

# OBITUARIES

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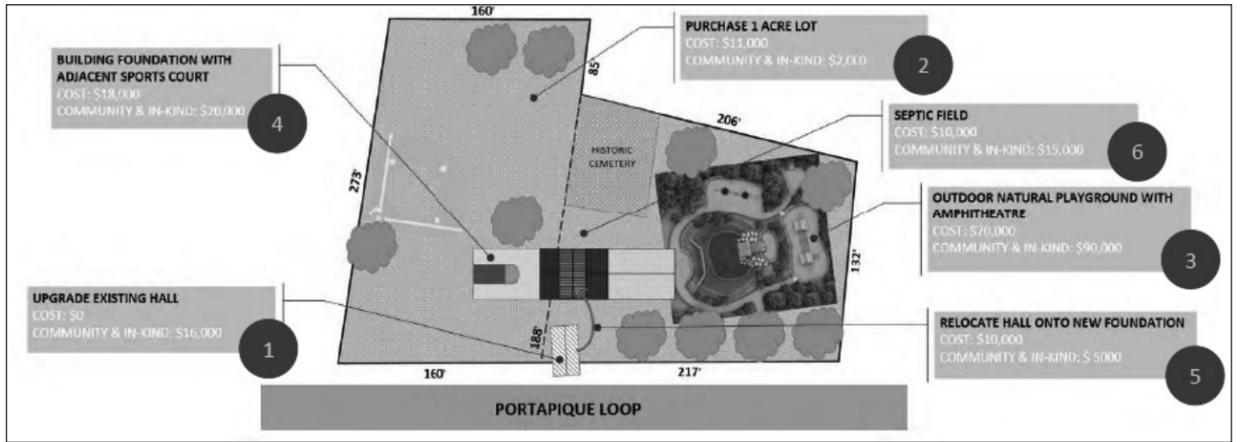
**PULSIFER**, Reginald Estess "Reggie", - 60, Onslow Mountain, passed away peacefully, with loving family at his side, on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Vernon and Barbara (Hanes) Pulsifer. Reggie is survived by his siblings, Carolyn (Jim) Nelson, Brookfield; Bobby Pulsifer (Debbie Burris), Hilden; Brenda (Bob) McCoul, Five Houses; Joan (Paul) Clough, Onslow Mountain; Debbie Glazebrook, St. Stephen's, NB; David (Annmarie) Pulsifer, McCallum Settlement; Rose (Mike) Nolan, Bible Hill; Wade (Laurie) Pulsifer, Stewiacke; Bonnie Pulsifer (Dave Skinner), Truro; Wendy (Steve) Bonin, Valley; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Cheryl Thompson; brother-in-law, Blake Glazebrook. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Interment was held in Bible Hill Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BONNELL**, William Roy "Billy" - 56, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, November 23, 2020, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was the youngest son of the late Laurie and Shirley (Beal) Bonnell. Billy is survived by his greatest source of pride, his son, Jason Bonnell, East Mountain; partner, Cathy Connolly, Bible Hill; siblings, Christina Bonnell (Darren Harrison), East Mountain; Fred (Anne Marie) Bonnell, Edmonton, Alberta; Frank (Janice) Bonnell, Harmony Ridge; John (Caren) Bonnell, Bible Hill; Dick Bonnell, Truro; Laurie (Danette) Bonnell, Bible Hill; Susan (Hallie) Hamilton, Middle Stewiacke; Leah (Steve) Beirnes, Edmonton, Alberta; Mary (Matthew) Teed, Masstown; uncle, Toby Beal, Five Islands; several nieces, nephews and cousins, most notably Alice Steadman of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held on Friday, November 27, 2020, The Reverend Lori Ramsey officiated. Interment at a later date in Terrace Hill Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**SMITH**, Jason Savage "Jagger" - 27, Central Onslow, passed away Monday, November 30, 2020. Jason was always smiling and was loved by all for his shining light. Growing up in Debert, Jason cherished the time that he spent in Ontario with family. Jason is survived by his parents, Sharron Smith, Truro; Steven Smith, Central Onslow; Winnie Lewis, Debert; sister, Jessica Smith (Jeremy), Truro; grandmothers, Marlene Charron, Toronto; Margo Miller, Debert; great uncle, Albert (Bonnie) Johnson, Middleton; aunts, Laura (David) Bordin, Toronto; Chrissy (Shaun) Brnjas-Selose, Uxbridge, ON; Michelle Smith (Doug Curry), Salmon River; Sheryl (Darren) Brooks, Truro; Diane Williams Adams, Calgary, AB; Laura (Burnie) Curran, Terrance, BC; Tanya (Andrew) Houlihan, Sackville; uncles, John (Rose) Smith, Spanish, ON; John (Maureen) Johnson, Truro; Roy Johnson, Toronto; cousins, Kelsey, Mathew and Jamie Smith; Jade and Jordan Selose; Jordan Croucher and Jacob Nelson; many other dear cousins; nephew, Harlen MacDonald who Jason always enjoyed the pure joy of being a kid again with. Jason had a close childhood bond with Scott, Gary, Douglas and Harlen Cameron. Jason's laughter and compassion will be missed by a wide circle of friends and family. Jason was predeceased by his Grammie, Beryl (Aylward) Johnson; Pap, George Johnson; Grandfathers, Albert Smith; Russell Smith. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held on Monday, December 7, 2020, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Interment was held in Camden Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BOYD**, Frederick J. 'Fred' - Age 65, of Parrsboro passed away suddenly on Monday, November 30, 2020 at home. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Jack B. and Elsie (Glenwright) Boyd. Fred had just recently retired from Cross Roads Coop after 43 years. He enjoyed all the years there talking with old and new friends. Fred received a camera for his retirement and renewed his love of photography. Family was important to Fred he always enjoyed when we would gather for one event or another. Also in the last number of years discovered his love for cooking always looking for new recipes to try. Fred is survived by a sister, Susan Greene (Craig), Amherst; a brother, Jack (Carolyn), Parrsboro; nieces, Jillian Webber (Brian), Halifax; Dr. Jacqueline Boyd (Dr. Paul Bajor), Airdrie, Alberta; a nephew, Jarrett Greene, Amherst; great niece, Julia Bajor; great-nephew, Liam Bajor. A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 1 pm at the Parrsboro United Cemetery, Pastor David Forbes officiating. All are welcome! Covid-19 precautionary measures will be necessary (physical distancing and masks required). Memorial donations may be made to Autism Nova Scotia (Cumberland Branch). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. For online condolences, please visit [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

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## Riverside Hall Subject of \$582,000 Repurposing

*By Maurice Rees*

A renovated and expanded Riverside Community Hall, Portapique is about to receive a \$582,000 repurposing. The Rotary Club of Truro is undertaking a major project to help serve the needed of the Portapique area residents, by proposing to transform the community hall into an appropriate venue. A presentation by the Rotary Club was made to Colchester Council on December 1st.

The initiative is not for the faint of heart. Total projected cost is \$582,000, with estimated direct costs of \$329,000, supported by \$253,000 from "in-kind" and community support. To-date over 300 hours of community labour, support has been forthcoming. The process to develop a plan and anticipated outcomes began with 1-on-1 consultations with residents identified by Trustees of the Community Hall.

During this stage, a clear vision was set: making the existing Community Hall fully accessible, and expanding the current building so it may be rented for events like meetings, weddings, or dances were

the key goals. Also, the addition of a proper outside play area for the community's children was determined to be of great importance.

Throughout June and July, Rotarians Andrew MacDonald, a resident of Portapique, and Matthew Berrigan engaged in discussions with community members in an effort to understand how the Rotary Club could help, what they would like to see in the area and what opportunities existed. On July 8, committee members met with 12 of the Portapique residents who were asked their opinions about the development of services within the Community Hall, their satisfaction with services, and what particular services are needed.

At a BBQ at the Community Hall on August 11, the Rotary Cares committee rolled out their plan to the community stakeholders, which was met with great enthusiasm, and offers of assistance. A launch event in late September saw about 25 people get together to clean up tree branches from

the yard, and pull three layers of wood paneling from the walls inside.

A second community day with 30 present was held on November 1; insulation and vapour barrier were installed in the existing hall, property clean-up continued and further discussions were held as to the future of the hall. The old stove was removed and a heat pump installed, and the electric panel upgraded

from 60 to 100 amps.

A third clean up day was held November 22, during which the new drywall was installed, signage was installed at the end of the road, and a donated piano was collected from Truro and brought to the hall.

Throughout the process, the goal of community sessions was to relay the ideas from the 1-on-1 consultations and engage new residents on additional ideas. A program outline and budget projections were developed. The community build up, plus budget, included: Purchase 1 acre lot \$13,000; Upgrade existing hall 16,000; Playground w/ theatre 160,000; Foundation/sports court 38,000; Exposed Beam renovation 60,000; Relocate Hall 15,000; Septic Field 25,000; Pavilion 75,000; 1200 ft Expansion 90,000; Kitchen upgrade 50,000 and Washrooms/amenities 40,000.

Because of infrastructure defects, it is proposed to relocate the existing building onto a new foundation and then construct a 1,200 sq ft expansion. A commercial grade kitchen to facilitate any requirements for various events.

Program funding estimates are listed as: Private Donation for land \$10,000; Province of NS 50,000; applications and discussions are in progress for Gov't/Other Partners 170,000; Community Fdn of NS 20,000; BBBS donation 5,000; Rotary Club donations 25,600; additional Rotary Club donations \$24,400 and Fundraisers/Public gifts 24,000.

The Rotary Club of Truro has partnered with the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to receive donations from individuals through the "We Rise Again Fund" with a stated project goal of \$500,000.



Portapique's Riverside Community Hall

Prospect research, cultivating prospects and identifying potential sources of gifts in kind is ongoing. The Rotary Club is working with Rural Roots Engineering, Debert on the building renovations and building addition. Cobequid Consulting, Economy is detailing the playground area.

The proposed exterior design includes: Because the existing hall extends over the property line, and the foundation needs to be replaced, the recommendation is to lay a new foundation and move the existing building into the center of the addition. The club has received verbal commitment from Irving Equipment to move the building. There have been conversations with the Home Hardware Distribution Centre and the Home Building Centre in Truro regarding providing supplies for the build.

Between in-kind donations of supplies, and community members doing much of the manual labour, the Rotary Club is confident they will be able to

achieve projected in-kind goals.

In Kind and Community contributions totaling \$253,000 include: Upgrade Existing Hall, \$16,000 and 180 hours free labour; Purchase 1 Acre Lot, \$2,000, plus five hours; Outdoor Natural Playground w/Amphitheatre, \$90,000 and 105 hour; Foundation with Adjacent Sports Court, \$20,000; Timberhart Exposed Beam Renovation, \$40,000; Relocate Hall into New Position, \$5,000; Septic Field, \$15,000; 1200sqft Building Expansion, \$45,000, plus 16 hours and Washrooms & Amenities, \$20,000. A total of 306 hours from volunteers has been donated to date.



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