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Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has announced a newly approved production through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. The documentary tentatively titled, *I Want to Be Old Like Olive*, produced by Dream Street OL Pictures Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$105,326 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$363,194. More details about productions approved for incentives through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund are available on the NSBI website at <http://www.nsb.ca/filmfunding>

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

Boat Harbour Remediation Comments welcomed

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) has commenced a federal environmental assessment for the Boat Harbour Remediation Project, located next to Pictou Landing First Nation, Pictou, Nova Scotia. The Agency invites the public and Indigenous groups to comment on which aspects of the environment may be affected by this project and what should be examined during the environmental assessment, as detailed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines. Comments received will be taken into consideration in finalizing the EIS Guidelines before issuing them to the proponent, Nova Scotia Lands Inc. This is the second of four opportunities for the public to comment on the environmental assessment of the project. All comments received will be considered public. Written comments in either official language must be submitted by **May 10, 2019** to: Boat Harbour Remediation Project, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, 200-1801 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3N4, Ph: 902-426-0564, Email: C.E.A.A.BoatHarbour.ACEE@canada.ca

Terms of reference given to Northern Pulp

On April 23rd, The Department of Environment provided Northern Pulp with the terms of reference for its focus report. Environment Minister Margaret Miller is requiring the report as part of the environmental assessment process for the company's proposed effluent treatment facility project. "We require more information to properly assess the project's impacts on the environment," said Ms. Miller. "The terms of reference outline what the company must provide in the report so that a decision can be made based on science and evidence." The terms of reference are available at: https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/Replacement_Effluent_Treatment_Facility_Project/. The company has up to a year to submit the focus report. Once submitted, it will be posted on the department website and the public will have 30 days to comment. More information about the process is available at https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/docs/Reg_Time_Frames_EA_Dec2018.pdf.

In her earlier decision, on March 29th, Environment Minister Margaret Miller released her decision on the environmental assessment of Northern Pulp's proposed effluent treatment plant. The minister's decision is to require the company to submit a focus report that provides more information.

Population reaches 965,382

Nova Scotia's population has reached a new all-time high of 965,382 people. The new total is an increase of more than 10,000 new residents since Jan. 1, 2018. The increase is largely due to last year's record-breaking immigration numbers with 5,970 new permanent residents choosing to call Nova Scotia home. The Federal Government has increased Nova Scotia's immigration allocations for 2019 by a total of 454 new spaces, including 254 more endorsements under the Atlantic Immigration Pilot. The Nova Scotia Office of Immigration surpassed both Provincial Nominee Program and Atlantic Immigration Pilot allocations in 2018 with 2,272 people approved by the province. More information on the Office of Immigration can be found at novascotiainmigration.com

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Is easy to imagine indigenous people there hundreds if not thousands of years ago. Even as late as last summer arrowheads are still being found as evidence of their activities on the island.

Each of Canada's 56 National Wilderness Areas has its own set of rules determining what activities are allowed. Most National Wilderness Areas allow hiking, fishing and exploring. Certainly there are no restrictions on kayaking or anything in the waters around the island. Canada Wildlife Services will be assessing the island and the bountiful wildlife in order to establish a set of rules for the island. They will be consulting local residents about their concerns and aspirations for the island prior finalizing their report.

A prime focus will be protecting the biodiversity and wildlife on the island. The fact endangered species were identified on Isle Haute advanced the move to designate the entire island as a National Wilderness Area.

On a related note, there is a very comprehensive proposal by volunteers and conservationists from Colchester County and Cumberland County to have the entire shoreline from Debert to Apple River designated as a UNESCO Global Geo Park site. The area

boasts stunning examples of earth's history like Wasson Bluff fossils and minerals, Cape d'Or basalt, the Five Islands fault, the highest tides in the world, unique shorelines, lighthouses, museums, harbours and more. This aspiring Global Geo Park would be called Cliffs of Fundy Geo Park.

The recognition of Isle Haute by the Government of Canada as a National Wildlife Area will boost this application, which is already very comprehensive and convincing. If the area is designated as the Cliffs of Fundy Geo Park, the area will join a network of Geo Parks around the world which are preferred destinations for naturalists, conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

The 2014 economic report done by Ivany Commission predicted tourism will be a cornerstone of the future economy of rural Nova Scotia. The commission called for a dramatic increase in tourism for Nova Scotia. I can think of nothing that would enhance tourism around the Bay of Fundy more than having the Cliffs of Fundy area designated as a UNESCO Geo Park and listed around the world as a priority place to visit.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester.

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Lyme disease. These types of ticks thrive in damp woods and forests where there is shade and leaf litter to provide cover. It is important to note that black-legged ticks cannot jump or fly. They attach to their host by climbing on plants and waiting for the host to rub against them. They then climb onto the host body and try to attach and feed.

Adult black-legged ticks are most active in the spring and fall. They can remain active until the first snowfall or until the air temperatures are consistently below 4°C. Larvae and nymphs (younger ticks) are usually more active in the spring and summer.

You can protect yourself from ticks by using insect repellent that contains DEET or Icaridin. Follow the directions on the package carefully. DEET use is different for different ages. Do not use DEET or Icaridin on infants less than six months old.

If you do find a tick attached to you or someone else, remove the tick as soon as possible to help prevent the transmission of the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

See also Dr. Ryan Sommers' story on page 23
Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North is also Deputy Premier, Finance Minister and President of Treasury Board. Minister of Finance.

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\$14,686,256 an increase of \$3,806,486.

If we took the total tax rate increase of 9.5 cents and multiplied it by \$211,000 which is what 1 cent brings in on the tax rate you would get \$2,004,500, that means we have a shortfall of \$1,801,986. This is recovered by new property assessment as well as the annual increase in your personal assessment. To be clear these other Government operations, such as Education and Policing also face the same increasing cost. I am just using this example.

I know full well that taxes and tax increases are an issue with

our residents. I had planned to and had actually started writing a long explanation or sort of overview of our budget and rational so to speak of the outcome. I have erased because it is just too convoluted and confusing. I will however offer to sit down with any resident and go over it in detail, the good and the bad, with any resident who wishes.

Until next month. Enjoy the spring.

Tom Taggart is Colchester Municipal Councillor for District 10.

GeoPark Community Meetings Held in April

By **Maurice Rees**

The Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Global Geopark has reached another milestone on its path to an international designation. As part of the consultation process several meetings were held in April. We received information on the meetings too late for inclusion in last month's issue.

Cliffs of Fundy is expecting a team of UNESCO evaluators on site this summer. A Global Geoparks designation would make Cliffs of Fundy, on the Parrsboro Shore, Nova Scotia's first Global Geopark.

Last year, evaluators from the Canadian National Committee for Geoparks toured the area, visiting geosites - areas of geological or cultural interest - such as Cape d'Or, Thomas

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Cove, and the Five Islands. Cliffs of Fundy was assessed as "well on [its] way to fully operating as a Global Geopark" and was endorsed by the CNCG to proceed with an application to the Global Geoparks Network, which was submitted this

past December.

Among the Society's priorities are the development of interpretive signage at several geosites, the preparation of a localized education program for use by schools in the area, and a comprehensive marketing and tourism plan. A third round of community meetings were held in April: April 16th, 6:30pm at West Colchester Consolidated School, Bass River; April 18th, 6:30pm at the Advocate Fire Hall; April 23rd, 6:30pm at the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro and April 25th, 6:30pm at The Peg at Masstown Market.

Pending a successful evaluation, Cliffs of Fundy can expect to be designated a Global Geopark in Spring 2020.

Cliffs of Fundy at a Glance:

The Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Global Geopark encompasses an area from the shoreline into the Cobequid Highlands from the mouth of the Apple River at its western boundary, to the Mi'kmawey Debert National Historic Site at its eastern boundary, an area of 2511 square kilometres. A Global Geopark is a prestigious designation awarded to areas with internationally significant geology and compelling nature, culture, and history. Geoparks promote the area to potential visitors, and support business opportunities, special events, and education for the local community. They do not involve restrictions on land use or activities presently enjoyed on that land.



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