



Last month, we published a picture of the new tower, in error. We apologize. The iconic water tower at the corner of Plains Rd and MacElmon Rd in Debert has been demolished. A new tower was built a few years ago further along Plains Rd. (Harrington Photo)



On February 6th, Lenore Zann, MP Cumberland-Colchester presented the Tatamagouche Legion with a cheque for \$13,000.00 from the the Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund (VOESF), which was announced in December and a Certificate of Appreciation for the great work they do for veterans and their families. Pictured above during the presentation are: (L-R) Murray MacKay, Wayne Mingo, Frank Beck, Hon. Lenore Zann, Alan Fahey and Dennis Tattrie. (Submitted)

## Local Areas to be Protected

By **Maurice Rees**

Four areas in Colchester and Cumberland Counties are on the immediate “list to do” and two other areas are on the short list of intentions, as the government intends to protect 20 more sites, which will achieve the province’s 13 per cent land protection goal.

“Although we are a small province, Nova Scotia continues to be a leader in land protection,” said Environment Minister Gordon Wilson. “I’m very pleased to move these sites forward for protection and achieve our land protection goal.”

The following proposed sites will go through formal consultation: Economy River Wilderness Area (expansion), Cumberland and Colchester counties; Five Islands Provincial Park (expansion), Colch-

ester County; Portapique River Wilderness Area (expansion), Cumberland and Colchester counties and Wentworth Valley Wilderness Area (expansion), Cumberland County

The province will be consulting with Nova Scotians on some of the areas where there have been changes since the last consultation. A 60-day online consultation will launch soon, and Nova Scotians will be notified.

The following sites are also intended for protection: Blue Sea Beach Provincial Park, Cumberland County and Staples Brook Nature Reserve, Colchester County.

Protected areas are an important part of conserving Nova Scotia’s unique habitats, coastline and biodiversity, while providing places for people to connect with nature.

## David Phillips to Seek Tory Nod

Truro native, David Phillips, has announced his intention to seek the Conservative Party nomination for Member of Parliament in Cumberland Colchester in the next federal election. A former Microsoft executive with more than 30 years experience in business, Phillips is currently serving as Business Development Officer for the Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity, working to support local businesses, startups and entrepreneurs in their effort to achieve their full potential.

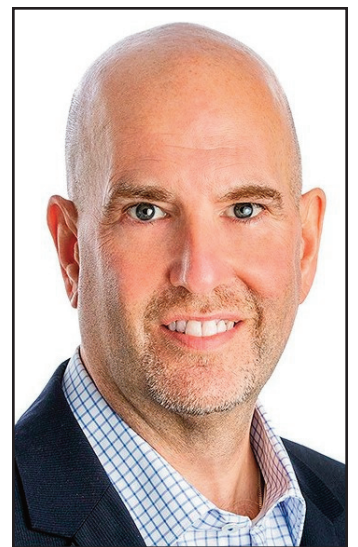
A lifelong Conservative, who names former Nova Scotia premiers Robert Stanfield and G.I. Smith as his political heroes. He served as Parliamentary Assistant to Bill Casey in 1990-91. He worked in the Halifax business community for nearly a decade before being recruited to Microsoft in 1999. Phillips held senior international management positions at

Microsoft and LVMH Group in Toronto and Paris. He returned to Nova Scotia in 2012 and became Vice President of Acadian Seaplants.

As a community leader, he has served on a number of boards and advisory councils, including the Nova Scotia Youth Advisory Council, Halifax Camerata Singers, Central Toronto Youth Services Foundation, and the Nova Scotia SPCA, as well on two church councils, St. John’s Anglican in Truro and the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.

Phillips has identified better cooperation on healthcare, greater support for small business and job creation, revitalizing the agriculture and agri-business sector, better policing in rural areas, and accelerating the Covid-19 vaccine program as priorities for the riding.

Phillips has been married to his partner, Ryan MacLean for 21 years. They have two teenage daughters.



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# Women of the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark

The Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark celebrated the United Nations International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February.




We recognize this diverse group of women who are actively working for the future of our Geopark.

<p>[TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT]</p> <p><b>Michelle Byers</b>, Manager of Community Economic Development, Municipality of Cumberland and staff support to the Geopark</p> <p><b>Georgia Pe Piper</b>, Geopark Board Member and Geologist</p> <p><b>Christine Blair</b>, Chair of the Geopark Board and Mayor of Colchester County</p> <p><b>Carrie Goodwin</b>, Geopark Board Member and Councillor in Cumberland County</p> <p><b>Heather Zschogner</b>, Member of the Geopark Infrastructure Committee</p> <p><b>Louise Leslie</b>, Canadian Veteran, Geoscience Educator (MSc and MA) and Member of the Geopark Education Committee</p> <p><b>Lauren Ruff</b>, MSc Environmental Science at Acadia and Member of the Geopark Sustainable Development Committee</p>	<p><b>Hilary Paquet</b>, BSc Biology, MES Planning and Member of the Geopark Infrastructure Committee</p> <p><b>Anne Grabinsky</b>, Owner NovaShores Sea Kayaking and Member of the Geopark Marketing Committee</p> <p><b>Anita MacLellan</b>, Secretary of the Geopark Board</p> <p>[BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT]</p> <p><b>Beth Peterkin</b>, BA in Economics and Geopark Executive Director</p> <p><b>Marie Benoit</b>, Geopark Board Member and Councillor in Colchester County</p> <p><b>Pat Welton</b>, Member of the Geopark Education Committee</p> <p><b>Sandra Currie</b>, Geopark Board Member and Facilities Manager at FORCE</p> <p><b>Kathy Kaulbach</b>, Graphic Designer and Member of the Geopark Education Committee</p>	<p><b>Courtney Sylvester</b>, BA in Political Science and Spanish from St. FX and Member of the Geopark Sustainable Development Committee</p> <p><b>Maria Oliver</b>, Entrepreneur/ Restaurateur (Briny Bay, Five Islands) and Member of the Geopark Marketing Committee</p> <p><b>Taylor Redmond</b>, Mainstreet Parrsboro and Member of the Geopark Infrastructure Committee</p> <p><b>Leah Benetti</b>, BFA in Publications from OCAD and Geopark Administrative Assistant</p> <p><b>Carolyn Bollwerk</b>, Outdoor Educator and Member of the Geopark Sustainable Development Committee</p>
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As a Global Geopark, we are committed to working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Gender equality has always been a core issue for the United Nations. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution not only to economic development of the world, but to progress across all the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well. Women and girls represent half of the world’s population and, therefore, also half of its potential. Gender equality, besides being a fundamental human right, is essential to achieve peaceful societies, with full human potential and sustainable development.



