

# PHOTO FEATURE

Santa visited the Hall, Parrsboro for the enjoy of young and old alike. Presented here is a collage of photos by David Towns.



"I don't want to visit Santa".



The rainstorm on December 10th did a lot of damage to some areas, especially Halifax. In Parrsboro area I used a meter stick to see how high the waters rise is Newville Lake and the truss yard at Harrisons. As a result of my unofficial testing, this image shows the highest I have seen the water rise unto their property. It was my personal way to determine just how much fell. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Nine families Moving to Oxford

Population of the Oxford area will increase by nine families, which includes 14 adults and 16 children, as it uses the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program to bolster a labour shortage for its workforce at its Oxford plant. The families who will start arriving in January 2020 will emigrate from Vietnam and South Korea.

As we have reported earlier since 2009 Oxford Frozen Foods has assisted its employees that are first-time home owners living in the Oxford's school catchment area with 20 per cent of the cost of home purchases through interest-free loans over 10 years of up to a maximum of \$20,000.

More than 60 people have

taken advantage of this program including two of the Syrian families who moved to the community.

With a labour shortage in many sectors, the Atlantic Immigration Program has been used by several companies in the region to solve labour shortages.

## Tidal Permit Issued for Petite Passage

The Department of Energy and Mines has issued a marine renewable energy permit to Nova Innovation CAN Ltd. for a tidal electricity project at Petite Passage on Digby Neck. This five-year permit is renewable if the company meets performance standards, environmental requirements and community engagement conditions.

Quick Facts about tidal power: Nova Scotia is a leader in fighting climate change setting the most ambitious emission reduction targets in the country; the project will be

up to 1.5 megawatts and electricity generated will be sold to Nova Scotia Power for 50 cents per kilowatt hour.

Additional information: <https://energy.novascotia.ca/renewables/marine-renewable-energy/permits>

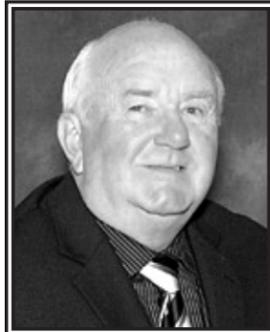
## Possible Amendments to Land Use By-Law

By Don Fletcher

We began council November 27th at 5 pm in camera with 7 items covered. Public council began at 6. This month we met 5 times dealing with council size and boundary review. We will now send a report to the UARB to consider a council of 8 councillor's, a mayor and 8 districts. If all is approved we will be district 8 after the next municipal election. This was the first item on our agenda.

Next we had a discussion on our September financial statements. To date finances are trending towards a small surplus at year end. We approved first reading of an amendment to the land use bylaw to rezone three properties: 11 Brook Road, Port Greville, which if approved would allow for RV park and camping site; rezone 13394 Hwy 4, Wentworth for a dairy bar and drive thru coffee shop and rezone 3145 Malagash Road to allow a shed to be moved. Public meetings will be held in January for the Port Greville and Wentworth rezoning applications.

Four grant requests were approved. Committee nominations for 2020 were deferred to December meeting. We approved a motion to



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apply for funds for Physicians Recruitment and Retention. This involves Amherst and Oxford as well as Cumberland. A letter will be sent to the province asking for a committee to be struck to develop a Standard operating procedure(SOP) for an operational plan for road closure on the Tantramar Marsh.

Information items in our package included a report on the recent Municipal Alcohol symposium; the northern region solid waste resource committee report; a thank you letter for a recent grant and a fact sheet on gold mining and the environment.

Question: Have you considered running for council, Or? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

South Cumberland NEWS



Small country market, selling many local items, made in Parrsboro and surrounding area including: Knitted Sweaters and Mittens, Home Baking, Christmas Wreaths and Home Decor items, Scenty Products, Purses, Jewelry and Penny Candy.

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