

Diligent River Service



Pictured above are four people who were involved in Remembrance Day services on November 4th (L-R): Al Couture, Legion Member conducted the service; Eric McCully, represented the community of Diligent River; Arthur Yorke, president Royal Canadian Legion, #45, Parrsboro; and Ruth Graham-Couture, represented the Municipality of Cumberland. (Gale Boland Photo)

By Gale Boland

Diligent River always remembers on November 11th. With many community members involved with Legion Branch #45, Parrsboro, Diligent River holds its service on the Sunday prior to the 11th. This year due to inclement weather the service was held inside at Diligent River Baptist Church on November 4th. Organized by Gale Boland and conducted by Al Couture, President Branch # 45.

The following wreaths in memory of fallen comrades were laid inside the church: Royal Canadian Legion, #45 placed by Al Couture; Community of Diligent River by Eric McCully; Government of Canada by Legion President, Arthur Yorke; Province of Nova Scotia by Eric McCully and Municipality of /Cumberland by Legion member, Ruth Couture.

Wreaths placed in memory of deceased veterans were as follows: Clifford Allen by Ronnie Allen; Clayton Graham by Robert Graham; Harris Graham by Harriet McWhirter; Richard & Derrick Lamb by Nancy McPhee; William Manuge by Legion President, Arthur Yorke; Duncan and Max MacLeod by Eric McCully; Garnet McLellan by Ruth Ann Trefry; Alex Salter and son, Robert by Eric Himelman; Alex & Robert Salter and Everett Himelman by Eric Himelman; Leo Tibbetts by Kristin Hill; Austin, Carson and Hubert Yorke by Leoda Varner; and Basil & Lorway Yorke by Earl Trefry.

The following wreaths were placed by family members at the Diligent River War Memorial on November 11th in memory of Ronald Boland; Kenneth Colpitts; Ronald Smith.



A draped flag adorned the front of the Diligent River Baptist Church for Remembrance Day service on November 4th. (Gale Boland Photo)

Big Moon Canada Testing Going Well

By Maurice Rees

Even though Cape Sharp Tidal would report 2018 as a disaster, Big Moon Canada is report a more positive note. The Halifax-based company reports they had a very active and extremely successful summer. Big Moon successfully deployed and operated its full Kinetic Keel system in the area permitted by the Nova Scotia Government.

The Department of Energy announced in April it had issued two "marine renewable energy" permits to Big Moon Power for testing of their prototypes - the initial permit to begin testing a small 100-kilo-

watt prototype, and a second to increase the system's size to a maximum of five-megawatts.

The work lasted about six weeks and produced electricity that was sent to a load bank instead of the grid because NS Power to do line upgrades at Scot's Bay that will allow tidal energy generated from the testing to be uploaded to the NS grid.

The company will continue testing its Kinetic Keel, a concept created by founder Lunn Blodgett, which harnesses energy with a two-part system. A land-based shed houses a drum and high modulus

rope - a material seven times stronger than steel - attached to an underwater keel which ebbs and flows with the tidal current.

The rope loosens and contracts during high and low tides, meaning the two-way energy production is constantly producing energy. The system has also so far proven to have no negative impacts on the ocean environment.

Big Moon operated in a different way. Prior to applying for the necessary permits they consulted with the local fishing community, the public and those who might be affected. Once it had developed a level of trust it proceeded with permit application.

Jamie MacNeil, Country

Manager, Big Moon Canada says the company insists local residents, the fishing, First Nations and academia communities are all included in each step. "We think the result of that has been very positive, and also demonstrated our willingness to work with and include everyone," said MacLean.

Not only does the company want consultation to continue, but when the project moves to the commercial states, as the test phases continue and the final project is doled out within the next five years, there are other opportunities. "If it can be built here, if it can be employed here, if it can be spent here, it's going to be spent here," he said.

Closures at South Cumberland CEC

By Maurice Rees

Temporary Closures of South Cumberland CEC Emergency Department continue to plague the community. Cumberland South MLA Tory Rushton has vowed to rigorously work to see the number of closures reduced and eventually eliminated.

Nova Scotia Health Authority advised the public the emergency department will be closed Friday, December 21 and Saturday December 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

These closures followed an

announcement of closure on Sunday, December 16 and Monday, December 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. All four closures were necessitated because no physician coverage is available.

Those experiencing a medical emergency should always call 911. General health concerns can also be directed to HealthLink 811 where advice and information are available around the clock by simply dialing 811. The Mental Health Crisis Line operates 24/7 at 1-888-429-8167.

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