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## Parrsboro Sewer Rate Jumps to \$957

By Maurice Rees

Cumberland council set the tax rate at its May 15th meeting. Cumberland 2019/2020 operations budget in the amount of \$30.41 million and its 2019/2020 capital budget in the amount of \$7.6 million. Council's approved 5 Year Capital Investment Plan totals approximately \$16.4 million.

Council approved a 2¢ tax rate increase for all property owners, residential and commercial. General Tax Rates Residential increased from \$1.170 to \$1.190 with commercial going from \$2.76 to \$2.78. Various area rates are in addition per \$100 assessment.

Area Rates for Parrsboro,

within boundaries of Former Town, also increase 2 cents. Residential went from \$0.460 to \$0.480, while commercial went from \$1.170 to \$1.190 per \$100 assessment. The two cent increase was necessary to cover costs of streets and sidewalk maintenance.

Parrsboro residents got another jolt in their tax bill

with the area sewer increasing from \$300.00 to a whopping \$957.00 per household or business to cover operations and for costs associated with the new system.

The 2019/2020 operations budget now includes approximately \$550,000 from general taxes to increase our reserve funds, moving them toward the standard recommended by the Province. Reserve funds are an important compo-

nent of achieving financial sustainability," stated Al Gillis, Warden

The current budget maintains all existing programs and services. "Council has done considerable work on its financial sustainability including a review of solid waste management, police services, fire protection services, the size of council, conversion to LED streetlights and other programs with the objective of reduc-

ing costs and being financially sustainable well into the future," said Gillis.

Tax rates for Forest land less than 50,000 Acres remains at \$0.250, while more than 50,000 acres will be taxed at \$0.400 per acre.

Tax Bills will be mailed May 31, 2019 with a due date of June 30, 2019.

For detailed information regarding the Municipality's 2019/2020 budget please feel free to contact our office at (902) 667-2313 or visit our website at [www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)



What a wonderful sight to be visited by members of the British Automobile Touring Association in Parrsboro on May 25th. They stopped briefly to socialize. Many MGBs were the largest group, an MG Midget, Jaguars and a beautiful Singer were also there. From here they headed down West Bay Road. Beautiful memories as we owned both of the MGs at one time. More pictures on page 2. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)

## Temporary Closures at South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre Continue

Closures of the emergency department SCCEC continue with no end in sight. This week the Emergency Department was closed from Sunday, May 26 and will continue until Wednesday, May 29th until 8:30 pm.

Nova Scotia Health Authority is advising the public the emergency department at the South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre in Parrsboro has been closed from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm each day,

because no physician coverage is available.

The department has been open during the overnight

hours, 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., with coverage provided by the paramedic/registered nurse/oversight physician team.

Those experiencing a medical emergency should always call 911. General health concerns can also be directed to HealthLink 811 where advice and information are available around the clock by simply dialing 811. The Mental Health Crisis Line operates 24/7 at 1-888-429-8167.

Anyone who is unclear on a proper course of action may also contact the Hospital at 902-254-2540 extension 1.

## FORCE Visitor Centre Opens For Season

The Visitor Centre at FORCE opened for the season on May 15th. Sandra Currie, site manager, arranged some refreshments, a drone display and a few science activities for kids. She also arranged a hike to the Cape Sharp lighthouse in the morning and Shoreline survey in the afternoon.

Sadly, last year saw the unexpected passing of Joe Kozack who worked on the project in the early years. Joe loved the Bay of Fundy, nature and being outdoors. We will be dedicating a bench with a beautiful view of the Minas Passage to him at noon followed by lunch.

## Ryan Willigar Returning to "THE HALL"

Parrsboro's own Ryan Willigar and his band Willow Street Station are returning to "The Hall" on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 8 pm. It has been a few years since Ryan has been at the hall so we are pleased one of our own will be returning for a great concert.

Tickets are \$25 advance or \$30 at the door and can be obtained by going on The Halls website [www.thehall.ca](http://www.thehall.ca), go to

on-line payments. Major credit cards used there as well as Ken's Grocery, Harrisons Home Hardware, Lynda's Guys and Gals (which just happens to be Ryans mum) and Love Jill Boutique all in Parrsboro.

You must be 19+ to attend. This concert is going to be a great concert so get your tickets today to avoid disappointment.



Heavy rains in late April caused extensive damage to several sections of Fox River Road. The road was nearly impassible, when this culvert was almost totally exposed. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure employees spent many hours delivering and placing highway detour cones to mark the dangers area on the rural roads following heavy rains. This picture shows some of the damage on Fox River Road. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



A portion of Smith Hollow Road was completely washed out during the damaging rain storm. The heavy surge of water deposited the culvert on the far left in this photo. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Hopefully this resident on Smith Hollow Road is retired and doesn't need to go to town or the hospital anytime soon. Smith Hollow is the extension across Hwy 209 of Western Avenue. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

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