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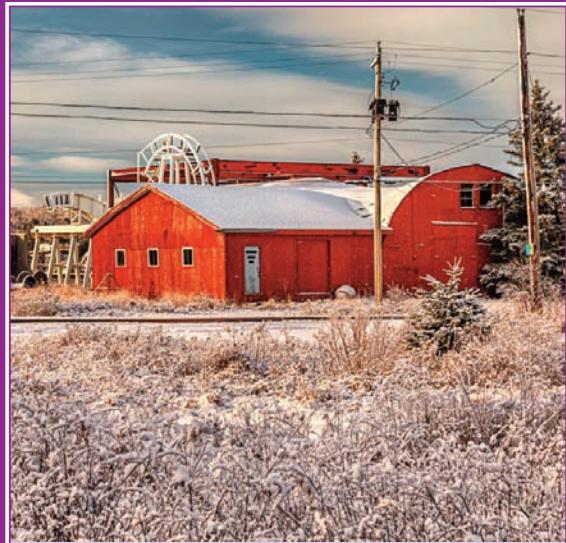
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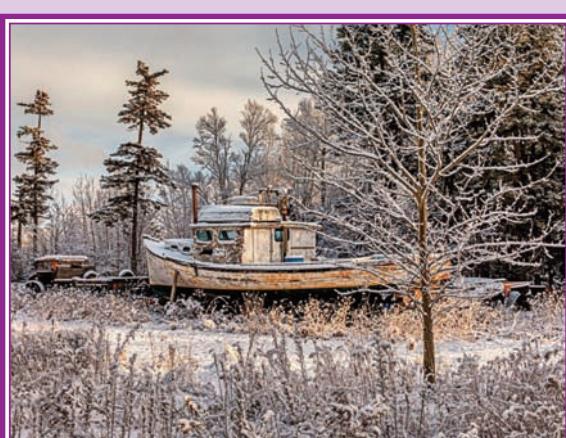
The boat shed at 1st Beach shines brightly against a backdrop of snow laden trees and grasses as the morning sun displays all the beauty following a snowstorm.
(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Nestled among trees drooping with the wet snow that helped bring 2021 to a close. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



LUCK on Two Island Road. A close miss by 3 full growth trees.



2021 ended with the first decent snowfall of the 2021-2022 winter season. Shown here the Frances Patrick sits about a mini wonderland of the wet snow sticking to the trees and grasses. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Parrsboro Sewer Cost OVERRUNS REDUCED

Parrsboro residents will receive significant reduction in the local improvement charge for cost overruns on the Parrsboro sewer project after amends to the local improvement bylaw passes second reading on February 23, 2022. A hot contentious issue during the past year, amendments all but eliminated the cost by reducing the charge to the

equivalent of a one-year charge as opposed to a 20-year charge.

The Public Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 26th opened with a territorial acknowledgement. Council held first reading to the bylaw to amend the local improvement bylaw. This is in respect to the Parrsboro sewer project and once formally approved

will reduce the local improvement charge to the equivalent of a one-year charge as opposed to a 20-year charge. Price of the charge varies depending on the payment format. Monthly charges will be twelve payments of \$28.40, those who selected annual charges will pay \$345, and those who selected a one-time payment will be charged

\$247.40. Prior to coming into effect, this bylaw will require a second reading scheduled for February 23, 2022.

To make the change to the Parrsboro local improvement charge possible, council authorized the establishment of a special capital reserve for the Parrsboro sewer project and transferred nearly \$2 million from operations into the reserve, while making a direct transfer for \$630,691 from the operating reserve. The increase in funds is possible due to a one-time doubling of the municipal financial capacity grant program.

The Parrsboro sewer project has brought to light the differing service levels and service rates within the municipality since the towns of Parrsboro and Springhill both dissolved into the Municipality of Cumberland. Council directed staff to initiate a study to improve both revenue structure and a unified water utility.

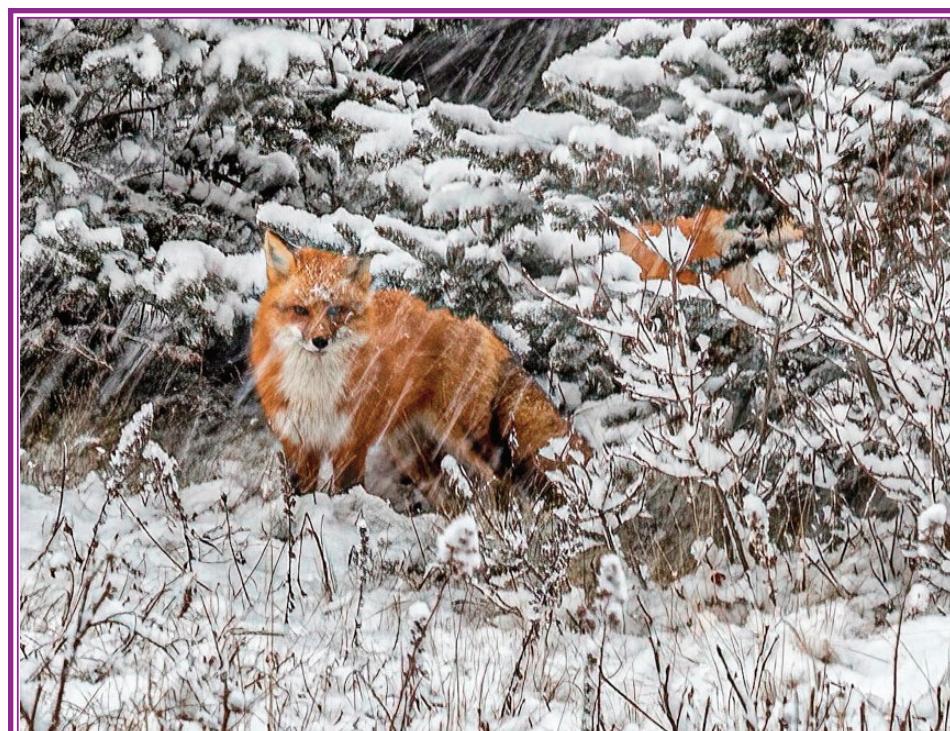
Council approved a request from the Cumberland Museum Society to re-allocate grant funds due to the impact of the current pandemic. The museum society will use the funds previously allocated for an anniversary celebration to needed repairs on roofs and doors of their outbuildings.

At the January 22nd committee of the whole, council discussed a request from the Cliffs of Fundy for an advance of \$25,000 in funding. The Municipalities of Cumberland and Colchester have been supporters and have contributed with a yearly financial grant since 2018. Council approved the advance in funding and requested a comprehensive business plan from the Cliffs of Fundy as part of their 2022/23 grant application.

Staff explained their work plan for the municipality to review the requirements for both small- and large-scale wind development permits. This project was started at the December 22, 2021, council meeting where an amendment was added to the land use bylaw to include section 5.1.23 which allowed for a six-month period to pause and review wind development permits within the land use bylaw.

Mayor Scott declared February to be African Heritage Month in the Municipality of Cumberland. The 2022 African Heritage Month theme for

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Two foxes frolicking in the snow. One out front and the other partially hidden in the branches. This photo is part of a PHOTO FEATURE seen on page 2 of this South Cumberland News. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Landscape Photographer)

Shake Siding Off The House

By Maurice Rees

In two letters to the editor on page 4 of this issue, James Warren, Parrsboro, outlines suffering he is receiving as a result of a variety of noises which he has traced to power lines. Warren claims, the noises vary from a guitar hum; sounds similar to a bee's nest and loud shrieks to the point he is unable to sleep. It can happen anytime of day or night, but is more pronounced anytime after 10:30 pm.

Warren's information was confirmed by long-time friend and retired electrician David Read, Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro as well as a retired NSPC lineman, who said he has heard about Warren's problems. The lineman, retired for nearly 30 years, related a similar situation of excessive noise and vibrations in Economy Mountain over 30 years ago.

As a follow up on Warren's claim, the South Cumberland News contacted a previous NSPC lineman, who retired nearly 30 years ago. The lineman, who is not identified in this story, but was mentioned in Warren's letters, recalled that decades ago, at the Chester McBurnie property in Economy Mountain, the noise and vibrations were so bad one would think they were going shake the siding off the house. McBurnie had complained about the discomfort for ages, and it got so bad, he considered moving away from the property.

A crew of NSPC linemen, approximately 30 years ago, were able to solve the problem, after discovering the line was too tight. Once the line was slackened the problem was solved and McBurnie did not move. The retired lineman said he has heard about Warren's problem, but he has been "out of it" for so long he is not sure what can be done, or efforts undertaken to rectify.

Warren's letters detail the extensive efforts he has undertaken, from calling NSPC - several times - calling 211, local politicians, and 911, but to no avail. After one call to 911, he said within an hour a female RCMP constable showed up and threatened him with charges for criminal offence. Warren claims she even suggested he call is doctor.

Warren said constant checking and investigation permitted him to find the source of the distractions being transmitted were the power lines. Many months of checking it was about a year ago he realized the source, but has not been able to pin down the cause.

Mr Warren, in his letter, mentions David A. Read, an electrician on Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro has similar noise at his property. When contacted by this reporter, Read says he and Warren have been close friends for most of their lives. At one point he said "James and I have sat outside at my place and were able to hear the noise,

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