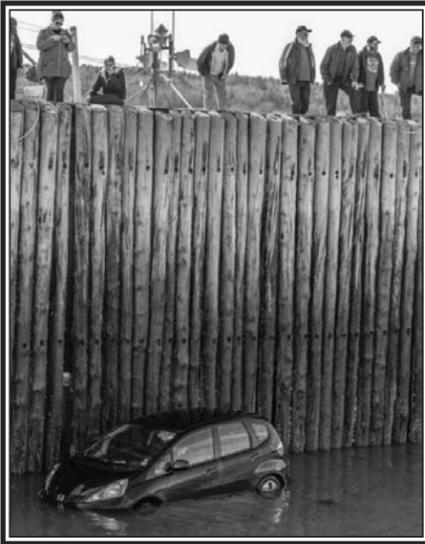


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Just after noon Shiela Lake parked her car overlooking the bay and believes she put it in park. Regretably, a while later after the car when down to the water in Parrsboro Harbour. It was carried toward the wharf where it was seen but impossible to stop. Completely submerged, only when the tide went down was tractor able to pull it to the ramp for the tow truck. No one was hurt in this unfortunate circumstance. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photos)



Matthews suggests opportunities to Energy Symposium

By Maurice Rees

Several presenters at the 4th Annual Cumberland Energy Symposium held in Springhill on May 2 presented a variety of opinions on Natural Gas Development. The underlining meaning of natural gas development is actually Fracking. As a prelude to the symposium, Cumberland Municipal Council undertook a study of the Wheeler Commission Report - one chapter at a time at each monthly meeting during the past year.

However, Jennifer Matthews, a Springhill native, who now serves as Manager, Regulatory (Atlantic Canada) with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), offered suggestions of how to start and expand energy development without the need of fracturing.

She suggested Springhill could have a diversified energy portfolio by developing the existing assets from Springhill's abandoned coal mines, without the need for fracturing. For decades the potential of massive geothermal energy available from the mines has been known and used in limited degree, but with an aggressive development plan it could be the basis of large commercial investments, plus used for district heating.

She also suggested capturing and using the abandoned mines large volumes of methane gas could be the basis used stimulate economic development. She highlighted these two existing assets would be easier to develop rather than getting into the controversial subject of Fracturing. Although she did not minimize the volumes

of energy possible from fracturing, it would be difficult to implement.

It is expected Municipality of Cumberland will soon be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of a Mine Water Geo Park. In opening remarks, Rennie Bigley, CAO, Municipality of Cumberland, said reports show Cumberland Basin and downward into the Kennetcook River Valley, portion of Hants County show the highest potential volumes of natural gas, but fracturing would be required.

Opening speaker, Ray Ritcey, CEO of the Maritimes Energy Association said the energy situation has changed with the closure of extraction of offshore natural gas Sable and Deep Panuke fields, but there is ongoing exploratory work by BP and efforts of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.

Ritcey also reference the high cost of electricity from tidal power at \$250/hr, when the costing trend is in the \$25-\$30 range.

He stated if a Hydraulic Fracturing program were possible, scientific studies suggest its potential output would be approximately 3 times the volumes from the Sable Energy field and would create approximately 1600-1800 jobs.

Second speaker to the podium was John Hawkins, president of Heritage Gas said that natural gas would eliminate CO2 emissions by 40-50% compared to fossil fuel sources. He also stated that one unit at NSP's plant in Trenton contributes approximately 5% of the Green House Gas generated in Nova Scotia. He said

Heritage Gas is able to serve businesses located far from the Maritime-Northeast pipeline through a process of compressing the gas and delivering with trucks.

Jonathan McClelland, CEO of the Cumberland Business Connector spoke about finding from the Wheeler Report; median incomes for Cumberland County, and a pad with two natural gas fracturing rigs could cost upwards of \$100-Million.

Not everyone at the symposium is in favour of Fracturing for Natural Gas. Several asked questions or provided their opinion in the short Q&A with each speaker. Ken Summers, an investigative journalist and environmentalist lives close to Kennetcook was listed as a speaker, but participated only during the Q&A of the speaker's panel at the conclusion of the symposium.

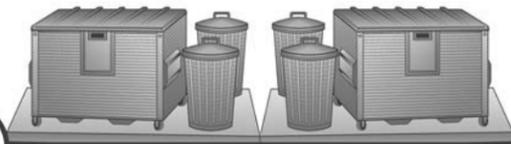
The symposium's opposition to natural gas development came from Barb Harris, an environmental health researcher and an advocate for healthy environments. She was articulate in providing examples of how fracturing was a danger to the environment and how people would be impacted. She is author of "Out of Control: Nova Scotia's experience with Fracking for Shale Gas". She was also actively involved in providing citizen input into the Wheeler Commission's draft papers.

Final speaker of the day was Sandy MacMullin, Executive Director of the Petroleum Branch with the Nova Scotia Department of Mines & Energy. The day-long symposium concluded with a Q&A session with all presenters on the stage.

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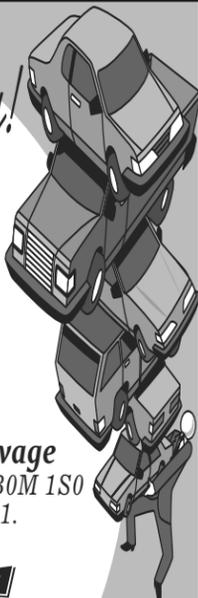
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Our health care system learns from your experience. Help us shape the future.

Nova Scotia Health Authority has made a commitment to involve citizens in establishing priorities and making decisions that matter to them and impact their lives, our community and the sustainability of our health care system. The NSHA Continuing Care Service is committed to providing excellent care for the patients and families of our community. We are looking for Patient and Family Advisors to provide input to our Quality Improvement and Safety Team committee.

We have three (3) Family Advisors positions on our Northern Zone Continuing Care Quality Improvement and Safety Team committee and currently we have one position vacant. We are actively seeking one community-minded individual to bring a patient and/or family/caregiver point of view and voice. No special knowledge or skills are needed. The ideal person is someone who can use their experience as a patient or family member/caregiver to help shape the care we provide.

Those selected will have one or more of the qualifications below:

- Personal or family/caregiver experience with the NSHA Continuing Care Service within the last 12 months.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Can look at issues from more than one point of view.
- Can share honest points of view in a respectful way.
- Be reflective of diverse populations and perspectives in our community.
- Previous volunteer experience is an asset.
- Interested in making a positive contribution to health care services.

Additional requirements:

- Sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Have or be willing to obtain a Criminal Background Check.
- Declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- Be available to attend daytime and/or evening meetings in Truro.
- Be able to commit to attend 10 meetings annually. Meetings are typically held at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro between 0830 and 1630.

Please note: These are volunteer positions. If this opportunity is of interest, send a letter and/ or resume telling us why you are interested and why you believe you should be selected to join the **Northern Zone Continuing Care Quality Improvement and Safety Team Committee**. Applications can be emailed to Patti McKenzie at Patti.McKenzie@nshealth.ca
The deadline for applications is Thursday June 13, 2019.

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