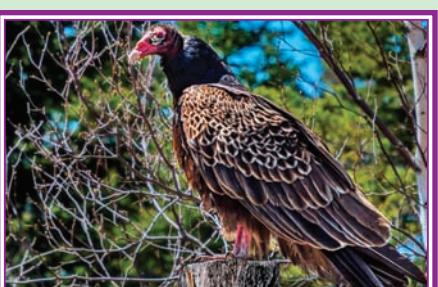


PHOTO FEATURE

Spring in Parrsboro has sprung and the usual gang returns (or comes out of hiding) to pose for my camera. It seems there are less songbirds than when I grew up, but still many to see. The little Bufflehead ducks stayed until May 14th, week which is unusually late. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photos)



Common Merganser - Newville Lake



Turkey Vulture



Blue Heron



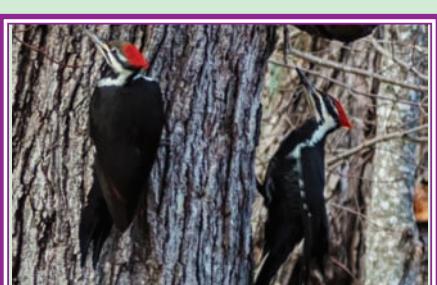
Comorant on the Aboiteau



Hummingbird



Bufflehead Duck



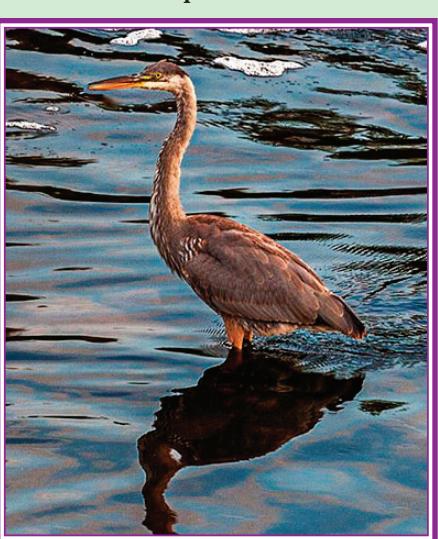
Pileated Woodpeckers



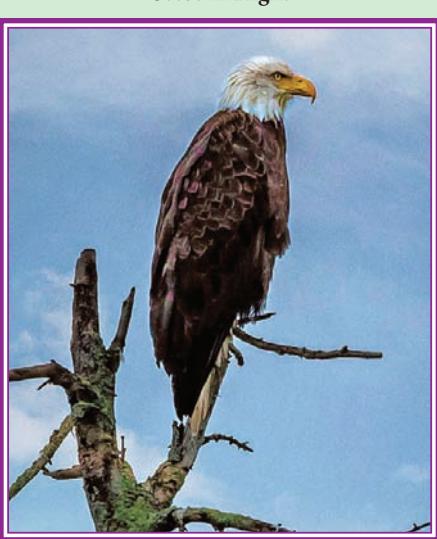
Coopers Hawk



Geese in Flight



Blue Heron



Eagle at Fundy Museum

Dual-Stream Recycling Starts June 1

By Don Fletcher

Dual-stream recycling voluntary phase starts June 1st with mandatory compliance required by December 1st. Under the new system cardboard paper products goes in one bag and all container products collected go in another.

Starting June 11th there will be eight information sessions throughout the county. Watch for a location near you.

Now for news on the budget: On May 24th council met at 6 pm to pass the 2018/2019 budget. When all factors were considered the residential and commercial rates are increased by 13 cents. Deliberations and approving the budget is one

of the most important decisions council makes each year. This budget was very challenging.

The approved operating budget was \$29.47 million and capital budget \$9.9 million. Also approved was the 5 year capital investment plan totaling approximately \$14.8 million. Council had several meetings during the process. Early in the process, we were facing a deficit of nearly \$2-Million. We reduced services and programs as much as possible. Then we were faced with the necessity of increasing the residential and commercial rates by 13 cents.

Council also approved a due date of 15 July, which is

an extension of 2 weeks. After July 15th interest will be charged at 1.25% per month or 15% per year. Ongoing challenges for council and staff are a combination of assessment increases are less than previous years and we have to replace infrastructure, as well as, plan for new. It has been 10 years since the property tax rate has increased and as we all know things keep going up.

Question: Have you considered the effects of climate change? Call your councilor!

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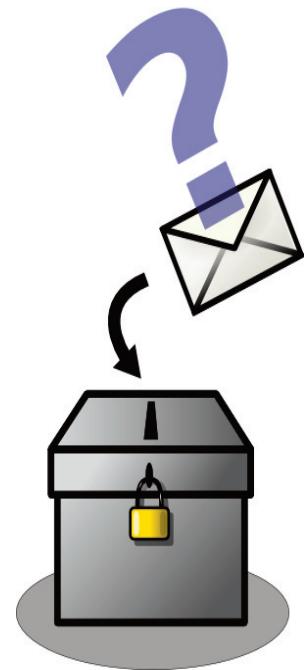
Campaign Signage and other Election Advertising

Now that the Cumberland South electoral district by-election has been called, people in the area may see campaign signs around their neighbourhood or have people asking if they could place one on your property. The *Elections Act* requires that such advertising is at least 60 metres away from any voting location. In addition, placement of signs is subject to provincial and municipal laws and regulations.

Much like any homeowner, the *Elections Act* allows a tenant or owner in a multiple-unit residence or a condominium residence to post election signs on their own property. The size and type of poster may be subject to reasonable regulation by the landlord or condominium corporation.

All advertising which promotes or opposes any candidate or registered party or takes a position on an issue with which a candidate or registered party is associated, is election advertising. Election advertising by candidates and parties must bear the words "authorized by the official agent for [name of candidate or registered party]".

Third party advertising is election advertising by a group or individual who is not directly involved in the election. Read the FAQ for details. <https://electionsnovascotia.ca/CumberlandSouth2018adrules> Watch for updates at electionsnovascotia.ca, on Twitter @electionsns and Facebook page: facebook.com/electionsnovascotia.



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Saturday, June 2
8 pm

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\$30 - At The Door

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