



Parrsboro

During this time of year both the tourists and locals are able to enjoy the weather and the area, and that includes the pets !! (Photos by Lawrence R Nicoll)



**Cliff of Fundy Column:  
School bells silent, summer  
is before us**

The monthly "Cliffs Geopark Column" continues with this issue. The three collaborating authors: Tim Fedak, David Piper, and Caleb Grant are the "Geoscientists of the Geopark who can be reached at: geoscience@fundygeopark.ca

The school bells have fallen silent, the backpacks are thrown in the back of the closet, and that familiar, wide-open summer season is stretching out before us. For parents and kids

alike, June brings a collective exhale. But as the initial excitement of sleeping in wears off, the inevitable question pops up: "What are we doing today?"

Luckily, we live right on the doorstep of a world-class playground that doesn't require a screen or a plane ticket. The Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark spans 165 kilometers of our local coastline, packed with over 30 distinct geosites that tell the story of separating continents, ancient cultures, and the highest tides on Earth.

If you are looking to disconnect from the daily grind and connect as a family over the next two months, the Geopark is perfect for self-guided day trips. Before you lace up your sneakers, head

over to the official Cliffs of Fundy website (fundy-geopark.ca). It serves as your ultimate digital guidebook, featuring a detailed map of all 40 sites, safety information, and the fascinating history behind each location so you can plan your route from the comfort of the kitchen table.

Here are a couple of fantastic, self-guided trips to get you started this summer.

**Marvel at Volcanic History at Cape d'Or**

For an unforgettable coastal view, take a family drive out to the Cape d'Or Coastal Park. Here, you can stand above dramatic, towering, cliffs made of 200 million year old volcanic rock called basalt. And if you time your visit to a couple of hours before high tide, a short but steep walk down to the lighthouse area offers a spectacular view of the "Dory Rips," where the massive Fundy tides collide, creating a roaring, churning display of natural power. It's a great spot to sit with an ice cream or a picnic lunch and talk about the fiery volcanic history that shaped our coastline.

**Walk the Ocean Floor at Five Islands**

If the kids have energy to burn, head over to Five Islands Lighthouse Park. It features a fantastic playground and picnic area framed by some of the most dramatic coastal views in the province.

Keep a close eye on the local tide charts on the Geopark website and plan your visit for

the three hours before low tide. As the tide empties out, the ocean floor becomes an expansive canvas for exploration. It is the perfect spot for kids to explore the sprawling mudflats, watch for scurrying shore crabs, and look out at the magnificence of the Five Islands from the ocean floor. Just be sure to head back to dry land as soon as the tide turns.

Leave No Trace & Stay Safe: The Bay of Fundy is as fragile as it is powerful. Always respect the Geopark code of conduct by leaving all rocks, fossils, and plants exactly where you find them for others to enjoy. Because these world-record tides change rapidly, always double-check the daily tide schedules on the Geopark website before stepping onto any beach.

If it happens to be raining, you can visit the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro, to learn about Canada's oldest dinosaurs and see beautiful rocks and minerals found within the Geopark. There is always something interesting to see at the Museum. Be sure to check out their weekend beach tours to the dinosaur fossil site.

Summer is short, but the memories made exploring our rugged, rocky backyard will last long after the kids head back to school in September. Pack some extra sunscreen, a wind jacket, and a pair of old sneakers that you don't mind getting muddy, and go explore responsibly!

## Ministers Meet to Discuss Social Services, Poverty Reduction

Atlantic Ministers Responsible for Social Services met in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on June 23 and 24, 2026, for a meeting hosted by Minister Barb Ramsay. The meeting was an opportunity for ministers to advance shared priorities, exchange leading practices, share experiences, and strengthen regional collaboration on key social policy priorities impacting Atlantic Canadians.

Ministers focused on key challenges and emerging issues affecting the region, including affordability and poverty reduction, enhancing disability supports and accessibility, increasing workforce participation among benefit recipients, improving outcomes for vulnerable children and youth, and strengthening the recruitment and retention of foster families and social services workers. Ministers emphasized the importance of coordinated evidence-informed approaches to these priorities. They agreed to continue exploring opportunities to align policy approaches, share data and outcomes, and lever-

age regional innovation to improve service delivery and results.

Ministers also highlighted the tangible benefits of Atlantic collaboration. For example, building on discussions at the 2025 meeting of Atlantic Ministers, Prince Edward Island adopted the In Motion & Momentum program as a result of engagement with New Brunswick Minister Cindy Miles. The program is now successfully operating in PEI and has graduated two cohorts, supporting participants to address barriers to employment and transition into the workforce. This example underscores how regional cooperation can accelerate the adoption of effective solutions across jurisdictions.

By working together, Atlantic provinces will continue to build on each other's experience and innovation to advance inclusive, responsive, and effective social services for individuals, families, and communities across the region. Ministers agreed to continue dialogue and collaboration ahead of their next meeting.

## Heart of Health: Vivian MacLeod marks 50 years of service

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ment, communicable disease control and general daily operations. She retired briefly in March 2016, but colleagues convinced her to return when there was a job opening.

Her institutional memory proved vital and she felt a sense of belonging with Public Health. "I had the knowledge base and walked right back into my job," she recalls.

"I've always worked with kind, compassionate people. That helped solidify the passion I have for the work," she explains.

Vivian loves the communicable disease tasks, in particular. "It never gets

old because there's always something new to learn."

Meanwhile, Vivian's greatest personal joys are her four children and six grandchildren, some of whom tease her a bit about the upcoming milestone of five decades in the healthcare field.

"They say, 'Who cares?'," she says, adding, with a chuckle, "and I say, 'Well, I do.'"

**We want to learn and share your stories. Whether you've had a defining moment that reaffirmed your purpose or want to recognize a colleague who embodies the heart of health, share your story with us. Email: keith1.corcoran@nshealth.ca**

## OBITUARIES

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**MacNEIL,** Rosalie Anne (Chapman) - November 24, 1940 ~ June 24, 2026 - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Rosalie MacNeil of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born in Halifax on November 24, 1940, she was the beloved daughter of the late John and Katherine Chapman. Rosalie was the proud and devoted mother of Daniel, Deborah, Jamie and John. She cherished her role as grandmother to many grandchildren and great grandchildren, who brought her endless joy and pride. In addition to her parents, Rosalie was predeceased by the love of her life, her husband, Malcolm and her brother, John. Along with her children, she is survived by her sisters, Mary and Helen. Rosalie and Malcolm shared a lifelong passion for horses and horse racing, creating countless cherished memories together through their shared love of the track and the beautiful animals they admired. Their life together was filled with warmth, adventure and deep companionship. Rosalie lived a life grounded in faith, family and gratitude. She often spoke of counting all blessings from God. Rosalie will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace, reunited with her beloved Malcolm. A visitation was held Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm until time of service at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Father Gregory Nduka officiating. Interment at a later date.



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**No Scheduled meetings for July**

**Presentations Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 4 @ 6pm

**Council Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, August 13 @ 6pm

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