



On April 15th, Kerwin Davison, Parrboro's man with a vision will be 89 years old. He is shown in his workroom, still thinking about projects he still wants to create. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## A MAN WITH A VISION

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company began when Kerwin's son, Peter wanted to go to a concert in Moncton; Floyd Brown's son also wanted to go. Kerwin and Floyd were just acquaintances then, but they both took a load of kids to Moncton, and while waiting for the concert to end, decided to go to a movie 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest', Kerwin says that was

prophetic!

The two talked about building a company and that was how Parrsboro Metal Fab idea started. The company was originally created for the Scotsman furnace that Kerwin designed.

**NEXT MONTH, the conclusion of Lawrence R Nicoll's version of Kerwin Davidson's Biography will begin with: Question: What was unique about your furnace?**

## Solid Waste Contract Extended 1 Year

Council of the Municipality of Cumberland met via zoom for a Public Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The meeting opened with a territorial acknowledgement. A moment of silence was held in honour of the passing of former warden, Al Gillis, who served the municipality from 2008-2020.

The current solid waste collection contract with Miller's Waste expires April 1, 2022. Council approved a one-year extension to the current contract. This aligns the Municipality of Cumberland's procurement timeline with the Town of Amherst, with hopes to prepare a joint tender for service commencing in April 2023.

A suggested update to the municipality's grants policy was approved. Since the policy was first implemented in 2015, the title of grants offered and administration of the program has evolved, and the amended policy reflects this. The amended policy also streamlines the process of applying and council approval of these grants. The deadline for regional grants for the 2022/23 year is March 31, 2022.

First reading was given to two rezoning applications. One rezoning request is to rezone a property at 3055 Kolbec Road into a combination of commercial recreation and country residential. The second rezoning request is to rezone a property at Wentworth-Collinwood Road from agricultural to recreational residential. Public hearings for both applications will be held March 23, 2022.

Council approved second reading to the bylaw to amend the local improvement bylaw. This is in respect to the Parrsboro sewer project and once formally approved will reduce the local improvement charge to the equivalent of a one-year charge as opposed to a 20-year charge. Price of the charge

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## Covid Delays Delivery of Fire Trucks

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In the fall of 2021, council requested a briefing on current setbacks in all zones as included in the land use bylaw. Public input has since been sought on the topic with limited results. The setbacks as approved in the land use bylaw were determined over the last four years with extensive consultation with residents and developers.

Staff presented council with information regarding commercial development districts. Commercial development districts along with a tax phase in by-law is a method to phase in the effect of increased property assessments on new commercial capital investments in specified areas, that are serviced with municipal sewer and water, to encourage growth. Council directed staff to create the appropriate amendments and documentation for further re-

view.

A recommendation to award an RFP for supply of one crossover SUV, RFP-MCC-2201, to Amherst Toyota for a value of \$40,743.09 taxes included, was forwarded to the February 23rd meeting.

Following an April 2020 fire which destroyed the fire hall and vehicles assigned to the Shinimicas District Fire Department, West Hants Regional Municipality and the Hantsport Fire Department loaned the Municipality of Cumberland a 2003 Peterbuilt Tanker. Pandemic-related manufacturing difficulties have resulted in a four-month delay of permanent replacement fire trucks from August to December. Council approved a staff recommendation to forward the purchase of the vehicle currently borrowed from the West Hants Regional Municipality to the February 23rd meeting for formal approval. Pending delivery of the replacement trucks, the 2003 Peterbuilt Tanker will be reassigned within the Municipality of Cumberland's fire

service.

The Village of Pugwash requested an installation of a wastewater dump station for RVs within the village. Council directed staff to engage the Village of Pugwash's Village Clerk to develop the commission's concept and vision for the proposed project.

At the November 17, 2021 committee of the whole meeting, citizens from Mattatall Lake presented council with a petition for the installation of a common bear proof waste/recycling system. In response to the petition, council has directed staff to advise the group that although the request to install a bear proof waste/recycling system is not possible at this time, that competitive pricing will be sought in the next solid waste curbside collection tender for a weekly organics collection option.

Council forwarded a decision to the February 23rd meeting regarding receiving funds from the Christie Foundation, to distribute to the Hastings Road Recreation So-

cietry for the establishment of a park.

Reports were provided from municipal directors regarding community development, finance, human resources and community facilities, engineering and operations, and the municipal clerk's office.

Director of Human Resources and Community Facilities, Allie McCormick provided an information item to council that nominations for the Cumberland Volunteer Award and the Provincial Volunteer Award are open until March 2, 2022.

The next committee of the whole meeting will be held March 16, 2022. Formal minutes of the February 16 meeting are available <https://cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/municipal-office/council-minutes.html>. A Facebook live recording is available on the municipal Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MunicipalityofCumberland>

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## Spring 2022 Events at the Joggins Fossil Center

The following is a listing of spring 2022 events at Joggins Fossil Centre:

### March Break Children's Day Camps for Ages 5-8

**Wednesday March 16 - 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**"Park Your Paws!"** - Janice and Carrie from Park Your Paws, Amherst, along with Kevin Bacon the pig, Hali the cat, and doggies Lexi and Wizard, teach participants about being responsible pet owners.

**Thursday March 17 - 9:30 am- 12:30 pm**

**"Follow the Goose Butt to Nova Scotia"** - Odette Barr, a New Brunswick author, and illustrator leads participants through drawing and physical activities as a backdrop to the readings of her books for children, such as *Follow the Goose Butt to Nova Scotia* and *Take Off to Tantramar*. Odette will be bringing a selection of her children's books for purchase that day. Learn more at: [http://www.chocolateriverpublishing.com/chocorivmay2017\\_014.htm](http://www.chocolateriverpublishing.com/chocorivmay2017_014.htm)

March Break Activities are only \$5 per day!! – Bring snacks and masks. Pre-registration is required.

### Spring activities for everyone

**Tuesdays, March 15, April 19 & May 17 - Fibre Arts Friends, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday April 29 - Adopt-A-Highway Clean up, Joggins Fossil Centre, 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday May 1 - Joggins Fossil Centre opens for the 2022 season! Opening reception  
On Exhibit: Fibre Arts Friends 2016-2022 - 2:00-4:00 p.m., on exhibit through Monday, May 16**

**Wednesday May 18 - International Museums' Day. Day's admission in support of the River Hebert Schools. Food Pantry**

Current COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

Activities subject to cancellation/postponement due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information and to register for events, contact Laurie at 902-251-2727 Ext. 224, or [education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net](mailto:education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net)

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