

## Winter Carnival planned for February 14-18

By Maurice Rees

Planning is underway for the 1st annual Fundy Shore Winter Carnival, February 14-18, which would involve community groups from Great Village to Parrsboro and perhaps other areas in Cumberland South. The initiative is being organized from staff and community leaders in Cumberland and Colchester.

The organizing committee will strive to get as many community groups involved with a variety of winter-based activities.

Although the schedule has not been concluded a quick rundown of what is being planned includes: Focus on involving as many communities along the Fundy shore as possible; Chili cook-off in local communities, leading to one large cook-off among the winners of each; Snowmen in as many communities as possible (like "pumpkin people"); All snowmen should be wearing scarves - tying in the winter

and warmth theme; "Knitting Bombs" in many local areas where scarves can be made for snowmen and Lots of focus on play and getting people outdoors and active.

An email campaign will be conducted to reach as many community groups as possible encouraging their participation and asking them to promote the event in their local communities. It was noted in Parrsboro there are 120 elementary and 140 high school students. Along the shore school students in Bass River, and Great Village will be contacted to increase activities and participation. The goal of the carnival is to connect communities and to get people physically active.

Other groups to be contacted are those who regularly host: Open Mics; bingo, snowmobilers, community halls, senior's groups, fire departments, fitness & exercise organizations. More structured organizations will be encouraged to be part of the

festive weekend include: ADDA, WCCDA, Parrsboro Creative, Museums and Libraries.

The planning group which held its first meeting at the Lion's Den, Parrsboro December 3rd included: Don Fletcher, Cumberland Councillor for District 10, plus Kristen Willigar, Colleen Dowe, Taylor Redmond, Vicki Weaver, John Brownlie, and Terri Ashley. Four additional representatives from Cumberland unable to attend included Lynne Langille, Barb Aris, David Howe and Stephanie Moreau.

Craig Burgess, Director Parks and Recreation was the sole representative from Colchester, when Councillor Tom Taggart was unable to attend. Reaching out to area schools will be an important part of the planning process.

The group selected February 14-18th as appropriate dates because it encompasses Valentine's Day, February 14th, Flag Day, Feb

15th and Family day, Feb 18th.

To give community groups an idea of what activities might be possible, the group developed a list of suggestions: walking groups, washer toss, show shoeing, snow show clinics, figure skating, chili cook-off, chowder cook-off, learn to sledge, sliding / tobogganing, show maze with snow blowers creating the maze, community built snowmen, geocaching, a snow dig with canisters containing prizes and ringette, plus a lot more fun activities.

Community groups who would like to participate or get more information should contact Recreation Departments in Cumberland and Colchester. Cumberland groups should contact Vicki Weaver, Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator at Phone 902-667-6367 or [vweaver@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:vweaver@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca) Colchester groups should contact: Craig Burgess, Director Recreation Services at 902-897-3181, or [cburgess@colchester.ca](mailto:cburgess@colchester.ca)

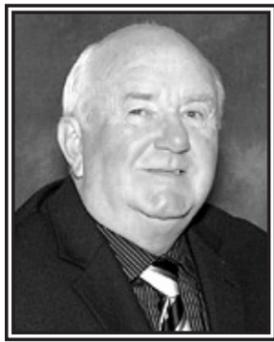
## Cumberland Studies Chapter 2 – Wheeler Report

By Don Fletcher

Cumberland Council began its meeting on November 28th at 5 pm in camera with 3 items covered. Public council session began at 6 with a presentation to John Parsons, staff member in recognition of his contribution to the safety culture of the municipality.

A presentation followed on an upcoming 12 hour fun run on January 5th from 6pm until 6am, in Fraserville. Staff gave us a presentation on our municipal physical activity plan. Very well presented and more to follow at the next council meeting in December.

Motion was approved for demolition of two dangerous



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and unsightly premises. A short discussion was held on the program and services review followed with special council sessions allotted for discussion on December 2.

Next on the agenda was

discussion of Chapter 2 of the Wheeler Report on hydraulic fracturing, the potential oil and gas resource base in Nova Scotia. The physical geology does recognize resource potential, however limited exploration has been done to date. The chapter also had a number of outstanding questions before beginning any work.

A request for interest on back taxes was refused by motion. A tax collection report showed a reduction of over 1 million dollars from last year revealing we are moving in the right direction. Three grant requests were approved.

A new board member for

sunset was approved by motion. A motion to approve the CAO to enter into a lease agreement for the former town hall in Springhill was approved. No parking on the Main Street in Springhill during the Christmas parade was discussed and will be posted prior to the parade.

Information items included a letter from the Municipality of Shelburne to Municipal Affairs requesting a central fire dispatch for all fire depts. Breathing Green Solutions have been approved for selling medical marijuana from their facility in Wentworth; a letter from Parrsboro Aboiteau Restoration Committee and public libraries.

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## Additions to Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Society

By Don Fletcher

Cumberland Municipal Council began its December 12th meeting with an in-camera session commencing at 5pm by covering three items. A nomination committee meeting followed where councillors decided which committees they wanted to be part of. Except for a couple of changes we all will remain on same committees. Citizens will be asked to participate on a committee for Cobequid Housing Authority.

Two Councillors were added to the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Society and one councillor added to the

Communications and Public Relations Strategy. We began public council with the second part of our recreation and physical activity strategy, which is evolving as very well produced and all inclusive plan for all residents. Later we approved the strategy by motion.

A motion approving the designation of Pugwash Groundwater Recharge area was approved. Chapter 3 of the Wheeler Report on hydraulic fracturing was discussed. This chapter built on the analysis of potential unconventional gas and oil resources discussed in chap-

ter 2 and sets out 4 plausible scenarios.

They range from zero development through maximum development which would contain 5 basins successfully developed for gas and one for oil. Costs and opportunities in Nova Scotia as well as an explanation of the steps that would be involved in development are also covered.

Costs and benefits to the industry are covered and include an overview of community risk factors costs and possible benefits and provincial royalties. Our staff member provided a good explana-

tion that we can understand.

A motion to discontinue our annual funding program was approved. Those who received the annual grant in the past will now be able to apply under the regional grant process. This is all due to budget restraints. A position was reclassified to meet industry standards.

Information items included Cliffs of Fundy Geopark update; project facilitator report; Cumberland REMO planning committee report; IT status update and NSFM final resolutions and board report. Question: Do you volunteer? Call your councillor.

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## Santa to Visit December 20<sup>TH</sup>

Santa will be making a special visit to the Parrsboro Fire Hall on Thursday, December 20th from 6-7 pm. He's heard about the "wing night" fundraiser to help staff of the Glooscap Restaurant who lost their jobs as a result of the fire which destroyed the restaurant on December 11th. He indicated he wanted to spend time with the children, and for those who want their picture taken, he wants to do it by the statue of Glooscap, which was saved from restaurant. All proceeds will be donated to the fundraising initiative.

## Notes from Joggins Fossil Institute

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After the conference, the remaining fossil kits were distributed to schools across the province. The fossils, all from the Joggins beach, were collected over many years by Mr. Don Reid ONS, the Keeper of the Cliffs, and were the remainder of his collection which had been left in his home after his death.

The Atlantic Geoscience Society procured the fossils after being approached by Dr. John Calder, Senior Geologist with Energy and Mines Nova

Scotia. In preparation for the teachers' conference the fossils were assembled into 75 school kits by volunteers organized by the AGS Education Committee. Each kit contains fossil specimens, a copy of "The Joggins Fossil Cliffs: Coal Age Galapagos" by Dr. Calder and information on Mr. Reid, the Special Places Act and the Cliffs' UNESCO designation. They are yet another example of Mr. Reid's continuing legacy and gifts to Nova Scotia and beyond.

## "The Hall" Reports

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the exterior in its historic colour; a complete steel roof; an addition to the front entrance making it so much easier to enter the building; the hall is accessible for all, hearing assistance devices, a drop down screen, new sound system, and lighting; complete painting on the inside; creation of a sound booth; new flooring in kitchen and green room, installation of a new kitchen.

There are so many other smaller projects I cannot list them. Most of the smaller projects were done by our wonderful volunteers. When projects are talked about at

board meetings, serious consideration is given on the best way we can use the money you have donated. Your donations and support at events make all this happen.

We will be in the midst of our yearly membership campaign in early January. Want to be a part of a vibrant organization, why not become a member. Go to our website at [www.thehall.ca](http://www.thehall.ca) and click on become a member. You can sign up there or we will have membership forms at all our functions.

On behalf of the Parrsboro Band Association I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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