The Good Brothers playing at their concert in Parrsboro on April 14th. The Victoria Hall committee in Bass River are working on having a concert in the area. (Wendy Cox Photo)

Members of the Parrsboro United Baptist Church held a special march on Good Friday. Starting at the Pentecostal Church in Parrsboro they walked down Main Street Parrsboro and ended at the cenotaph. Charlie leading the walk and the first to carry the cross. At each station, a new person took up the cross - taking turns carrying the cross, singing hymns and stopping at stations along the way (Jacquie Wilson Photo)

Members of Parrsboro United Baptist Church showing walking in their parade to the cenotaph on Good Friday. (Jacquie Wilson Photo)

Black Rock Tidal Power Expands its Leadership Team

By Maurice Rees

Black Rock Tidal Power, a Nova Scotia tidal power technology company, will install its innovative technology next year at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) near Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. The company is one of only five companies from around the world awarded a site at FORCE, where innovative renewable energy technologies are demonstrated.

Dr. Sue Molloy, the company's former general manager, has been appointed Vice President of Strategy and Policy. She has been replaced by Nils Hirsch as General Manager, who is a mechanical engineer with a background in marine engineering innovation including the management of tidal energy projects.

Molloy has a PhD in naval architecture and ocean engineering and is a recognized expert in marine renewable energy.

Niels A. Lange, chair of the company's board of directors announced the management changes in Halifax on Friday, April 8th.

Founded in 2013 and located in Halifax, Black Rock Tidal Power (BRTP) is a privately owned company offering tailor-made tidal energy converter systems and related services for the North American market. Along with its parent company SCHOTTEL HYDRO, BRTP offers services ranging from site-specific platform designs and installation procedures to project management, manufacturing, and commissioning of tidal energy devices. The Nova Scotia company also supports the development of operation, maintenance, and monitoring methods and strategies.

Most of the existing tidal current energy systems are single turbines that rest on the seabed and require large installation vessels. Black Rock Tidal Power is directly addressing these cost drivers with the floating TRITON platform equipped with inexpensive small and robust SCHOTTEL Instream Turbines.

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users of our ocean waters.

John Woods got the event off to a brief technology start with the rest of the time spent under the magical guidance of artist Darlene Morrison. Darlene enjoys coaching the fresh minds into concepts that bring science and art together as one.

Darlene is a Dean's List graduate in Fine Arts from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. For those who have visited the FORCE site, they will have noticed her 2009 painting depicting Bay of Fundy's rich history from First Nations inhabitants to the arrival of Europeans and now as one of the world's premier tidal energy sites. For the past decade Darlene has demonstrated how art can be used as a powerful tool that releases creativities and motivates young learners to grasp enhanced renewable energy concepts.

In early 2008 Minas Energy was commissioned by the Nova Scotia Government to search the Bay of Fundy for the most appropriate location for Canada's first tidal energy demonstration facility. Within eighteen months and with its team of engineers and scientists, Minas found the site and established the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) in West Bay, Cumberland County.

Today FORCE is recognized as one of the world's most promising tidal energy opportunities and has earned international recognition that is attracting tidal technologies, project developers and renewable energy investors.

Minas Energy is a tidal energy developer at FORCE and, with the help of ninety students and chaperones from Amherst's Spring Street Academy initiated an extensive public engagement program in Parrsboro on Monday April 18th.

Springhill Hosts Cumberland County Seniors Council

By Hope Bridgewater

The Springhill Senior Citizens and Retired Pensioners Club recently hosted a meeting of the Cumberland County Senior Citizens Council and its Senior Clubs at Senior Citizen Recreation Centre, 4 McDougal Street. The Springhill Club is stationed in a large building which once was the office quarters of a mining company located in Springhill. The executive of the Springhill Club are President Brenda Rushton, Secretary Ethel Gilbert, and Treasurer Verna Clark.

The Centre was decorated for St. Patrick's Day and included these words: "Begorra! Happy St. Patrick's Day! It's a great Day for the Irish! It's grand to be Irish." The Canadian flag and Nova Scotia flag were also present as representative of all of us.

Brenda Rushton introduced the two talented musicians, Charles James and Marg Brent, who entertained members "country style" both in their outfits and singing. Charley told me he is a Springhiller, worked as a young man in the Springhill mine, worked on Vancouver Island, and retired as an electrician. He met Marg on Vancouver Island. Marg is a retired nurse. They sing at many different open mikes in the region. The audience loved their singing and gave them a big hand-clap. Mary Ellen Jackson thanked them for their superb and lively performance and invited them to stay for the lunch coming up.

Lunch was served in a large dining room with the kitchen nearby and Grace was said by Ethel Gilbert. Lunch consisted of homemade chicken potpie, jelly salad, cucumbers, tomatoes, rolls, biscuits, white or chocolate cake and tea. Yummy! The meal was tasty! The Springhill Club was thanked for the great meal by Walt Jones.

At 1 p.m. the business meeting began with President Arnold Smith, Treasurer Brenda Rushton, and Secretary Walt Jones at the head table. The purpose of the four meetings per year of the Cumberland Council is to inform Cumberland County clubs of any relevant information about the Council, Senior Clubs in Cumberland County and other Counties in Nova Scotia, about the Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners of Nova Scotia, and about the N.S. Department of Seniors. The Seniors Prayer was said by all and a minute of silence held for those who passed away since the last meeting: Mary Ward, Edith Martin, and Jimmy Angus.

Business items discussed were: #1. Minutes of last meeting on November 18, 2015; #2. Banking items; #3. Zone chair legally has to be kept and not eliminated; #4. Funds of $25 to the Malagash cemetery in memory of past member Barb Lada was voted on and passed; #5. Judy Shultz, a vice -President of the Federation, noted that resolutions about senior concerns for the Federation's May Convention needed to be sent to Federation's President Bernie LaRusic by the end of March; #6.The Council and each Club are to look after their own resolutions; #7. Discussion followed re resolutions concerning those people living below the "poverty level" and about changes in Pharmacare; #8. Motion voted on and passed to pay the expenses of two voting delegates, President Arnold Smith and Secretary Ethel Gilbert, going to the Federation's Convention in Truro on May 10 and 11; #9. President Arnold Smith was thanked for compiling a list of Cumberland County Clubs and Seniors Council addresses 2016; #10. Four clubs attended: Springhill, Oxford, Wentworth and Northport. Club activities included potluck suppers, card games, rook, musical afternoons, quilting, and speakers. #11.

Next Council meeting on May 18, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be hosted by the Wentworth Pioneers Club at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Registration for the meeting opens at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for sale on a mystery gift basket at the door. Wentworth will host a speaker or entertainment from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon, and prepare a lunch before the business meeting.

Marg Brent and Charles James, known for their talented country style of music, perform at the Cumberland County Seniors Council and Clubs meeting recently at the Springhill Senior Citizens Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater photo)

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