discussed our policy on attendance of members at conferences. This will be reviewed after the size of coun-

cil is determined. Policy 3.1 remuneration for members of council was discussed and will remain the same. Chapter 16 policy on expense reimbursement was discussed at length and changes will be made after further investigation by staff.

Final issue for discussion was our three transfer stations and their closure. At present our transfer stations are paid from general funds and many councillors feel that this process is not fair. However, as a councillor who has a transfer station in my district, I question what benefits do we, in the rural areas, receive from our taxes? It seems that the station in Pugwash has issues with illegal dumping and garbage and I feel this should have been addressed sooner

and not paint all with the same brush. If we in district 10 wish to keep our transfer station council, staff needs to hear from you because once it is gone its gone!

On the same note we are working hard to promote a Geopark and tourism throughout the municipality and the last thing we need is more garbage and waste. If you know of an illegal dump site report it.

Some do not believe it's a problem! Out of sight out of mind.

Question: Is it time to get involved? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

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Border Committee Presents Three Phase Plan

By Don Fletcher

Happy New Year! Let me start by wishing Kevin Mills, Mayor of Flat Brook, Cumberland County a happy new year!

We began council on January 9th with an in-camera session, starting at 5:30 pm, with 4 items covered. The public portion of council began with a presentation from the N.S. border committee and their three phase plan for improving the entrance. At first glance it's a good plan that should achieve positive results. Our second presentation on Six Rivers News and ways the municipality can benefit from its use was done by Bill Martin, chief cook and bottle washer of its production. Great job Bill and hope you get some help! One dangerous and unsightly will be demolished. A short discussion on our action plan regarding finance was approved by motion as well as a motion to have our audit committee monitor the action items and bring back to council.

Chapter 4 of The Wheeler Report was next up for discussion. It deals with public health, exposures and risks. An important take away is that if Nova Scotia were to

consider hydraulic fracturing it must determine the regulatory, monitoring and mitigation measures to minimize risk to public health and to place the burden of proof on the developer or any level of government promoting the activity.

A motion was approved to make the Athol Road water main extension a priority in order to apply for federal/provincial funding to cover 73 percent of the project. A motion to have the energy authority be lead on climate change for the municipality was approved. A letter of support for a micro-grow cultivator of cannabis was approved by motion. A presenter will be asked to give council information on business improvement districts for Cumberland in the near future.

Ongoing items included: A short discussion on 2019 taxable property assessments as well as tax collection and tax sale calendar. We are making progress! A motion for Sunset to change their name to Sunset Community was approved. Notice of motion for a revised capitol multi-year plan was approved to come back to council in February without annex A. An update

on health issues, i.e. doctor/Nurse Practitioners shortage, ER closures and recruitment efforts was given. The recruitment committee was successful in that two physician/specialists have started work at the hospital while three others have confirmed their intent and a 4th is setting up in Springhill. Two residents will begin training in Cumberland also. Next priority is recruiting specialists for Amherst as well as physicians to the rural areas of Pugwash and Parrsboro.

Question: have you considered visiting public council? Call your councillor

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