

Emotional Re-launch: The Cape Rose

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

The Cape Rose, a lobster fishing boat originally owned by Croyden Wood, Sr., returned to the water in Parrsboro Harbour on Saturday, April 14th 2018. Not only was it a beautiful sight, it was a very emotional re-launch for the Croyden Wood family and area lobster fishers.

Croyden Wood, Sr. fished



After sitting idle since January 2012 the Cape Rose has been purchased by Dave Rafuse is slowly re-launched into Parrsboro Harbour. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The Cape Rose, for many years, was a fixture in Parrsboro Harbour, has been re-launched and will resume lobster fishing soon for new owner, Dave Rafuse. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

NDP Nominates Larry Duchesne for Cumberland South

By Betsy MacDonald

New Democratic Party members gathered Saturday, April 7th to nominate Larry Duchesne as the party's 2018 byelection candidate. The meeting took place at All Saints Parish Hall in Springhill. There were twenty people in attendance, including NDP leader Gary Burrill, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River MLA Lenore Zann, and former federal and provincial NDP leader Alexa McDonough.

Duchesne is a retired school teacher and newspaper reporter. He holds a BA from Mount St. Vincent University and a B.Ed. from Dalhousie University, and he is an active community volunteer in the Oxford area. Duchesne has run for the NDP several times in Nova Scotia and PEI, and was the PEI NDP leader for three years in the 1990s. He is the father of four children, all living and working in Nova Scotia.

"This byelection is an important opportunity to tell the McNeil government that we've had enough of joblessness, depopulation and disempowerment," said Duchesne. "Electing a New Democrat in Cumberland will be an important step to building the province we want. That can only bring good things for Cumberland South and all of rural Nova Scotia."

NDP leader Gary Burrill spoke at the event on Saturday afternoon in Springhill along with Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River MLA Lenore Zann.

"Larry Duchesne will stand up for investment in our peo-



Larry Duchesne

the boat for many years, and upon his retirement, operation of the Cape Rose became the responsibility of "Boo", his younger son, Croyden Wood, Jr. Then on January 20, 2012 tragedy struck the Wood family, when Croyden, "Boo" Jr and younger brother, Michael, died tragically when the Fundy tides claimed both Boo and his brother Michael in 2012, a

reminder that the sea claims even the experienced. Both Sr and Jr sat on the board of the Parrsboro & Area Harbour Committee.

Following the January 2012 accident the boat sat idle, but was recently purchased by Dave Rafuse. It has gone through a refit and now back in the water. The Cape Rose was re-launched exactly a year after its original owner, Croyden Wood, Sr, passed away in April 2017.

Casey will Monitor Detour Signage

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland Colchester has been working with Hon Lloyd Hines, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Works to improve signage for the detour around the blocked Rainbow Bridge in Nappan. Tourism operators along the Glooscap Trail and the Joggins and Advocate area are concerned the signage that re-routes motorists is not placed properly and easy to see. Casey shares their concern motorists will not know where to go to reach Joggins or Parrsboro after navigating the detour.

In his response to Casey's inquiry, Minister Hines said, "Staff is currently reviewing the affected signage to determine if any action can be taken by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to ensure all temporary detour and highway directional signage is appropriately located to guide visitors along the detour route."

Casey will continue to monitor as the tourism season gets closer because he doesn't want to see local tourism operators along the Glooscap Trail lose visitors, creating a negative impact on the local economy along the Bay of Fundy coast.

need to be thriving and economically viable communities.

Environment issues will be an important part of the byelection debate and NDP platform. NDP Environment spokesperson Lenore Zann introduced legislation last week to protect the Chignecto Isthmus with a minimum \$10 million investment each year for the next five years.

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Jamaicans Important to Local Agriculture

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of dollars in lost revenue and millions more in increased food imports from outside Nova Scotia.

At the request of local farms, I recently met with the Jamaican High Commissioner to Canada, as well as the Jamaican Minister of Labour and her officials, to determine how we could build on this mutually beneficial relationship that sees rural Nova Scotia businesses prosper and Jamaican workers supporting their families.

We arranged for international programs officials from Dalhousie University's Agricultural Campus, Truro to meet the Jamaican officials and discuss training opportunities to further enhance both our agricultural sector and the seasonal workers' employment prospects.

The work ethic of Jamaicans is above reproach, and the fact is that hundreds of Jamaicans are integral to our rural economy in Cumberland-Colchester.



Shown above are Colette Risden, Jamaican Government, Bill Casey, Shahine Robinson, Jamaican Minister of Labour and Beatrice Rhoden, Jamaican Government representative during recent meetings. (Submitted)



Janice Miller, High Commissioner of Jamaica in Canada and Bill Casey, MP, Cumberland-Colchester during a recent meeting to discuss seasonal workers and their importance to agriculture in Cumberland and Colchester. (Submitted)

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