

PHOTO FEATURE AGE OF SAIL



The Crimson Knot Pirates which will at the Age of Sail Heritage Museum, 11am -3pm on June 2nd. When they invade the Age of Sail, visitors will enjoy watching sword play and black powder displays. (Submitted)



Roger Moore and museum curator, Oralee O'Byrne took a moment for picture taking with the diorama display. Roger Moore spend many hours handcrafting the display model. (Submitted)



Roger Moore spent many hours meticulously handcrafting this display. To see the work, visit the Age of Sail Museum, Port Greville. (Submitted)



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Cumberland County Genealogy Society

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

At the meeting held May 15th at the Amherst Police Conference Room those in

attendance from the Cumberland County Genealogy Society were delighted with a presentation

by Sharon Gould and David Milner on the work of the Minudie Heritage Association. The history and efforts to

maintain the St Denis Church, Amos Seaman School Museum and the Amos Thomas Seaman House and other historic properties, along with a brief history of the Important personages of the area was well received and fascinating to hear.

CCGS has a large reference library located at 16 Church Street, across from the downtown Tim Hortons and is open for research on Thursday, Friday - Sunday. Call 902-661-7278 for further information.



Sharon Gould is shown during a presentation to the Cumberland County Genealogy Society of the work being done by the Minudie Heritage Association. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

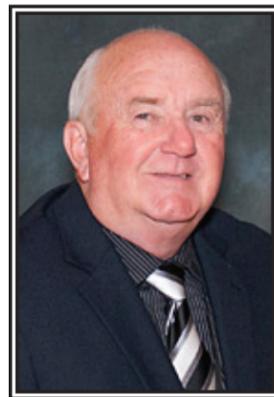
Fletcher Reports on May 2ND Meeting

By Donald Fletcher

We began council last evening May 2nd at 5 pm in camera with 1 item covered. We started budget discussions as we had some time and then started public council with an update on the Cliffs of Fundy Airing Geopark A decision should be made very soon regarding selection to go forward this year for Canada. Only 2 sites will be selected.

Council and residents hope we are No 1 on the selection list. A lot of effort has gone into this proposal. Fingers crossed!

Next we adopted our employee recognition policy and approved the repeal of all former personnel related policies of the former towns of Springhill and Parrsboro. The multi-year capital plan policy and the tax reduction and



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exemption policy were also approved by motion. One grant request was approved.

A discussion on a water line to senior's residents in Parrsboro followed with a decision to send a letter to the housing authority asking

them to hook up to the new water line recently installed as the residents are having issues with the quality of water.

The RFP for Glooscap Campground electrical and water service was approved. Information items included Cumberland Public Library report; UNSM-infrastructure Canada bi-lateral agreement report; UNSM press release on concerns with Cannabis legislation and Learn to Lead Workshop series update. Other information items included: tourism strategic planning committee update; first meeting next week; volunteer recognition planning committee information; UNSM board report and initiatives report. The week of May 7-13 was proclaimed as Mental Health Week. This was followed by 2 plus hours of

budget discussion with a follow up meeting planned for next Wednesday, May 10th. Many tough decisions regarding grants to organizations, district grants, council and staff expenses, professional services, transfer stations, IT services/devices and sponsorships are all items considered for reduction. With all of these reductions taxes will still have to be raised as we have to balance the budget.

A 1 cent increase in property taxes results in approximately \$147,000 with 5 cents resulting in revenues of \$735,000. At the end of discussion we were short approximately \$2million. Next week will be very interesting.

Question: Are you following the Cumberland south by-election? Call your councillor. **Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

Fletcher Reports on May 16TH Meeting

By Donald Fletcher

We began council May 16th meeting at 5:30 with budget meeting times. We will met three times over the next week with final budget scheduled for Thursday 24th where tax rates will be set and tax bills start to be issued.

We approved our tax reduction and exemption policy. We had a discussion on the 12 month notice letter received from municipal affairs, a yearly occurrence. They are mandated to provide 12 months notice of any

provincial legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could affect expenditures of municipalities. Items in the letter included land use planning and minimum standards, equalization grants, water quality under environment, cannabis, intergovernmental affairs, natural resources and housing.

Next was the notice of proposed deregistration of a property as a provincial heritage property, the lamp cabin in Springhill (not tavern). This building is unsafe and must be

demolished to mitigate risk to public safety.

A short discussion was held regarding meals on council days. Council will pay going forward. The meals are a good way to get together prior to formal council. A short discussion on tax collection and the large tax sale recently posted for June. Its a two day sale.

We finished with a presentation on the proposed outdoor recreation and multi-sport complex master plan. A multi year plan, when com-

pleted, would let us hold provincial sport competitions as well as different competitions for many sports. This all falls in line with an active lifestyle and includes all ages. Information items included mental health week proclamation May 7-13, GOVRC workshop association letter and the Cumberland municipal alcohol project committee minutes.

Question: are you ready for your tax bills? Call your councillor. **Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.**



Joggins Fossil Festival

Saturday July 7th, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Joggins Fossil Centre
100 Main Street, Joggins

Minudie Day

Sunday July 8th, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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