



The head table and board members attending Parrsborough Shore Historical Society. April 1st AGM are as follows, (L-R): Jack Boyd, Ed Gilbert, Sandra Currie, David Howe, Harriet McCready, Randy Mosher, Kathy Gould. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Parrsborough Shore Historical Society AGM held April 1st at the hall in Parrsboro. It was well attended with both Tory Rushton and Murray Scott attended. An update on the health and plans for the future of the Ottawa house were presented and accepted by an avid audience. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Parrsboro resident Sylvana Chambers looks over one of two preliminary design options for a new park planned on the site of the former town hall property in Parrsboro during a public meeting on Friday, April 1, 2023. (Darrell Cole - Municipality of Cumberland photo)

## Two Design Options for Parrsboro Park

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Fredericton-based Glenn Group, who will come back with a possible design for the park. Campbell expects to see another draft sometime later in April. Once a final draft is presented it will be up to the municipality on how to proceed.

The vision for the park includes public washrooms, trails, landscaping and some sort of open-air pavilion. The existing bandstand, information kiosk and tennis courts are to be incorporated into the design.

Campbell said it's going to take several years to complete the project, depending on capital budgets and funding opportunities.

Placing a new park on the former town hall property has been something a group of Parrsboro residents has been working toward since the town amalgamated with the Municipality of Cumberland several years ago and the former town hall was ruled un-

safe for several reasons.

Not long after amalgamation, Matt Brewer presented a plan to municipal council and received a warm response. The group then incorporated as the Parrsboro Community Playground Society and started planning and fundraising.

Through ACOA's Canada Community Revitalization Fund, designed to help communities emerge from the pandemic, the society and the municipality received \$250,000 toward the project that had an estimated cost of \$540,000. In addition to this funding, the municipality agreed to contribute \$100,000 over two years and the society acquired \$97,000 in provincial grants and agreed to contribute \$55,000 raised from private donors. There are also pledges for in-kind work.

Most of the budget was designated for the playground with natural and traditional components and a large open space.

Council approved the proj-

ect in the fall of 2021 and Cobequid Trails Consulting was awarded the contract to design and build the playground. It was hoped the playground could be completed by last fall, but equipment could not be delivered in time.

A request for proposals for design work was issued last June, but no compliant responses were received. A request for reallocation was sent to ACOA and a second RFP was issued with the Glenn Group being awarded the contract.

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The Parrsboro Skate Club held its annual closing event at the Lions Arena on March 31st. A large crowd cheered the many skating events, and a wonderful array of costumes filled the arena in event after event. The kids had a lot of fun. Parents, grandparents, family and friends were boasting with pride. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



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