

A wonderful Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 3. Many have expressed thanks to the Parrsboro Lions Club and the MANY floats that entered. Fire departments from Joggins, Southampton, FPW, Cumberland and Parrsboro took part, many well decorated. Ships Company table sold wonderful Hot Chocolate as a fund raiser for them. A great crowd and the children danced, waved and yelled their appreciation. After the Parade Santa met with them at THE HALL which pleased many youngsters! (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)



The Parrsboro Lions float in the parade brings Santa to Parrsboro, then he is off to the Hall to meet with the young and old.



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Field Generator Contractors wished everyone a Merry Christmas by entering a float in the parade.



Kids always enjoy a parade, whether watching or riding on a float.

Support for Community Generators, Rink Repairs

The Province is helping community organizations purchase generators and supporting much-needed repairs at rural arenas with \$4-million for the Community Generator Program, introduced in September after hurricane Fiona, bringing the fund's total for 2022-23 to \$6 million. Applications for the program closed in November, and applicants will be contacted in the coming weeks.

"We saw during hurricane Fiona that community centres play a critical role in providing comfort, warmth and safety in a storm," said Pat Dunn, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism

and Heritage. "We want to make sure that centres across the province are equipped to support their communities. The demand for the new generator fund was high, and we've increased funding to meet the demand."

Another \$500,000 will support repairs at three community rinks: \$370,000 to replace the ice plant at the Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena in Thorburn, Pictou County; \$100,000 to help replace the ice chiller at the Shelburne County Arena and \$33,500 for emergency repairs at the Parrsboro Lions Arena and Community Centre.

Strengthening Asset Management in Nova Scotia

The Government of Canada, along with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), announced an investment of \$348,460 in seven Nova Scotia communities. This funding will help them make data-driven decisions about key infrastructure and ensure long-term infrastructure performance.

The Municipality of the District of East Hants is receiving \$50,000 to assess current capacity of a water treatment plant and a wastewater treatment plant and compare that capacity to fu-

ture treatment requirements. It will also collect asset management data for computer modeling of existing water, wastewater, and stormwater systems to determine asset needs.

The Town of Stellarton is receiving \$49,950 to complete an inventory of its major assets including linear assets, buildings and structures and fleet, and develop a comprehensive asset management program document that will assist in operationalizing asset management in the municipality.

Seasons to behold

(This is nature's way)

*Nature has a way with us
It's beauty we behold
The splendor of the winter
The harshness of the cold
Some prefer the summer warmth
Others love the snow
Leaves that change their colors
Watching flowers grow*

This is nature's way

Frosty early winter mornings

*The sparkle of the ice
A quiet walk through the forest
Can be very nice
Moments with our world around us
All of us do share
From the smallest creature
To the mighty bear*

This is nature's way

Take the time to look around

*A breath of forest air
Hold a moment of your life
Tell the earth you care
Keep this thought a lifetime
Hold to that rule
We have but one world
Life's most precious jewel!*

This is nature's way

*God bless and thank-you
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Mayor Scott's Christmas Message

December 2022

To the residents of Cumberland County.



Murray Scott

As we head into the Christmas Season I want to thank the many organizations, churches, and community groups who are working very hard to help make this time of year easier for many individuals and families. I would like to encourage all residents to support the many efforts that are underway to provide food, fuel, and Christmas gifts to those in need.

After two years of Covid and then being struck with a hurricane which has left devastating effects on our area we look to the close of 2022 and towards 2023 with optimism.

On behalf of our council, staff, and my family I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Murray Scott
Mayor of the Municipality of Cumberland County

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We invite you to attend one of the upcoming Community Healthcare Conversations in your area.

Springhill
Thursday, December 8
Dr. Carson & Marion Murray
Community Centre
6 Main Street
7:00 - 9:00 pm

To learn more and register, visit
NovaScotia.ca/HealthConvos

The tour has been scheduled so all three officials can be part of each community conversation. However, there may be times when unforeseen circumstances mean one of them cannot attend.

