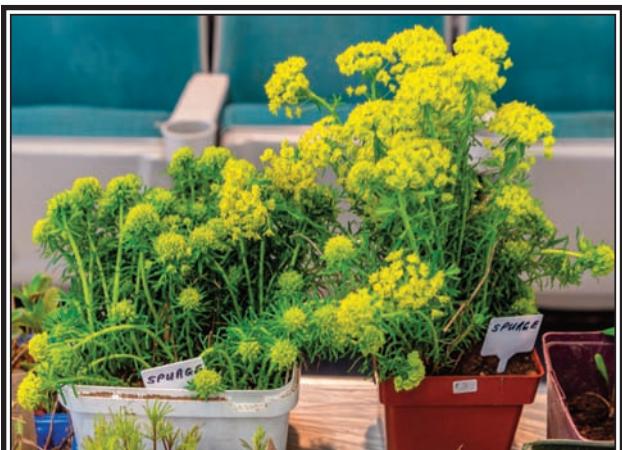




The Hall had another very successful Annual Plant / Book and Bake Sale on June 1st. Generous citizens donate the plants, while volunteers gather and prepare the plants for sale. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Two nice containers of spurge adorned this table at the June 1 fund raiser plant sale at the Hall, Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Tables are full and hundreds of plants waiting for new owners at the annual plant sale at the hall, Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Greater Windsor Concert Band Coming to Parrsboro

By Patricia Burke

The Greater Windsor Concert Band from Windsor, Ontario are coming to Parrsboro on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 for a concert at The Hall on King Street at 8 pm. This band is a not-for-profit group of amateur musicians from all walks of life dedicated to

bringing concert band music into the community and providing a place for adult musicians to practice their craft.

Concerts showcase all genres including standard and modern wind ensemble repertoire, stage and movie medleys, jazz, gospel, classical, children's music and marches.

## Train #4 Returns to Parrsboro

By Lawrence R Nicoll

This morning train #4 suddenly appeared through the morning mist. In my mind I could see the smoke and wheels spinning as her light cut through the fog. A wonderful sight which constantly stops tourists to take photos.

The original train No. 4 ran for what became the Cumberland Rail & Coal Company Line which opened July 1st, 1877. After Kerwin Davison saw the locomotive at Magnetic Hill in NB 15 years ago, he decided he would love to build his own. The first is on Molaga Lake on a peninsula with no roads in, placed there by barge. The second resides in Paradise, NS. Both are powered by diesel engines.

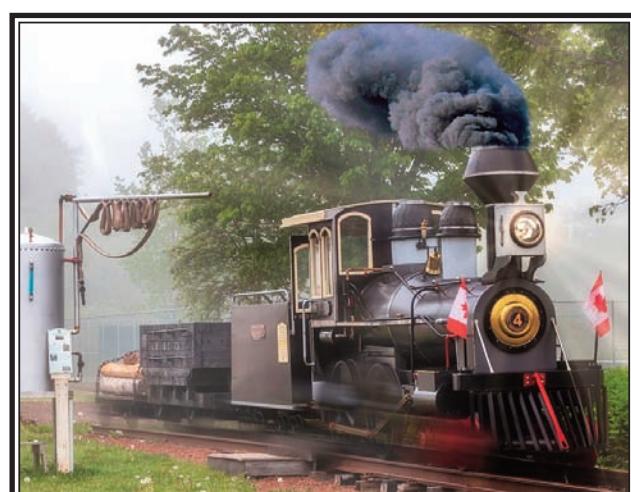
The third build is a 1/3 scale authentic replica of Engine No. 4. It was started 6 years ago and completed in a year. Davison donated it to the Ottawa House, once the summer home of Sir Charles Tupper who gave the home its name. It was deemed better to locate the engine on the property of what was our town hall, both across from the Davison home and in full view from all who drive through Parrsboro either from Truro or Amherst.

It also acts as an Ambassador for the Ottawa House with the display directing visitors to the Historical Society's primary attraction, the Ottawa House.

Kerwin's wife, Anne is related to Charles Tupper so it is fitting that a model of the engine that existed during his life find a home where he once lived. The line once ran through about 2 kms of the Davison farm property where it often whistled 2 long, one short and one long which was a salute to the Queen. In Parrsboro many of my family and others were allowed to climb aboard engine 52 while it shuttled to build up steam, once ready the



An early morning layer of fog covered the Harbour and Clarke Head. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Kerwin Davison built the replica of Train # 4, six years ago and donated it to Ottawa House, however it was decided to locate it next to the town hall and band shelter enabling it to be an icon for tourists visiting Parrsboro. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

whistle was blown to tell all to jump off !

The train to Parrsboro carried lumber, freight, mail, passengers and limestone as well as coal. A special train was often used to take the children on a Sunday School Picnic. The Miner's Annual Picnic saw the miners and their families travel from Springhill to Parrsboro.

Sadly, June 4th 1958 was the final run for the steam train and the rail line



Peaceful, serene and lots of driftwood greet this couple waling on beach at Spicers Cove. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



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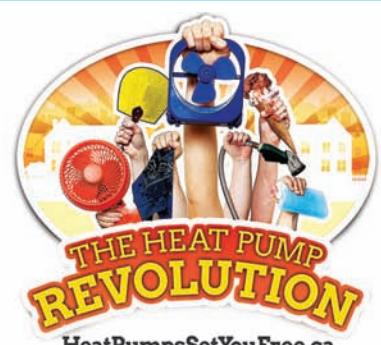
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