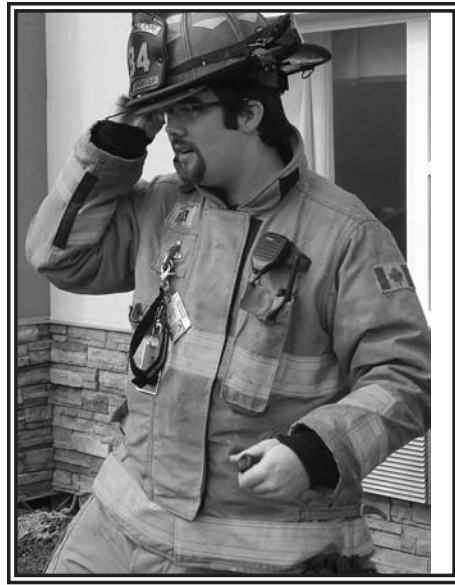


## Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia Semi-Annual Meeting and Vehicle Extraction Exercises



Aaron Crossman, Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade gearing up to assist with the Code 4 demonstration at the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia semi-annual meeting in Truro. (Rees Photo)



Salmon River's John Hanlon gets ready to participate in the Code 4 demonstration at the FSANS conference held at the Holiday Inn, Truro. (Rees Photo)



With all the equipment in place this car will soon look much different after a demo on how to remove victims from a vehicle following an accident. (Rees Photo)



Showing firefighters how to lift the dash to remove a victim from the passenger seat. (Rees Photo)

## UCW's Donate \$24,828 to M&S Fund

By Christine Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally was held on May 9 2017 at Knox United in Brookfield. 85 ladies were present. We were, as always, made very welcome and there were lots of goodies to enjoy prior to our meetings starting up for the day.

The first guest speaker, Corp. Marc Rose of the Bible Hill RCMP Detachment, spoke to us about scams and ways to prevent being scammed. He reminded us that no reputable organization will ask for money - your credit card - over the phone! Be careful what you post on face book - often this information is used to scam you. Some groups infiltrate your computer and take over things, like your photos, and demand money to release them back to you. Therefore ALWAYS back up your files so that you can't be forced to do this!

The next guest speaker Rev. Valerie Kingsbury of First United Church in Truro spoke to us about the Hospice Society. She has been involved in Palliative Care work for 21 years. Our Colchester East Hants Hospice Society was started in 2004 and they now have a building on Queen Street. We have the world's best Hospice Society! Their "Food From The Heart" program supports over 40 families a year (often groceries are at the bottom of the necessity list when you are sick!) There is no government funding for this group. All their services are free!

Next guest speakers - Chantal Bishop and

Becky Langille from Mental Health - Healthy Ageing and Safe Living said that 1000 people in Nova Scotia turn 65 each month! We each need a Power of Attorney, Personal Directive and a Will. They spoke of eating, sleeping, and exercising and many related topics for seniors' physical and mental health.

The UCW's in Truro Presbyterial gave \$24,828.00 to M&S! (Mission & Service Fund that helps out those in need throughout the world). The Truro Presbyterial UCW Fall Rally will be held on Tuesday October 10th at Brunswick St. United Church, Truro.



Dr Tim Fedak, curator, Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro giving an update presentation on development of the "Cliffs of Fundy" GeoPark initiative. The meeting was held at the Economy Recreation Centre on May 16th. Many local landowners voiced opposition to the project fearing loss of land-use. (Rees Photo)

## Geo Park Faces Opposition

By Maurice Rees

Several landowners in the Economy area voiced objection to the possibility of a Geo Park for the Bay of Fundy Shore from Advocate to Economy at a public meeting held on April 16th. Fearing loss of land rights and remembering restrictions which would have been placed on what people could do with their property from a previous UNESCO initiative several years ago formed the basis of their complaints.

Interaction between attendees got testy and started to distract from the meeting until Dr John Calder assisted Tim Fedak, Director/Curator, Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro in asking those attending to listen to the presentation then ask questions.

Councillor Tom Taggart, who has been appointed by the municipality to the steering committee, said that initially, based on a previous UNESCO initiative, he had reservations about the current proposal, until Dr. Calder and Anita MacLellan made a pres-

entation to council.

A previous initiative was abandoned when it became evident UNESCO biosphere restrictions on what a land owner could do with their property was unacceptable to the community. Councillor Taggart said the previous initiative has left a bad taste with local people and he would not support such actions, but if as presented to council there would not be any land use restrictions he could be supportive.

Dr Calder explained that although the Geopark Global Network is billed as a UNESCO umbrella, it is not a UNESCO initiative and restrictions which normally apply to other UNESCO projects, does not apply in the case of the global GeoPark network.

Upon questioning by Councillor Taggart, Dr Calder confirmed if a project proceeds its accreditation could be rescinded every four years should the community find it was not working for them. Even with the explanations

and assurances, several landowners were not convinced.

One blueberry farmer stated that he has had nothing but problems. With the road leading to the falls in bad shape, people veer off and drive through his fields; others have pitched tents and started bond fires which destroys the land forever. He also said that a major problem is people stopping to trespass and pick blueberries on a regular basis.

Fedak and Calder assured the landowners, there would be no restrictions on land use, and they would be willing to work with landowners to discourage trespassing and illegal picking.

Calder suggested perhaps it might be possible to improve the economy by having "U-Pick" areas, where people would pay to pick berries.

Taggart stated he might be sticking his neck out, but he is willing to work with the committee with an open mind, but if it appears land-use restrictions would be implemented, or it would not be good for the area he'd recommend council to withdraw its support.

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