

Peter McCracken Appointed Cumberland's next CAO

Peter McCracken has been named as the next chief administrative officer for the Municipality of Cumberland. He begins his new duties with the Municipality on Oct. 1, 2026 replace Greg Herrett, who is retiring as CAO on Sep. 30.

"I thank Council for putting their trust in me as their next CAO. We have an excellent Mayor and Council who work

well together, have proven they aren't afraid of difficult conversations, and make good decisions for the people of Cumberland," McCracken said. "Operationally, we have first-rate employees who work hard and are led by an accomplished senior management team. Those two things reinforce my confidence as I step into this new role. "We have

many challenges ahead, and I look forward to working with Council, our employees and our many partners to achieve great things."

McCracken joined the Municipality of Cumberland as deputy CAO in September 2022 from the Municipality of Colchester County, where he served as the manager of corporate planning and strategic initiatives.

He led the implementation of Council priorities related to the Clear the Deck report, including the creation of the Municipality's asset management program, a comprehensive review of the personnel policy manual and an in-depth municipal policy and by-law review.

He also oversaw the transfer of the employee pension program, creation of the communications strategy, the overhaul of the municipal grant policy and programs and the modernization of the

Municipality's IT services.

He holds a master's degree in public administration from Dalhousie University and a bachelor of recreation degree from Brock University.

Prior to working with the Municipality of Colchester, he worked as the recreation director for the Municipality of

Yarmouth and spent 15 years in various roles with the provincial government.

Speaking on behalf of Council, Mayor Rod Gilroy said, "I want to congratulate Peter on his appointment as Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Cumberland. Peter has already demonstrated strong leadership, professionalism, and a deep commitment to our com-

munities during his time as Deputy CAO.

"His experience, collaborative approach, and understanding of municipal operations make him an excellent choice to lead our organization forward. We look forward to working with him as we continue to address challenges and build on opportunities for the residents of Cumberland."

Cumberland Council Notes from April 27 meeting, which was held after the May issue was printed.

Second reading approved for rezoning portion of John Black Road property

Cumberland municipal council has approved second reading of an application to rezone a portion of a John Black Road property from Country Residential to Rural Resource.

The property, located in East Amherst, is 250 acres and contains a mixture of land uses, including residential, agricultural and commercial recreation (golf course).

The portion of the subject property considered for rezoning is currently largely wooded, with two wind turbines.

Natural Forces Solar, with permission of the current property owner, are looking to establish a solar project, which will provide clean energy for up to 700 homes, spanning from East Amherst to Tidnish.

The proposed project would have the capacity of 5.25 MWAC.

Natural Forces Solar has identified this parcel as an ideal location for the proposed project, due to a wind turbine already being located on the subject property. Co-locating the proposed solar project with the existing wind project allows for the sharing of infrastructure. Furthermore, co-locating is beneficial for the electrical grid, as the projects produce power at different times, providing more reliability to the power grid.

The applicant hopes to begin construction in late spring, finishing construction before the end of 2026.

More Funding for Food at Emergency Shelters

Emergency shelters across Nova Scotia are now providing two meals a day, further strengthening the Province's efforts to support Nova Scotians experiencing homelessness. "Access to nutritious meals isn't a luxury - it's a basic need that no one should have to worry about," said Barbara Adams, Minister of Opportunities and Social Development. "This investment means people staying in emergency shelters can count on two nutritious meals a day, so they can focus on rebuilding their lives."

The additional \$1-million annual investment standardizes meal provision in emergency shelters across the province and allows service providers to offer about 142,850 more meals each year.

In most cases, the meals will be provided on-site through shelter or drop-in programs. They will follow basic nutritional guidelines and may vary by location and provider to give shelters the ability to design meal programs that best reflect the needs, preferences and capacities of the communities they serve.

There are 19 emergency shelters across the province, where 15 service providers manage a total of 585 beds. In 2025-26, the Province provided \$1 million to retroactively compensate providers who supplied two meals per day to shelter guests while only being funded for one meal per day. The investment provides \$14 per shelter client, per day, and is in line with Canada's Food Price Report.

Tethered Spirits Book Signing June 20

By Corinne Hoebers

A book signing for Tethered Spirits will be held at The Happy Duck in Truro on Saturday, June 20 from 1:30PM-3:30PM

How does a hospitable and just society withstand a foreign invasion who are fixed on destroying an ancient way of life? What happens when European Protestants flee persecution on the trust of the British to claim Mi'kma'ki as theirs to own, conflicting with the Mi'kmaq self-governing society to share land? Tethered Spirits challenges preconceptions and broadens perspectives.

Christian (now called Bear Cub) struggles between two identities—colonial and Indigenous—in 18th century Nova Scotia during the French and Indian War. He and his sister, Hanna, through their newfound friendship with the Mi'kmaq, come to understand their perceived enemy. But their sense of belonging is shaken when they both come into conflict with their own Lunenburg German family.

As a non-Indigenous person and a direct descendant of the 1753 Lunenburg settlers, my hope is this novel will open up conversations to allow our past to teach us the importance of cultural awareness that fosters empathy and builds bridges. Tethered Spirits is not only a testament to the cruelty humans are capable of across our cultures but gives a glimmer of hope to healing when we seek to know the person behind the eyes.

See my website below which gives more information on the novel.

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