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Higgins Mountain Wind Project Approved

Cumberland municipal council approved second reading of a development agreement with Elemental Energy on behalf of the Higgins Mountain Wind Farm during a special meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2024.

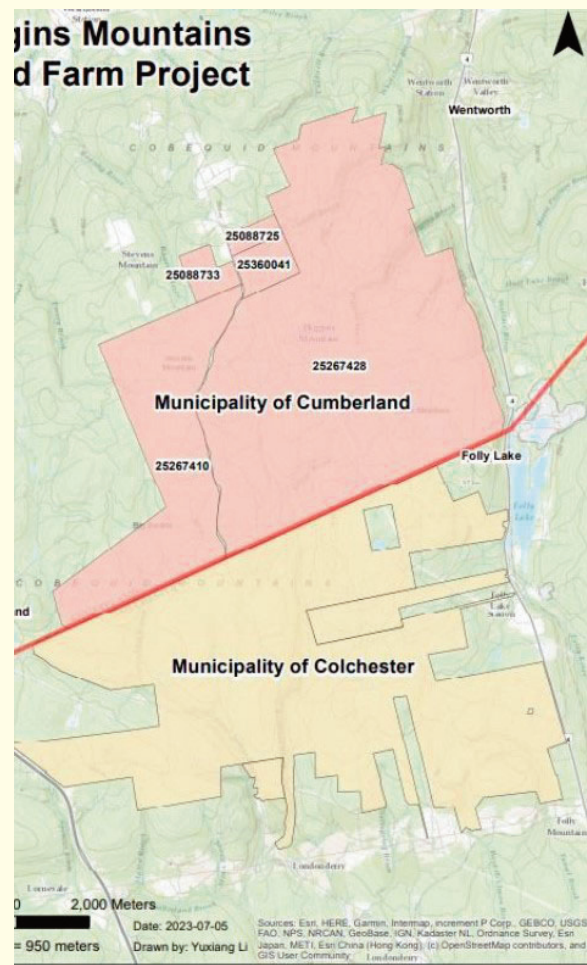
The project includes approximately 9,074 acres of land accessed from the Higgins Mountain Road and extends south to the Colchester County municipal boundary.

The application from Elemental Energy is to enter into a development agreement to facilitate a wind turbine project of 12 large-scale

wind turbines and supporting infrastructure.

The development site consists of five separate parcels of land, all of which have lease agreements with Higgins Mountain Wind Farm LP.

Adjacent properties exhibit a range of rural resource zone uses as well as residential recreation uses at Sutherland Lake in the west and along Highway 4 in the east. The project extends into Colchester County with five additional turbines. The application from Elemental Energy was received on June 12, 2023.



Historical Society – Winter Games 2024

On January 31, 2024, the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society hosted an afternoon of refreshments and games at the FPW Fire Hall in Port Greville. The event was made possible through the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program, from Employment and Social Development Canada. Parrsborough Shore Historical Society received the funding to help connect with the community and build relationships with

the hopes of attracting new volunteers.

The event was developed by the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society Board "To bring back the fun! Our community has had a rough few years and it seems like people are feeling stressed and disconnected. We wanted to let people know we appreciate them and offer a bit of a mid-winter lift."

The afternoon started with some light Pictionary and par-

ticipants dazzled all with their artistic skills. Trivia questions came from Cumberland County history and Trivial Pursuit, Hangman words were constructed from locations in Cumberland County. The residents did not disappoint, from what was the original name of the Mary Celeste (the Amazon) to the ingredients in an Old Fashioned (simple syrup, biters, whiskey), every question was answered, and word guessed.

Members of the Board were ecstatic with the response - "We are so happy we could put this together, sometimes it is nice to slow down and enjoy an afternoon with friends" "We will have two more events one in February and one in March and encourage everyone to watch our social media page for the time and place." Parrsborough Shore Historical Society can also be reached at ottawa.house@ns.sympatico.ca



The Parrsborough Shore Historical Society hosted an afternoon of refreshments and games at the FPW Fire Hall in Port Greville on January 31. The event was made possible through the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Black Rock Café Reopens for Breakfast

By Sandra Stephenson

February 1st was a red-letter day in Parrsboro, as a new breakfast nook opened its doors to serve local townspeople who have been starved for breakfast-out-of-home since tourist season and the Harbourview Restaurant closed in October. Breakfast places have come and gone over the years; with reasonable prices and great food, this one is likely here to stay.

The original Black Rock Bistro and Bar closed last year (their website shows them still open), around the same time that Gillespie House Inn changed ownership. Kenneth Wood, a retired contractor, parked a chip truck outside his house in Parrsboro in 2022, and moved it to Main Street in 2023. Now he has leased the long-running Black Rock Bistro in historic Manning Block on Main Street for the new café, where his wife and two or three young locals work with him.

It's a classy setting, and my first breakfast there was a class act within a work-

ing person's budget. "People deserve to be treated well," said Ken, dressed to the nines in white shirt and black trousers, surrounded by happy breakfasters over black-dressed tables (table-cloths and napkins in black!) and a tasteful black & white décor, interestingly formal for breakfast. A few good books nestled discreetly in a corner, an invitation to dawdle.

The menu includes most welcome seniors' and children's dishes, presented elegantly and generously. Mine, a senior's (not ashamed to admit it!) egg benedict, arrived with a thick slice of the best ham, the egg done to perfection on a nicely buttered english muffin on a modest white plate that struck me as totally adequate and unpretentious. Another gentleman ordered the full benedict, with two eggs sprinkled with dried parsley (it is, after all, February). No fries, no frill. Mine was \$8, his was \$14. I came out with a perfectly satisfying breakfast under \$10. Others enjoyed a deep bowl of yogurt, or a simple

bagel with peanut butter and coffee. And then there's the full grill, with all the meats except liver, and beans to beat the best.

I love to go out for breakfast, now that seniority has brought early morning waking to my life. I sat over freshly ground (coffee) beans listening to Bev Smith at the next table, tell of being born at the now Maple Inn, incubated in a shoe-box wadded with cotton batting, and sent home to sleep in a Carnation milk box; her husband's tale of his brother's marriage to a French woman in Germany - the woman originally from Tatamagouche! Isn't Parrsboro just rich with stories like these, of unlikely connections tying people to this neck of the woods? And what better way to share them than over breakfast by the inner harbour?

The Bistro is open 7:00 am to 11am every day. Bon appétit!

Parrsboro resident, Sandra Stephenson, writes exclusive article for the South Cumberland News.

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