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Cape Sharp Tidal Turbine to Arrive Mid-June

By Maurice Rees

As Aecon Atlantic nears completion of construction of the first of two tidal turbines for its client, Cape Sharp Tidal, it now switches to focusing on loading the turbine onto the Scotia Tide barge, for

departure the first week of June. Because it's too large to go through the Canso Causeway, the barge with its turbine payload will go up around Cape Breton down the Atlantic Shore around Yarmouth into the Bay of

Fundy. The journey is expected to take two weeks, then it will be installed at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) near Parrsboro.

Installing on the ocean floor is expected to occur

near the end of June.

Cape Sharp Tidal, formed in November 2014, is a joint venture between Tidal Technology Group, OpenHydro, a SCNS company and its Canadian partner, Emera Inc.

The Scotia Tide, a catamaran-style 650 tonne barge was also built at Pictou Shipyard, with the purpose of transporting the two turbines from the Pictou yard to the FORCE site near Parrsboro.

In the fall of 2015, Cape Sharp also installed more than 300 metres of power and fibre optic data cable for the project. Using what they called an "interconnection hub. It was connected to the subsea cable installed by the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy.

The whole system was placed back on the sea floor, where the cables will remain until Cape Sharp Tidal installs its two two-megawatt turbines this year.



A 650 tonne crane is used to place the center of the turbine into the outer shell at the Pictou Shipyard, Pictou. The outside diameter is 16 meters (52.5 feet), while the inside holding the blades is 14 meters (45.9 feet). (Darren Pittman/Images East Photo)

Large White Whale Sighted in Bay of Fundy

By Maurice Rees

Minas Passage has been determined to be the critical winter habitat for striped bass in the Bay of Fundy. Acoustic studies have been conducted on the FORCE site. It has been determined the Minas Passage has a very high percentage of striped bass all year. The study suggests the cold water and weather affects their ability to avoid. The study has been given to DFO, but being the weekend we were unable to determine DFO's plans regarding the study.

Porter's weir is located approximately 20-25 KM from FORCE's test site. Porter says he can see the site from his weir. The study revealed the deepness of the water, turbulence of the tides created higher than normal amounts of oxygen which helped them survive during a semi-conscious state, during the winter months.

During our research and contacting industry people, we also learned a group of professors at Acadia University independently conducted a study, which determined, it there were 100 turbines in the water within six months there would be a 95% mortality rate. This study has also been filed with DFO.

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2016

Starting April 30th, each Saturday the Parrsboro Naturalist Club is doing an activity each Saturday in Parrsboro...the first one was at the Fundy Geological Museum - learning about frogs, salamanders and their eggs - talk was done by John Brownlee.

Every Sunday enjoy Concerts in the Park - Starts at 7 pm

The Parrsboro Band Association will hold their Annual Plant and Bake Sale on Sat. June 4, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m. There will be tables for rent for \$10 each. To reserve one call Lori at 254-3196 or Nancy at 254-3598 before June 2, 2016. Donations of plants and baking would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on Friday evening between 6:30 and 8 pm.

June will see 2 great concerts at the hall in Parrsboro. On Sat. June 4, 2016, Joan Kennedy will return to give yet another amazing concert. This is Joan's third time back to the hall and you are guaranteed to enjoy this concert. On Sat. June 11, 2016 Parrsboro's own, Ryan Willigar will come back to his home town to give a concert. Ryan Willigar is well known as a Parrsboro born son of Linda and Myles Willigar. Come out and support one of our own. For all the information about these 2 great concerts go to www.thehall.ca. Ryans concert rounds off to a very successful spring concert series. Keep watching our website for the Fall Concert Series announcements.

The Fundy Shore Auto Club will be hosting their annual show n'shine on July 30 & 31, 2016. It will be held at the Lions Club Arena.

Three area students were among twenty seven Grade 11 students from across the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) received the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal in recognition of their academic performance, leadership and service to their school and community in ceremonies held on May 19th. The Lieutenant Governor's Education Medals are awarded annually to one male student and one female student in Grade 11 from every high school. Students are nominated by their school based on academic performance and qualities of leadership and service demonstrated in their school and community.

The 2016 Medal recipients from area high schools included:

Advocate District School – Jordan William Lawrence MacGillivray: Jordan is an outstanding member of the school community at Advocate District School. He is actively involved in all training, as Level I Fire Fighter, and volunteers in all community events sponsored by the Department.

Parrsboro Regional High School – Austin Laurie Trevor Ellis: Austin is a high achieving student who maintains honours with distinction and a natural

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Successful Launch to Cultural Campus 2016

By Robert More

Parrsboro Creative has launched its second season of Creative Workshops, and is pleased to announce there has been a tremendous response to this year's Cultural Campus program.

The May workshop in Stone Carving with Heather Lawson had a full roster. The June classes in Abstract Composition & Colour, with Halifax artist Monika Wright, were sold out within weeks, and a second class was added in September which sold in two days. Joy Laking's course in Watercolour (August 6) is almost booked, and the Ukulele sessions with internationally renowned musical wizard James Hill (Aug 16 -18) have been so popular that five spots have been added to the course.

"We have an impressive array of creative possibilities for our 2016 season," says Michael Fuller, Chair of Parrsboro Creative, "with courses in music, painting,

blacksmithing, stone carving, writing, basketry, pottery, scientific illustrations, and drama. The classes are of the highest quality; the instructors are all talented artists; and the whole program is tailored to appeal to a wide range of people and to attract all levels of expertise, the beginner and the experienced, the hobbyist and the professional alike. And this approach certainly seems to be working."

Fuller goes on to say: "Not only are we getting a

very enthusiastic response from the Atlantic provinces, but we've also got people coming in from New York and Florida and even had enquiries from California."

Following on the success of the Stone Carving course (May 21st & May 22nd), the next Cultural Campus adventure is The Art of Mi'kmaw Basketry on Saturday June 11, led by award-winning artist Sandra Racine, whose work has quickly gained a reputation

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If you thought you might be interested in taking up stone carving, there is nothing like getting a close up view of what you would be doing. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

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