

## Fletcher Reports on Joint Council Meeting

By Donald Fletcher

WOW, we finally had a council session on February 21 beginning at 5 pm with in camera during which 4 items covered.

Public council started with three presentations: Parrsboro Aboiteau. Because we are depending on tourism more and more the water filled aboiteau would be a great draw for tourists. Staff will work with the community to look for a solution.

The next presentation requested fluoridation for Pugwash water. Staff again will do a cost analysis and report back to council. The final presentation was from Sunset Industries, Pugwash who are planning a thrift shop and laundry in the Town of Oxford in the near future. Keep an eye on social media and newspapers for more information and get your donations ready.

Next we approved a motion to adopt the amended service recognition policy and the amended personnel policy. A notice of intent to consider adoption of our revenue collection policy was approved. Upgrades to the Glooscap Campground for the upcoming season were approved.

Congratulations to Barb Aris being selected as the Municipality's 2018 volunteer of the year. She will be invited

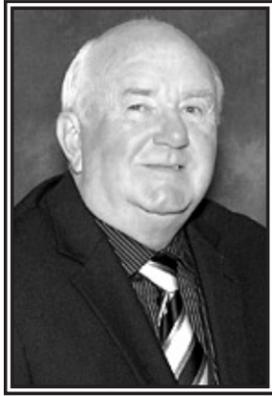
to attend the provincial volunteer awards ceremony in Halifax on April 9th. Please check out our website for information on the "Learn 2 Lead Workshop" series put on by the municipality. The workshops take place throughout the municipality over the next few months and cover many topics.

We have been asked and approved to participate in the community indicators systems project which measures many aspects of a community. A grant was approved next.

First reading of the solid waste by-law changing to 2 stream recycling was approved. Capitol projects year to date were next and the Southampton Fire Dept washroom upgrade was brought to the meeting. Staff will report back to council next meeting on status of the project.

Tax collection was next with an ambitious plan to address the problem quickly. More information to follow. Next we approved a letter of support to Seaside internet service for access to adequate spectrum access to help rural broadband consumers. A request for an amendment to the funding agreement with the animal shelter will be looked at by staff.

A motion was approved outlining properties deemed surplus. Motion to approve



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purchase of a radar activated speed sign was approved next. This can be used throughout the municipality. Five tax remittals were approved next.

Approval of transfer of the Memorial Pond Property in Springhill to the municipality was approved. Issues with seasonal residents water in and around Parrsboro will be reviewed for the capitol investment plan. Information items included emergency management plan, sunset meeting minutes, recognition as a 2018 employee recommended workplace, tax collection for January and the audit committee report.

Question: Who will win the Cumberland South by-election? Call your councillor.

**Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

## Parrsboro Meet & Greet Participant Bio's

**Following the very successful "Neighbourhood Meet and Greet" organized by Taylor Redmond, the South Cumberland News offered each of the 25+ presenters an opportunity to submit 40-50 words about their company or group, which would be published Free of Charge to provide additional coverage of the event. The following are the submissions received at deadline.**

**Age of Sail Museum**, Port Greville a museum with 6 display buildings as well as a café/gift shop, archives and genealogy information. Dedicated to the shipbuilding, lumbering history and the communities which supported it along the Parrsborough Shore. We provide an educational, entertaining, social and economic venue for the community and visiting public. Opening May 3 for 2018 season.

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## Parrsboro On The Move!

Yes, Parrsboro is on the move and plans are being finalized for a tremendous schedule of events and initiatives for 2018. Staff at Parrsboro Creative are working hard to develop an expanded and enjoyable 2018 schedule of events. Below are some of the highlights of upcoming events

and how you can enjoy the Parrsboro experience.

**Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival**, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2018. See artists painting in spectacular locations on the Parrsboro Shore from Economy Mountain to Advocate Harbour. Call to Artists: Deadline for Applications, March 24, 2018

**Time & Tides 2nd Annual Most Excellent Comedy Variety Show** - Once More With Feeling, Saturday, March 24 2018 at The Hall in Parrsboro at 7pm. Tickets are \$25.00 - includes delicious appetizers and 1 complimentary glass of wine. Tickets available at Parrsboro Creative office 151 Main Street OR online at: <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/shop/fundraising/tides-fundraiser-2018/>

**Cumberland County Art Bank** - An opportunity for Cumberland Artists to have their work displayed in a permanent collection. Deadline for Applications - March 15, 2018. For more info: <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/cumberland-art-bank/> "Imagination is the highest kite one can fly" - Lauren Bacall



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