

# 2018 Joggins Fossil Festival

The Joggins Fossil Institute celebrates the Joggins Fossils Cliffs' 10-year anniversary as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Joggins Fossil Institute is pleased

to mark this special anniversary with a number of events throughout the year and, in particular, on Saturday, July 7, 2018, with a fossil festival.

## Schedule for the Joggins Fossil Festival

All events, unless noted, take place at the Joggins Fossil Centre.

### Saturday, July 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

9:00 am

Opening remarks — Dr. John Calder, Department of Natural Resources, Province of Nova Scotia  
Blessing of the Cliffs — Emile Gautreau and Louise Goodwin

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Local vendors sell their wares;  
Historical and genealogical societies on hand at information booths  
Tables of fossil displays from provincial collections;  
Storytelling, games, and face painting for the children;  
Elizabeth Copeland, 2018 ArtScape Artist-in-Residence

10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Exclusive Behind the Scenes Collection Tours — Dr. Melissa Grey, Curator of Science, Joggins Fossil Institute  
Space is limited so register early at [info@jogginsfossilcliffs.net](mailto:info@jogginsfossilcliffs.net)  
There is a \$10/person charge — pay when you arrive at the Centre.

6:00 pm

Public anniversary reception at Joggins Fossil Centre — Everyone welcome



The Joggins Fossil Institute has new platform and aluminum stairway to the Cliffs. Constructed in April and May, this more stable infrastructure will, hopefully, stand up to the winter weather served up by the tides, wind and ice of the Cumberland basin. Municipality of the County of Cumberland made the stairway possible. (Submitted)

### Sunday July 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Minudie Day in Minudie, Nova Scotia - "Meet Me in Minudie"

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BBQ/strawberry short cake  
Yard sales  
Live music  
50/50 draw  
Tours of Amos Seaman School Museum, St. Denis Church and King Seaman Church  
Antique cars and tractors etc.  
Information tables  
Much more

Contact Sharon Gould 902-667-3923 for more information



Harbour View Restaurant opened for the season on April 21st. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



My choice Seniors Fish Bits and Chips, plus a strawberry milkshake. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Emergency Preparedness in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department in cooperation with the Municipality of Cumberland and Nova Scotia EMO (Emergency Management Office) recently held a 72 Hour Emergency Preparedness program located at the Wentworth Learning Centre. The program identified how to be prepared in case of an emergency, what to do if trapped in our homes for 72 hours, and how the Wentworth Comfort Centre works.

Mike Johnson, EMO Coordinator for Cumberland County, had the full attention of the people attending the program. Born in New Brunswick, he attended Police Academy 1979, began policing career in Moncton 1979, and moved to the RCMP in 1981 being stationed in Depot Division. Over the next 29 years he transferred to a few detachments in British Columbia and Nova Scotia with a year's secondment to the Atlantic Police Academy where he managed the Police Science Program.

He retired from the RCMP 2010 in Amherst volunteering for the Red Cross as Personal Disaster Assistant and began his

present employment with the County of Cumberland as the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator four years ago.

Barbara Palmer, Councillor for District 6 in Cumberland County, gave me her report: "The Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department. Along with Mike Johnson, she provided information on preparing for a disaster and the importance of the first 72 hours. He spoke on how the first respondents evaluate a situation and what plans to put in place to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

The first 72 hours are very critical in any disaster. He explained what emergency situation services are available; how information is relayed to the affected residents and how being prepared can be beneficial to not only yourself but to the emergency response teams. All the community members who attended, now have the knowledge to prepare an emergency kit of their own.

Some of Mike Johnson's interesting details include: know the risks; make a plan; buy an emergency kit and a vehicle emergency kit. In addition to earthquakes, blizzards,

fires, and tornadoes, there are power outages and industrial or transportation accidents.

Know what hazards are likely to affect your community; have an emergency calculator; make a household plan; learn about First Aid; make copies of important documents; identify safe places if there is a need to evacuate; know evacuation routes; know what items to take with you on an evacuation notice; know about school and workplace emergency plans; have a plan for pets and service animals.

Other guidelines: let others know your special needs as regards medication and medical history; know the general neighbourhood safety plan; know contact information of emergency numbers; update emergency plans for necessary evacuation; replace food and water once a year in an emergency kit; stay informed by radio or other forms of communication. When ordered to evacuate, call or e-mail a contact outside the area to tell them where you are going and when you expect to arrive.

At the end of his speech, Johnson answered many questions in an



Mike Johnson, EMO Coordinator for Cumberland County, gave a presentation about how to handle emergency disasters and problems to an interested crowd at the Wentworth Learning Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

expert and enthusiastic manner. Coffee and tea were available, but people still paid attention to his every word. This event was a needed information session thanks to the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department, the Municipality of Cumberland, the Nova Scotia EMO, Mike Johnson (EMO Coordinator for Cumberland County), Barbara Palmer (attending Councillor for District 6 in Cumberland County), and the Learning Centre for providing the location.

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