



People come back every year to see the decorations at the Nicoll house on Willow Street. This week even the moon cooperated by rising over the display. We do it for the pleasure of the many who make a point of coming by. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)



Installation of the solar panels by Doctor Solar on one portion of the roof of the Hall, Parrsboro is almost complete. Electricity generated will serve an additional 12 homes, plus meet the halls requirements. (Submitted)

McCulloch Raises \$103,000 to Fund Solar Project

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Once the money in place, Doctor Solar, who had won the installation contract was quickly on site and completed the installation before the end of November. The panels are reported to be working as designed and power started being loaded onto the NSP grid, and will do so for 20 years or more.

The Hall on King Street provides numerous community events, provides movies twice a month and was the main venue for the recent Parrsboro Film Festival. Over the years, the Hall has become an iconic facility, not only for local residents, but also attracting patrons from Moncton, Amherst, and along the Bay of Fundy shore

towards Truro.

McCulloch wants to expand, MCC Energy Strategies is always searching for similar jobs hoping the usage of solar throughout the province will continue to increase and incentive programs will continue to be made available.

Family Movies Begin in January

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is pleased to announce the popular Family Movies will return on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2 pm. The Greatest Showman will be the movie. Price will \$2 each. The

canteen will be open to purchase snacks. Get there early to get a good seat and order your snacks as the movie will start at 2 pm.

So round up your family and friends and head to the hall January 26 for the first

great family movie of 2020. If you are interested in becoming a member or renewing your membership can be done on-line at www.the-hall.ca or paper membership forms are available at all functions at the hall.

Solar Panels a First for Parrsboro

By Patricia Burke

It was a momentous afternoon recently at The Hall when the Band Association marked, ceremonially it is true, the installation of the Solar Panels, a first for the Parrsboro area. While many might have wondered why the occasion was being marked when the Solar Panels had not made it to the roof, the plan marking the occasion had been put together much earlier to recognize and acknowledge the efforts of those who had worked so hard for over two years to put this project together.

However what was not anticipated when the planning moved ahead were a couple of hiccups and of course, the uncooperative weather.

Doctor Solar moved ahead as quickly, and as safely as weather permitted once the final administrative hurdles had been overcome and as fate would have it, with all the preliminary set up work completed, the company arrived and those attending were able to witness first hand the installation of the first panels. They returned again on Sunday and hoped to finish putting in place the last of the 104 individual panels, completing the installation phase.

This was a joyous occasion as the project was one of only 18 in the province approved in 2017 and is one of the few which have actually moved forward to completion. Aspirations of many of the groups were positive but the difficulty of putting financing in place has proved daunting for many of the approved projects.

However, through the efforts and diligent work of Bruce McCulloch and Johannes



Another section gets covered with solar panels from Doctor Solar. (D Towns Photo)

Hiesberger, Treasurer of the Association, investors were located and with a substantial investment by the Band Association itself, the project moved ahead.

This \$107,000 project will, over the next 20 years and beyond, be providing approximately enough power (41, 113 kWh) to the grid to power a dozen or so Nova Scotia residences as well as the energy needs of The Hall.

MLA Tory Rushton was on hand to help recognize the significance of this achievement, having spoken of it from the floor of the house in the previous week and presented Chairman Rob Bentley with a certificate of recognition for this remarkable achievement. Rob spoke briefly of the long history of the Board's desire to move forward in some way to make the activities of The Hall more "green" and its commitment to this goal over the years which is now coming very visibly to fruition. The dedication of the Board to its goals is remarkable and has culminated in this remarkable achievement.

Bruce McCulloch also spoke briefly of the efforts of the Board to achieve this objective and of the need for participation by more groups such as the Band Association all over the province to help with the reduction of carbon emissions by reducing reliance on coal fired electricity generating stations. He also spoke of how this entire programme has to be staged carefully to permit the introduction of this 'green' energy to the Nova Scotia power grid in a sustainable manner and that the methodology of the Association could be used as a model for other groups wishing to participate in the programme.

The 'formal' presentations concluded with Rob Bentley inviting Bruce McCulloch to throw the ceremonial switch, after assuring him that doing so would not be shocking to those working installing the panels, which lit up an, of course, green light.

Once the final panels are in place the entire array will be connected to the Nova Scotia power grid.



Perched high on the roof, installation technicians working on behalf of Doctor Solar prepare the roof area on The Hall, Parrsboro to be covered in solar panels. (Submitted)



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