



Long Sault Trio members, (L-R) Victor Maltby, Linda Grenier and David Tilston will be Instructors for the Song-Writing Workshop at The Hall. (Submitted)

## Workshop Opportunities at the Hall

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Calendar of Events at [www.thehall.ca](http://www.thehall.ca).

The Parrsboro Band Association (The Hall) recognizes the support of the Province of Nova Scotia. We are pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture

and Heritage to develop and promote our cultural resources for all Nova Scotians.

**Beth Peterkin is Chair, Workshops at The Hall. She can be reached at: [beth@bethpeterkin.ca](mailto:beth@bethpeterkin.ca) or 902-728-2144.**



The winter carnival was a time to test your soccer skills by attempting to "kick off the can" with a ball. (Crystal Ferdinand Photo)



The Don Yorke Memorial Ball Field has been turned into an outdoor rink. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



These two Parrsboro lads decided the Don Yorke field would help pass a couple of hours, as they enjoyed the crisp cold air while honing their hockey skills (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

# Nova Scotia Welcomed More Immigrants in 2018

A total of 5,970 new permanent residents came to Nova Scotia, exceeding the 2016 record year high of 5,485. The 2018 figure is based on final, year-end federal calculations.

Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab said,

"Immigrants want to come to Nova Scotia and attracting and retaining newcomers will help grow our population, strengthen our economy and revitalize our communities - benefiting all Nova Scotians." More than 65 per cent of the total permanent resident land-

ings were approved through provincial economic programs and the Atlantic Immigration Pilot.

Nova Scotia has the highest retention rate in the region at 71 per cent and works closely with settlement partners across the province.

## Collaborative Approach Gaining Ground

By *Shelley Hoeg*

A collaborative, organized approach to tourism is well on its way to reality in the Cumberland region. A group of tourism industry professionals, and municipal leaders and staff have been meeting regularly to create a strategic tourism plan for all of Cumberland County, including the towns of Oxford and Amherst.

"Everyone on this committee recognizes how important it is that we approach tourism as a partnership.

We have so many attractions and diverse experiences and a visitor to our area doesn't plan along municipal boundaries, so neither should we in attracting visitors." Darryl Jones, Committee

Chair and Councillor for the Town of Amherst.

This committee envisions the Cumberland region to be recognized as a four season tourism destination by improving our economy and quality of life though facilitating the development, enhancement, preservation and collective marketing of our natural, historic and cultural assets.

"We often have visitors ask what else they can see in the area and we can tell them about the other museums in the area, or suggest that they explore our hiking trails at Cape Chignecto or any multitude of the other activities going on in our region," says Pat Welton, Coordinator of Public Programs for the Fundy

Geological Museum and tourism industry committee member.

There are many facets to improving tourism and this committee has taken special focus to include a cultural approach. Earlier this month, Elizabeth Cooke Sumbu presented to the committee on behalf of the African Nova Scotian Cultural Association. The committee will also be looking to other cultural partners throughout the process.

Next steps for the committee involve detailing long term resource planning.

**Shelley Hoeg is Communications Officer/Executive Assistant to the CAO for Municipality of the County of Cumberland.**

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