



Certificates of Achievement were presented to the Parrsboro Junior Achievement team at the BOT's annual meeting on March 29th. Pictured above are: Cassia Bard Cavers, Christopher Wilson, Nicholas Hoar and David Beattie, Board of Trade, President. (Lori Lynch Photo)

Junior Achievement Thriving in Parrsboro

By Maurice Rees

Parrsboro, A Junior Achievement company is keeping the Junior Achievement program alive and well in Parrsboro. There are 11 members of Parrsboro, but due to stormy weather eight of the members, who live out of town were not able to attend. Only three were able to make it to the Parrsboro Board of Trade

AGM, at which time president, David Beattie handed out certificates of achievement. Students in attendance were (L-R): Cassia Bard Cavers, Christopher Wilson and Nicholas Hoar. President Beattie is standing at the podium.

The three members who reside in town are also members of the archery club that happens to meet on Tuesday

nights. They were preparing for a competition, but took time out to attend the Board of Trade function.

Don Fletcher's Councillor's Corner



Don Fletcher

David Beattie makes STEP presentation to council

Cumberland Municipal Council commenced on April 6th with a one hour in-camera session with the public council commencing at 2 pm. Nine items were on the agenda. A presentation on the Parrsboro shore strategic tourism expansion program (STEP) given by David Beattie was the first item considered by council.

Mr Beattie covered the program overview, funding partners, committee members, their immediate action plans for 2016 and long range recommendations. This is a great program for tourism covering from Joggins to Economy. Many exciting things are happening so keep watch.

A short discussion followed on the UARB hearing held last week in Parrsboro. All positive going forward. Next was our municipal profile and financial condition index documents. We are in good shape except for our uncollected taxes and we are working hard to improve this.

Next we accepted our new organization chart. The municipal government act is under review and we are to look over documents provided and discuss at next council. Our social media policy and routine access to information policy was next with a motion to approve both was put forth. Motion approved.

Three tax remittals were next with all

approved. Four community development grants were next. After a short discussion on approval from last year or this year they were all approved. We set four meeting dates for budget deliberation and if all goes well approval will be at our second meeting in May.

Next we discussed meeting dates in May as our first meeting will have to change due to UNSM spring conference. Our plan is to meet on the 11th and 25th subject to change. Pugwash well field easements were next discussed and motion approved to move forward.

Next was a discussion on the upcoming 2016 election. Electronic voting was an issue and the motion was defeated as the vote was five/five. I voted no due to cost and the fact as it is a social outing in my area and lack of high speed internet in the area. Information items in our package covered the Parrsboro shore project report and our upcoming volunteer recognition dinner on Wed Apr 13.

Question: are you following the US elections? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is councillor for District 10, Municipality of Cumberland.

Alana Yorke Gets Standing 'O'



Alana Yorke during her March 29th concert at the Hall. (Sharlene Lake Photo)

By Jacquie Wilson

Alana Yorke's March 29th performance at the Hall was the first in an excellent lineup planned for 2016's Concert Series at The Hall. Many who attended the concert said it was a marvelous concert and she is a beautiful singer / song writer.

Alana and her husband, Ian Bent, entertained a much appreciative crowd.

It was such a great performance there was an "Encore" & Standing Ovation for the couple.

They stayed afterward to take pictures and do autographs.



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