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Human Trafficking Presentation

The Cumberland RCMP is hosting a presentation on human trafficking on March 10, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill. All residents of Cumberland County are invited.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a town hall-style session beginning at 7:45 p.m. Cpl. David Lane will be the presenter.

He has been a member of the RCMP for more than 22 years – including more than 17 years working in specialized sections such as human trafficking, drugs, organized crime and guns and gang units. He has been asked to share his unique human trafficking expertise on an international level by well-known organizations such as Lawyers without Borders in Guatemala and the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators (IAHTI).

Lane has been qualified as an expert witness over 83 times in seven provinces on a wide range of criminal related topics including human trafficking. He was the architect and creator of the current Human Trafficking Unit and Strategy in Nova Scotia.

Celebrating and Recognizing Volunteerism

Volunteers play a central role in the development and delivery of recreation opportunities and experiences, including the operations of programs, facilities and the management of parks and trails. Everyday residents offer their time and resources to take action to make their community a better place to live, work and play. They are coaches, officials, and instructors; they serve on boards, event organizers; they are important community leaders.

However, with increasing demands on individual's time, there has been a slight decline in volunteerism across Canada. There has also been a change in how people are willing to volunteer – moving from a willingness to commit long durations to serve on boards towards a desire for much shorter one-off volunteerism (e.g., Canada Day event volunteer, park clean up). As such it is important to continue fostering volunteerism, including facilitating opportunities for youth to volunteer who, according to recent Stats Canada research, had the highest rate of formal volunteerism participation across all generations.

Formal recognition of volunteers is a way both of expressing the gratitude of the community and of presenting role models to the people. This could be achieved by profiling volunteers to highlight their contribution and value within the broader community and regional channels, which would support future recruitment and encourage retention of current volunteers, by increasing volunteer satisfaction because of appropriate recognition.

Economy and Education

Quick facts:

The local economy of the Municipality is diverse, with key industries including health care and social assistance, manufacturing, retail trade, public administration, and agriculture.

In 2023, the employment rate in the Municipality was 53% (ESRI). The median household income in the Municipality is $65,317 which is less than the median household income of Nova Scotia $74,567 (ESRI, 2024).

Council Decisions and Motions

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gould, Seconded by Councillor Houghtaling, Councillor Redmond replace Councillor Lockhart as the Councillor appointment on the Physician, Recruitment, & Retention Committee for a term ending October 31st, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart, Seconded by Councillor Strong, Council request staff to create a report on the issues surrounding the feasibility of establishing a by-law to regulate food trucks in Springhill. 1 Nay Vote: Councillor Redmond

Moved by Councillor Strong, Seconded by Councillor Lee Council request staff create a report on the pros and cons around establishing fines for repeat unsightly premises violations.

John Henwood Recognized for 50 Years Service

Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Dept held their Christmas party and awards night at the Glooscap Restaurant on December 14TH.

A great meal and time was had by all, the evening ended with many awards, John Henwood who seems to appear at the pump panel at every fire received awards for 50 years of service from Parrsboro Fire; the County of Cumberland and Dr. Stephen Ellis, member of Parliament.

He was also presented with a wonderful large print with three photos and a truck schematic.

Congratulations John!

This December has been unusually busy compared to last month.

Activity so far this December, and we are only half a month has included 5 structure fires, 2 accidents and 2 medical calls all by Dec. 16th. November for comparison was 3 structure fires, 3 accidents and 5 medical calls for the whole month.

John Henwood who seems to appear at the pump panel at every fire was recognized for 50 years of service. Speakers who issued congratulations included Parrsboro Fire Chief; the County of Cumberland and Dr. Stephen Ellis, MP, Cumberland-Colchester. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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Members of the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Dept gathered together for a group photo. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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