



The capacity crowd listens to a Heritage Day presentation by Dara Legere at the Joggins Fossil Centre. (Submitted)

Joggins Fossil Centre 2018 March Break Children's Day Camps

Ages 5-12, \$5 per day - BRING YOUR LUNCH & SNACKS
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Tues. March 13:

Fun with Fossils; Fundy Bird Fun with Bird Studies Canada

Wed. March 14:

Games, Games, Games; Monster Paintings with Susan Beaton

Thurs. March 15:

Biodiversity on the Farm with Broadfork Farms. That's my hat!
with Charlie Rhindress and Heather MacIntyre

Pre-registration is required.

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The Joggins Fossil Centre was filled to capacity as approximately 95 people ventured out for a presentation by Dara Legere on Heritage Day. (Submitted)

Environmental Concerns

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Raymond Plourde, Wilderness Coordinator from the Ecology Action Centre explained how harvesting desirable softwoods has left barren the woodlands which should provide refuge to wildlife many of which are approaching a "Species of Interest" status because their habitat has been "displaced" by clear-cutting. Many animals simply die when their habitat is destroyed. The small patches left according to the so-called regulations, are ridiculously small and inadequate to sustain life for most animals. Who will enforce the regulations and demonstrate legitimate concern? When is it acceptable to extinguish a species?

Karen Henderson representing the Folly Lake Wentworth Valley Environmental Preservation Society, spoke of the recreational and financial benefits

of bio-diversity, as did all speakers, and how this could ensure the survival and sustainable future of "our" woodlands.

Gregor Wilson, Ski Wentworth reiterated most of the issues stated previously and presented his vision of Wentworth as an eco-tourism destination in a possible partnership with other recreational and economic groups. This is also the first time some of the residents have heard of the 4,000-acre Wentworth Wilderness Area proposed adjacent to Ski Wentworth as a proposed protected wilderness.

Mike Eddie spoke on behalf of the Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia (SANS) and their need to be included in any discussions concerning recreational use of land throughout the Folly Lake and Wentworth areas.

So many issues were forthcoming at this initial meeting

Burrill: Confidence Dropped

By Maurice Rees

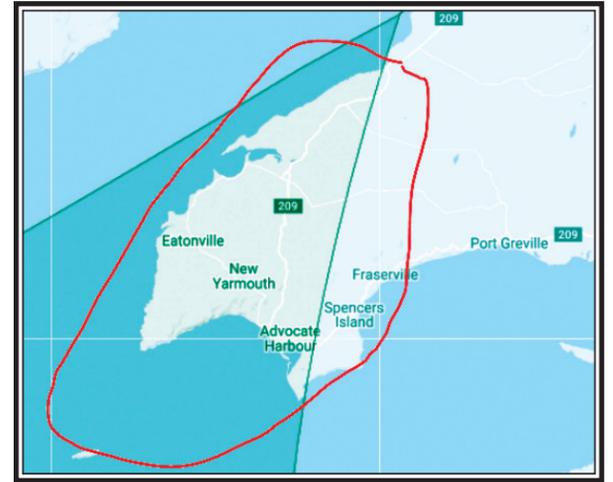
"In the last couple of months, we are finding public confidence in the Liberals handling of health care has dropped considerably," Gary Burrill, leader of the provincial NDP told South Cumberland News in an interview in Parrsboro on February 6th. Burrill spent two days in the South Cumberland area in preparation for the upcoming provincial by-election to replace Jamie Baillie as MLA for the area.

Burrill expanded upon his feelings about healthcare saying a by-election normally is a statement about the public's perception on how the governing party is handling topical situations. He noted during the 2013 election campaign, the then ruling Dexter government announced if re-elected they would immediately implement their promise to add nearly 400 additional long term healthcare beds, but since gaining power, the Liberals have not opened one new healthcare bed.

He added, how can you build trust and cooperation if

always in a battle with other groups? They don't seem to have a plan. It appears as if their plan is written on the back of a postage stamp and is being composed as they go along. Since being first elected four and a half years ago, Stephen McNeil's government has introduced legislation forcing nurses to accept a contract and currently is in a legal battle with the doctors.

Burrill continued, the province's doctors are the lowest paid in the country. How can you attract medical professionals with all these negative situations? He figures the Cumberland South by-election will be a referendum on healthcare.



Effective March 5th Xplornet will be introducing a new satellite service for the Advocate Harbour, New Yarmouth and Eatonville areas, where service has not been available before. Adjacent areas of Port Greville and West Bay will also have access to the 25Mbps service. (Submitted)

Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor:

Finally a taste of cooperation

After years of constant conflict between the fisheries and the emerging tidal power industry which has forced itself upon us in unacceptable form, Big Moon Canada Corporation gives us hope there might be another approach resulting in co-existence. Big Moon Canada Corporation's application released today is the first to be received by Nova Scotia Department of Energy, since it recently proclaimed the Marine Renewable-energy Act, establishing a new marine renewable energy permit program.

Though good management, respect compromise, effort and diligent cooperative science, Big Moon Power has forged relationships with the fishers and communities in the area of development.

This approach has proven productive for Big Moon Power, they have been able to tap into the extensive knowledge of the fishers, who have succeeded as an industry on this energetic ocean environment, something underestimated and under appreciated previously by others proponents.

Big Moon's transparency with the fisheries and other existing stakeholders is unprecedented, and refreshing. In today's world data has become a commodity and that's very problematic in ocean research.

Big Moon Power has openly shared all its raw scientific data collected with commercial and First Nations fisheries. This is unprecedented in today's industries. Currently the public rarely ever receives a company's scientist interpretation of data collected. This openness is a true statement of the will Big Moon Power has to coexist.

I have worked with this company extensively, and I'm impressed.

As a spokesman for the area fishery and a very studied individual on tidal power, I'm relieved there is finally a positive to talk about and write about in this new tidal industry. I can only hope others follow the path that has been clearly plowed by Lynn Blodgett, the owner of Big Moon Power.

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Yuill, a city planner who travels across Canada made a presentation on potential gold exploration in the Cobequid Mountains, which would include the Wentworth Valley and several watersheds in Cumberland and Colchester County. (Rees Photo)



Gregor Wilson presenting his aspirations to turn Ski Wentworth into a 4 season attraction. (Rees Photo)

time restraints did not allow sufficient time to delve into any depth. It did, however, underline the need for future talks with a focus on these issues. Some head-butting may be needed but, like 'they' say, "it feels so good when you stop".

I understand the individual concerns expressed by some, but there has to be a vision to satisfy the requirements of everyone who wish to enjoy the Wentworth Valley and surrounding area.

Yuill Hebert presented a "trump" card when he briefly explained how gold mining could affect everything and everyone in northern Nova Scotia. It seems the government is again reluctant to disclose much information before they, in isolation, make a final decision that affects us all.

It seems only the 10% of Nova Scotians with enough resources to invest in woodlands or in large publicly-traded companies, such as Emera, would welcome the proposed 30 or 40 windmills on top of Higgins Mountain or Stevens Mountain as they would guarantee return on their investments. This is called the smell (or look) of money. The 90% who live from paycheque-to-paycheque think it looks like Hell and perceive it as an invasion into "our" environment. Some feel bullied and the too-big-to-fail mentality becomes normal. Again, no one seems to be concerned about our birds, animals, fresh water and for that matter, salt water.

An assembly outside Province House to address the gold mining application was scheduled to be held at noon on February 27th.

(Bob MacLean a Wentworth resident emceed the February 10th meeting)

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