



Strong winds and high tides strand ice cakes along the shore in Parrsboro Harbour. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Joggins Fossil Centre Celebrated Heritage Day

By Laurie Glenn Norris

The Joggins Fossil Institute recognized Heritage Day with a celebration of the Nova Scotia landscape through poetry and the visual arts, at the Joggins Fossil Centre. Sackville, NB poet and 2018 ArtScape Artist-In-Residence, Elizabeth Glenn-Copeland gave a reading from her soon-to-be published work, *Daring to Hope at the Cliff's Edge: Pangea's Dream Remembered*. A slideshow presentation of winter scenes created by the late Nova Scotia artist, Maud Lewis followed the reading.

*Daring to Hope at the Cliff's Edge: Pangea's Dream Remembered* is a lush narrative poem which investigates and interweaves the geological, prehistorical, cultural and

spiritual aspects of the Joggins Fossil Cliffs. It will be published by Chapel Street Editions, Woodstock NB later in the spring.

Maud Lewis (1903-1970) was a well-known Nova Scotia folk artist whose colourful paintings of life in rural Digby County are loved by many. Nova Scotia Heritage Day 2019 celebrates the life of Maud Lewis.

Glenn-Copeland has over thirty-five years' experience as a professional writer, theatre artist and artist facilitator. Her poetry, essays and prose have been published in a variety of publications, including *The Forge*; *Circa: A Journal of Historical Fiction*; and *The Furious Gazelle*. An excerpt from her novel, *Trach Gnul - Miranda's Journey* from the

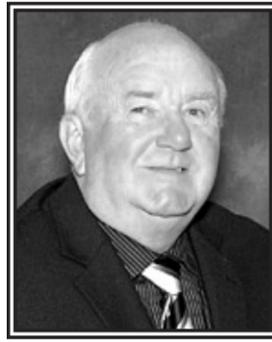
## Water Quality and Quantity Concerns Top Issues

By Don Fletcher

Three items were covered in the February 6th in-camera session of Cumberland Council. Public council began at 6:00 pm with review of Chapter 6 on water impacts from hydraulic fracturing. This chapter is very important to rural areas where private wells are prominent. It was noted that water quality and quantity concerns are top issues for the public in considering impacts.

The Nova Scotia Department of Environment is responsible to ensure water resources are developed and protected in a sustainable manner. Concerns exist that risks to water quality is more related to operational practices rather than the fracturing and extraction process.

Accidental spills, transportation of fluids, storage or



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use of chemicals are some examples. In summary if hydraulic fracturing was ever pursued in Nova Scotia the government would need to develop a robust, responsive and transparent regulatory environment that offers water security and protection for future generations.

Next we discussed the revenue and expenditure report

to Dec 31, 2018. We are on track to have a small surplus and significant improvements have been made in completing these reports. Good work staff. A short discussion on Physician recruitment at the local level was covered and a small amount of funds were approved to help develop a welcome package for these areas. Eight physicians have been successfully recruited to Cumberland County over the last year. However there is still work to be done.

Library funding was next and again it appears the province is putting pressure on municipalities to cover increased funding. A letter will be sent to NSFM asking them to address this issue, as well as, deed transfer tax at the upcoming spring workshop.

A motion to approve the

new capital investment plan policy, as well as, the new guide was approved. Another motion to award the RFP and appoint of auditors for the next year was approved. A motion to appoint a new board member to the East Cumberland Lodge was approved. Funding from a federal grant will be applied for the Cape d'Or property to the current master plan project was approved. Finally, Southampton Fire Hall will get two new restrooms.

Information items included Cumberland Energy Authority updates; JFI board meeting minutes and a tour of the YMCA prior to next council meeting on February 20th.

Question: Are you thinking about hydraulic fracturing? Call your councillor!

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

Great Forest, won the 2014 Writers' Federation of New Brunswick Young Adult Fiction Award. Her novella *Jazz* won the Ken Klonsky Novella Prize and was short-listed for the 2015 ReLit Award.

For the reading by Elizabeth Glenn-Copeland the Joggins Fossil Institute acknowledges the financial assistance of the Canada Council for the Arts through The Writers' Union of Canada.

For more information contact Laurie Glenn Norris, Education and Outreach Manager at 902-251-2727 ext. 224 or education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net.

## South Cumberland CEC Closures

The temporary closures which have plagued Parrsboro's SCCEC medical facility for months and most recently from Sunday, January 27 to Tuesday, January 29, will continue today, January 30th. The closures were necessary because no physician coverage was available.

Closures will continue with an additional closure on Saturday, February 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Additional closures beyond February 2nd had not been announced at press time.

The department is open during 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.

## 2 Family Movies at "The Hall" in March

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association will be hosting two family/kids movies at The Hall in Parrsboro during the month of March. The first will be on Wednesday, March 20 at 2 pm during March Break. Showing on that day will be "Jungle Bunch" and on Sunday March 31 at 2 pm we will show *Norm of the North* Keys to the Kingdom.

These are two brand new movies. Admission by donation or a family for \$10. Tommy will be

supplying the popcorn but the canteen will be open to purchase other snacks. The Band Association will hold their regular Wednesday evening movies on Wednesday March 6 showing *The Book Shop* and on Wednesday, March 20 showing *Bohemian Rhapsody*, both at 7:30 pm.

There are some great movies coming up so watch for our posters or visit our website [www.thehall.ca](http://www.thehall.ca) and go to Films for all at the hall and the movies coming up there and the trailer is also there for you to get a sneak peak.

## 2019 Dates to Remember

The annual Parrsboro Band Association newsletter included the following listing of important dates for 2019:

**Movies** are on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Illustrated talks** are held in months with a 5th Wednesday.

**Open Mic** is held every second Friday at 7 pm, January through May, and September through December.

**Concerts** are held in the park for charity at 7 pm every Sunday in June, July, and August.

**Sunday, March 17:** Saint Patrick's Day Kitchen Party - 7 pm;

**Sunday, May 5:** Member Appreciation event - 7 pm

**Sunday, May 26:** Annual Spring Band Concert - 7 pm;

**Saturday, June 1:** Annual Plant/Bake/Book Sale - 9 am.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 22 & 23:** Plein Air Festival Art Exhibit;

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 28, 29, 30:** Classics by the Bay Festival;

**Sunday, July 21:** Band Day - noon to 5 pm

**Friday, August 16:** Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament;

**Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 13:** 10 days in Oktober;

**Saturday, October 5:** Oktoberfest - 8 pm

and

**Monday, December 23:** Annual Christmas Concert - 7 pm

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