



In 2015, a high tide combined with an onshore wind brought the ocean within one centimeter of the top of the CN rail line. The Governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the Government of Canada announced a \$750,000 agreement to share in the cost of an engineering study to determine how to address this transportation issue. (Submitted)

# Protecting the Chignecto Isthmus Trade Corridor

By Maurice Rees

I 2015 when high tides and strong winds brought Bay of Fundy waters within one centimeter of the top of the railway bed across the Tantramar Marsh people business owners, politicians and residents became concerned what might happen when climate change progresses.

On May 14th Bill Casey, MP announced the Government of Canada would contribute \$350,000 towards a \$750,000 fund to explore ways to mitigate any damage or interruption to the only trade corridor, which connects Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador to the rest of Canada. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and CN Rail are contributing to and participating in the study.

Climate change, specifically rising sea levels and storm surges, pose a risk to the critical infrastructure within the Isthmus, including the Trans-Canada Highway, Canadian National rail line, electricity transmission lines and agricul-

tural dikes. The study will involve a comprehensive engineering assessment of existing infrastructure, consultation with stakeholders, and options to protect and sustain the Chignecto Isthmus Trade Corridor. The Chignecto Isthmus is an economically important transportation corridor that carries an estimated \$50 million per day in trade.

In his monthly column printed elsewhere in this issue (page 5-6) Casey says, "Nova Scotia is the only province which has only one main highway in and out of the province; one rail line in and out of the province; one pipeline and one power line in and out of the province. If the rail line is breached, the Trans Canada Highway will be washed out as well, leaving Nova Scotia with no highway or rail line to provide supplies like fuel and food".

He continues, "If the rail line is breached, the Port of Halifax will be paralyzed. Most of the 480,000 containers un-

loaded and loaded in Halifax would be trapped on the dock. The 230,000 new cars unloaded at the Dartmouth Auto Port would also be caught in Halifax. It wouldn't take long before the Port of Halifax was forced to be shut down without this rail transportation link".

"Newfoundland would be seriously impacted, because the Chignecto Isthmus is also the main transportation link between the Province and the rest of North America", he concluded.



Thanks to Karen Casey, MLA, fire departments from Five Islands, Economy and Bass River will not have to drive so far to get fuel for their vehicles and equipment. Casey delivered a \$12,000 cheque to install new fuel tanks in each of the communities for each department. All smiles and appreciating Casey's efforts are (L-R): Alfred Grue, Bass River Chief; Eric Moore, Economy Fire Department; Geoff McLaughlin, Economy Chief and Darrell Spence, Five Islands Chief and Karen Casey, MLA. (Submitted)

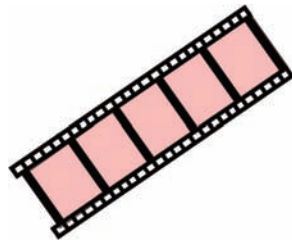
## Film Production Announced

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) announced a newly approved production through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive for The TV series, Pure Season 2.

Produced by Pure Season 2 Inc. a funding commitment of \$2,412,692 has been ap-

proved based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$7,539,662.

**More details about productions approved for incentives through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund are available at <http://www.nsbi.ca/filmfunding>**



## More Disabilities Day Programs

Four organizations in Cumberland and Colchester Counties have been awarded \$123,332 in a new program to provide additional day programs for Nova Scotians suffering with disabilities.

Nova Scotians with disabilities will benefit from more day programming activities that build skills and provide more opportunities for recreation in their communities as part of government's commitment to accessibility. Premier Stephen McNeil announced on May 16 thirty four organizations received grants up to \$50,000 to increase recreation, employment and day programming for Nova Scotians with disabilities.

"Building a stronger Nova Scotia where everyone can grow and succeed means helping people with disabilities live active lives as part of their communities," said Premier McNeil. "Our service delivery partners are passionate about removing barriers for the people they serve and these projects will help them expand the excellent services they offer."

Day programs and activities that promote inclusion in communities include volunteerism, recreation and leisure and skill-building. There are also programs that get people involved in social enterprise and employment activities,

such as job preparation and development and job coaching.

In December 2017, adult service centres, residential providers, and other community service providers applied for one-time grants to develop or expand adult day programs for Nova Scotians with disabilities.

The grants total \$1.2 million. The service providers are using the funding in a variety of ways to add capacity and activities such as events, gardening, laser engraving, catering and evening programs.

The following organizations in Cumberland and Colchester Counties who have been awarded funding for new programs include: Sunset Residential and Rehabilitation Services, Cumberland - \$50,000 for a social enterprise pilot; Bridge Adult Service Centre, Cumberland - \$16,700 for a room divider and equipment; Colchester Residential Services Society (CRSS), Colchester - \$22,174.34 for summer employment and

Colchester Community Workshop, Colchester - \$34,457.91 for evening program.

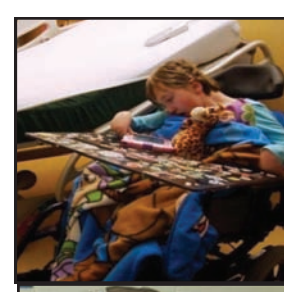
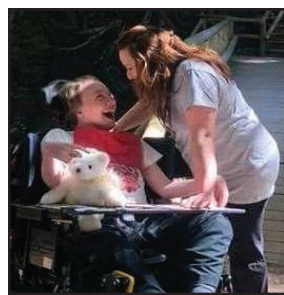
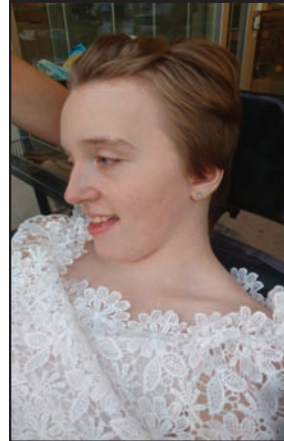
**To learn about the Disability Support Program, visit <http://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities>. A list of organizations receiving grants can be found at <http://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/>**

## Jenny Needs Help

Jenny Lewis is a 15 year old CCJHS student who lives in North River with her single parent mom, Susan Lewis, who works full time at the Truro Mall.

Jenny suffers from Cerebral Palsy and is non-verbal. A wheel chair accessible van is needed so Jenny's mother can take her to appointments and drives. Currently they have to hire a "wheelchair accessible" taxi. The Shoreline Journal is spearheading fundraising to get a van. (Nearly new one costs approximately \$30,000.) We need your help to:

- Raise as much money as possible.
- Trust Acct # (335) 68561-206 set up at Community Credit Union.
- E-transfer donations to: [dhm@wilsons.ca](mailto:dhm@wilsons.ca) / or Deposit at branch.
- We will do it with your help. Spread the word. Please help today.
- CCJHS students have a goal of raising \$1,500. Let's help the students by raising enough to get the van by June 15th before school ends.



As of May 25th, donations & commitments total \$3,900. Account trustees: Doug MacInnes, Sale Mgr Wilson's Home Heat & Maurice Rees, Publisher. E-transfer: [dhm@wilsons.ca](mailto:dhm@wilsons.ca). Deposit at any credit union: (335) 68561-206 Info: Maurice Rees, Publisher, The Shoreline Journal: 902-647-2968; [maurice@theshorelinejournal.com](mailto:maurice@theshorelinejournal.com)