

Meet The Neighbours

On Feb 6th and Feb 13th two different groups of Cumberland County business operators took 2 hours of their time to attend a "MEET and GREET" ... to get to know one another and to learn about the services they offer to their community. One event was hosted at the Fundy Geological Museum and the second event was hosted by the Joggins Fossil Centre.

The energy was high and the outlook for the Shore was positive and inspiring. Taylor Redmond, Cumberland County Project Facilitator who initiated the two sessions, could not have asked for a better turnout with a combined total of 62 participants attending.

The goal of the two "Meet & Greet" events was to showcase and share what each business operator has to offer and supply to both the com-

munity and visitors who come to the area. Essentially Taylor sees Cumberland County as the "NEIGHBOURHOOD", though these first two sessions focused on the Bay of Fundy Shore.

The "NEIGHBOURHOOD" is where we live, work, play and embrace local food, entertainment and outdoor activities. Sometimes we forget all that is available here. The two "Meet & Greet" events were a great opportunity to showcase the vibrant array of services, activities and possibilities that can be found here.

It was evident at both events there is a positive amalgamation of a unique Tidal landscape, a rich historical culture and an artistic community, ready to be explored and shared. Wonderful places to stay and eat with more in development. "Knowing what your neighbour is offering in serv-

ices and any new developing services is a powerful tool for encouraging people to stay in the area longer", says Redmond.

There is an opportunity to build on the "NEIGHBOURHOOD Meet & Greet" format and for other communities to do so as well. Taylor Redmond hopes continued development and involvement from tourism and business operators, and reaching out beyond Cumberland County, will build an expansive and more interactive "Neighborhood".

"Know thy neighbour".

Some 'Neighbours' are introduced on page 4 of this SCN.

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Robert More, Executive Director, Parrsboro Creative at the Neighbourhood Meet and Greet talking about how the organization has helped create Parrsboro as a larger iconic destination of choice. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Approximately 45 people attended the February 6th Neighbourhood Meet and Greet held at the Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro. Taylor Redmond, organizer of the event is shown outlining how individual presentations should be made. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By-Election Looms

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the government, the Cumberland South Liberal Association see the upcoming by-election as a great opportunity to add another seat to the provincial party's majority status. Scott Lockhart, who had served as constituency association president, resigned the volunteer position shortly after filing his nomination papers.

Lockhart, a 56-year-old Springhill native, had sought the party's nomination in the 2016 provincial election, but

lost out to Kenny John Jackson who carried the party banner in three election attempts. Previously, Lockhart left the provincial Progressive Conservative Party, about the same time Bill Casey won the nomination to run federally for the Liberals.

Lockhart's opposition for the nomination will come from Brian Sanderson, regional water specialist with State Chemical, who filed his papers in mid-February. Brian and his family reside in Upper Nappan and over the years he has been busy in the community as Basketball

Coach, Football Coach, Board Member, and overall busy engaged Parent. He admits his passion is politics, but his background in Industrial Engineering, Manufacturing, Management, and Sales have made me a seasoned relationship builder and problem solver, who thrives for progress.

At presstime, the NDP had not announced who is seeking its nomination, even though party leader Gary Burrill, has spent a couple of days in the riding nearly a month ago. See interview with Burrill elsewhere in this issue (page3).

"The Hall" Holds AGM

By Patricia Burke

The Hall held their Annual General meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Lori Lynch, Chairperson of the Board of Directors opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She spoke on the successes the hall has had in 2017 and thanked everyone for their support. She spoke on the importance of getting volunteers, board members to help the organization continue. She asked everyone to consider being a part of this wonderful organization. She said is anyone or you know anyone who would be interested in the vision of the hall, please contact one of the board members.

Treasurer Johannes Hiesberger presented a great financial statement which showed we had a very successful year. There were questions answered from the floor.

Reports were heard from the following committees: Film, Film Festival, Facilities, Communica-

tions, membership, music and Divas/events, Concert Committee, Band Day and Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament.

Chairperson Lori Lynch called for Nominations to the Board 3 times. Hearing no nominations, nominations closed.

Under miscellaneous, a question from the floor asked what we plan to achieve in 2018. Our Strategic Plan was just completed and is now in the hands of the board for final approval. We can tell you we HOPE to achieve the following during this year (in no certain order):

Permanent sign on the Service Centre lot; continue replacing clapboards, paint where necessary, install canopy on front door, light the belltower, replace 2 windows in auditorium to help with cross ventilation in warmer weather, repaint auditorium interior, install hangers to hang paintings and move ahead with The Solar panel installation when

funding is in place.

A complete strategic plan will be put on our website in the near future. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm with a motion by Dr. Mary Parker. Everyone was invited to stay for a light reception and to speak to the board if they so wished. Several stayed on for the movie "Loving Vincent" which had a great attendance. What a great movie.



Helen presenting the PPF report at the AGM. (Submitted)



Members of the Hall's board of directors answer a question from the floor during the AGM. (Submitted)

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