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When making these wood products from his 1600 acre woodlot, Peter Spicer feels it is important to keep everything local. The glasses on the flights were made by Carter's Sports Cresting, Amherst. (CFAC Newsletter)

Locally Made Charcuterie Boards and Flights

The Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) contained an article and photos showing Peter Spicer's talents as a wood turner. We have reprinted the article with credits to CFAC.

Peter Spicer, woodlot owner of the year in 2017 and owner of Seven Gulches Forest Products, handcrafts charcuterie boards and flights completely sourced from Cumberland County. The wood used is mostly yellow birch from his woodlot and then milled locally. Peter has also used boards his own father had milled over 20 years ago.

When Peter and his wife Pat Spicer were awarded woodlot

owner of the year in 2017, they were applauded for their creative management and bringing innovation to the sector. The Spicer woodlot in Spencer's Island has been in the family for seven generations and had even provided wood for ship-building years ago.

These charcuterie boards and flights are the perfect gift for any occasion. Peter currently has been making them as donations to charity and fundraisers, but they have been so well received he intends to make more this Spring and Summer.

If you are interested in these beautiful products, contact Peter at sevengulches@seasidehighspeed.com



Peter Spicer displaying one the yellow birch boards he has crafted. (CFAC Newsletter)

Nova Scotia in Danger of Becoming an Island

The Chignecto Isthmus Project, a group within the Cumberland-Colchester Green Party Electoral District Association, will be hosting an awareness building online event on May 11, 2021 at 7 pm. The Isthmus is a critical corridor between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Between Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada with trade worth roughly \$50-Million passes through this corridor daily; it is a link for many creatures including moose and birds on their search for

sustenance and homes; private and public assets worth many millions are within the isthmus.

It is the major transportation corridor serving Nova Scotia and New Brunswick families who live and work across provincial borders. The Isthmus is important and it is in danger of permanent flooding which would jeopardize all this activity.

The virtual moderated event will include knowledgeable experts, scientists, writers and politicians. Pre-

senters include Bill Casey, David Kogon, Ron Aiken, Jenn Houghtaling, Mike Johnson, Tim Webster, David Holt and Elder Billy Lewis. Through their eyes, we will examine the place, the people, the crisis and the solutions. The event is also attracting attention from invited world-wide guests who are committed to watching.

The event is free to all and will be broadcast live online. Details about how to access the presentations will be forthcoming.

Questions may be directed via email to Jamie (Jim) Lamplugh, Rohin McKenny or Rosemary Rowntree at orosemaryrowntree@gmail.com or Rosemary Rowntree at 902-717-7714.

Rushton Inquires about Parrsboro's Aboiteau

By Maurice Rees

On April 6th, Tory Rushton, MLA, Cumberland South asked Hon Lloyd Hines, Minister of Transportation and Active Transit when he expected to reintroduce the aboiteau bridge in Parrsboro which was eliminated from the five-year plan last year, back into the five year plan.

Minister Hines replied, "Like the comments of my colleague, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, our department is extremely focused on the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and the impacts that they have on our infrastructure across the province.

This weekend, we had a good example of that with significant rainfall and accompanying flooding. I really want to thank particularly the members of our team across the province who worked through the Easter weekend to restore the flooded-out roads, particularly in parts of Cape Breton, that came apart, really, and the excessive impact that we had. So we are very aware of the impacts of climate change.

In his preamble to the question, Rushton expressed concern there is a potential of the roadway being swept away with the Fundy tides and water continues to flow over the bridge during some of the highest tides of the month.

During the exchange, Hines concluded, We are very concerned about making sure that we take every precaution to limit the damage that happens. However, I will tell the member that we will take another look at his bridge, and I will let him know what we are going to do.



A beautiful sunset greets this beach walker looking at Partridge Island. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

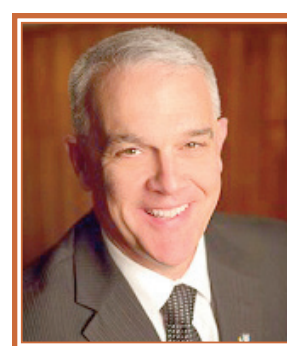
Herrett Chosen Cumberland's New CAO

By Maurice Rees

Greg Herrett has been selected as the new CAO for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. Council confirmed the appointment at a special meeting on April 6th. The special meeting was held with only one agenda item, the hiring of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the municipality.

Council approved the CAO hiring committee's recommendation of Greg Herrett, to be effective April 19, 2021. The term of employment is 5-years, with a compensation package of \$170,000.

Before becoming Town of Amherst Chief Administrative Officer in 2005, Greg served as the Treasurer/Director of Finance for the Town of Amherst (1997-2005). He previously (1983 - 1997) worked in public accounting in both national



Greg Herrett was appointed Cumberland Chief Administrative Officer at a special council meeting on April 6th. (On-line photo)

and local firm settings and has extensive municipal audit experience as a Registered Municipal Auditor before joining the staff at the Town of Amherst.

Greg is a Past President of the Association of Municipal

Administrators and serves and has served on a number of association and provincial committees. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Diploma in Local Government Administration from Dalhousie University, and is a Chartered Professional Accountant having qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1985.

Herrett, a life-long resident of the municipality, brings 24 years of experience in municipal government, including 16 years as a CAO, a term as past president of the Association of Municipal Administrators. Formal minutes of the April 6 meeting are available <https://cumberland-county.ns.ca/2020-council-minutes.html>. A Facebook live recording is available on the municipal Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MunicipalityofCumberland>

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