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Craig M. Johnson Joins Joggins Fossil Team

By Laurie Glenn Norris M.A.

The Joggins Fossil Institute's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Craig Johnson of Truro, Nova Scotia, has joined the dynamic management team at the Joggins Fossil Centre as its Manager of Development and Strategic Engagement. Craig's initial focus will be to deepen awareness about JFI's need for ongoing financial support. A registered charity, delivering world-class research, programming, and events, JFI will continue to innovate and grow into the future with sustained public support.

Craig is a non-profit management professional, with a decade of experience in communications, community building, fundraising, and partnership development. The heart of his professional background is the development of community partnerships and relationship building.

He has been employed with a number of non-profit organizations, including, Executive Director and Fund Development and



Craig M. Johnson

Communications Coordinator with the Colchester East Hants Hospice; and Fundraising and Communications Coordinator with the Marigold Cultural Centre, Truro.

Craig's vast volunteer experience includes Nova Scotia Music Week, the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation, First United Church, Truro, and The East Coast Music Awards.

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Nearby Partridge Island is the Ottawa House by the Sea Museum. But the area is also home to this cottage. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



There's always a good picture to be taken at the seed bins near the works yard. The of Fundy shore from Parrsboro to Truro offers some of the best sunrise or sunset landscape photo opportunities. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Roger Bacon Bridge Constructed of Wood

By Maurice Rees

Residents from Nappan, Cumberland Co., and owner of the Pied Piper Motel are relieved to now have a \$3-Million bridge, which shortens travel distances in the community. The bridge over the Nappan River is the most direct route between Amherst and Springhill.

Gloria Stewart, owner/manager, Pied Piper Motel with 11 units located

near the bridge has been quoted as saying she used all the savings she had accumulated over a number of years just to keep the motel open while the bridge was closed and it almost wiped out her business.

The original old Nappan steel bridge was built in the late 1930s and was closed in December 2017 due to structural issues. Interesting enough the new bridge is a

wooden structure with a design life of 75 years

The new bridge is lightweight in comparison to steel or concrete and is constructed with glue laminated timber bridge that consists of multiple individual layers of lumber adhesively bonded together

Roger Bacon was born in Upper Nappan, and served a premier of Nova Scotia from 1990 to 1991. He represented

Cumberland County as MLA for 23 years. Throughout his career, he was a provincial minister for several departments, including 10 years as minister of agriculture. He was also a municipal councillor for many years.

A ceremony to officially open the new bridge and designate its name of Roger Bacon, former premier of the province will be held in the spring.



Cranes have completed installation the exterior arches and putting the deck in position. (Google Images)
Insets: Built at a cost of \$3-Million the new wooden Nappan bridge superstructure, to be named after Roger Bacon, is ready for the decking. (Google Images) (Google Images)

Canadian Chamber Choir to Perform March 22

By Beth Peterkin

The Juno-nominated Canadian Chamber Choir is gearing up to visit Canada's East Coast in March 2020 for a series of concerts and workshops in Parrsboro, Sussex, Fredericton, Florenceville-Bristol and Halifax. The ensemble last visited Nova Scotia in 2016 and New Brunswick in 2014 - but this upcoming tour marks their first-ever visit to the commu-

nity of Parrsboro; a stop they'll be making thanks to their current board chair, Beth Peterkin, who has resided in the region since 2016.

"As an active volunteer at The Hall in Parrsboro and also the chair of the Canadian Chamber Choir, I am thrilled to be able to bring these two parts of my life together for an exciting weekend of music," said Peterkin. "Our homestay hosts will provide a warm

welcome to our CCC guests, attendees at the concert will gain a new appreciation of the value of music in their lives, and CCC members will get a glimpse into Parrsboro's little part of the universe that is so magical."

The CCC's 22 singers will arrive in Parrsboro on March 20, where they are set to rehearse at The Hall for two days before performing a concert on March 22, presented

by Parrsboro Band Association. Attendees can expect a dynamic range of all-Canadian repertoire featuring emerging and established composers - everyone from folk legend Gordon Lightfoot to CCC composer-in-residence Jeff Enns. The latest addition to the set, however, is a commission from Yellowknife composer Carmen Braden entitled Where Waters Meet. The multi-movement piece

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