

FORCE Marine Activity

In the coming days, the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) will be doing short, vessel-based testing activities in Minas Passage and the FORCE test area as part of the Ocean Sensor Innovation Platforms (OSIP) project - a collaborative effort with Acadia University and other partners to develop and test monitoring methods and equipment for use in strong tidal currents.

You may see brief vessel activity during daylight hours, including placing and retrieving equipment. Work will take place only when weather and sea conditions are suitable. Operations will be conducted from the Nova Endeavour, operated by Huntley's Diving and Marine.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sandra.currie@fundyforce.ca or (902) 254-2510.

Bissett and Novick to Perform in Parrsboro

The Bissett and Novick event will be held 2:00pm, Sunday, May 17th in the main floor bookshop at Main & Station Nonesuch, 168 Main Street, Parrsboro, NS. Doors open at 1:30 pm.

Performances by Honey Novick and Bill Bissett will also include plus OPEN MIC. To participate in the Open Mic portions of the day, sign up on arrival. Admission cost: By Donation / Pay What You Can.

This will be the Maritime launch of Novick's newest collection of poems and stories called "Voice Yoga Now", published by One Thousand Trees as well as the Maritime launch of Bissett's latest publication from Talonbooks the book *uv lost passwords 1* which was long-listed for the 2026 Al and Eurithe Purdy Poetry Prize... <https://talonbooks.com/authors/bill-bissett>

Funding for Food Relief Programs

The Feeding Communities Fund is providing \$5.3 million - more than the \$4 million forecast in December - to community organizations across the province to support local food relief initiatives. The fund has provided one-time grants for programs that help Nova Scotian households experiencing food insecurity access safe, nutritious food. It was supported by proceeds from the sale of alcohol products from the United States.

people access healthy food in their communities and support the organizations behind that work," said Premier Tim Houston. "It helps ensure Nova Scotians can meet their basic needs and live with dignity."

Funding is going to 315 non-profits and charities that deliver food programs in urban, rural and Mi'kmaw communities. The fund supports both established organizations and smaller, community-based initiatives.

"This funding will help

What's coming up at "The Hall"

By Becky Brown
(Becky Brown has taken over the communications duties for The Hall from Geoff Ingram, who last month advised Becky would be taking over submission of monthly events, while he moved on to other duties).

Wednesday Night Movies:
May 6 at 7:30pm - "Marty Supreme" [14A] (2025) and May 20 at 7:30pm - "A Private Life" [14A] (2025)
Wednesdays: May 13th at 7pm - "Bartlett's Privateers" rehearsal - All welcome.
Thursdays: (May 7, 14, 21, 28)

at 7pm - Citizens' Choir rehearsal - All welcome
Fridays: May 8 & 22) at 7pm - Open Mic - Lots of music, 50/50, door prizes, canteen. Admission by donation.
Sundays: "Bandstand in the Hall" (located in The Hall for the month of May) 7pm (May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
Special Events: May 25 & 26 at 7pm Spring Concerts
May 30th - Annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale 9am-12pm
Becky Brown - Rebecca Brown, she can be reached at: gotbecks@gmail.com

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Sharon Rogers, Mackayla Scott Recognized as Volunteers

By Darrell Cole

The Municipality of Cumberland recognized more than 30 people for going above and beyond during its Volunteer Week celebration at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill on Tuesday, April 21.

The theme of 2026 Volunteer Week is Ignite Volunteerism, reminding everyone that even one small act can start something bigger. By volunteering, people set an example for others to follow and it encourages others to get involved - something that helps the community as a whole grow stronger.

"Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Municipality of Cumberland. Across our towns, villages and rural communities, residents give their time, energy and talents to make life better for everyone," Mayor Rod Gilroy said. "Whether they are coaching youth sports, serving with fire departments, helping at community halls, organizing festivals, supporting seniors, protecting our environment or fundraising for local causes, volunteers strengthen the fabric of our communities every single day."

"Their efforts create opportunities that might not otherwise exist. They bring neighbours together, build community pride and ensure Cumberland remains a welcoming place to live, work and raise a family. Volunteers are often the first to step forward when there is a need and the last to ask for recognition. Their generosity speaks to the caring spirit that defines our municipality."

Sharon Rogers was recognized as the municipality's Representative Volunteer for 2026.

A long-time member of the Oxford Seniors' Club, Rogers has made a big difference in her community. As president of the Oxford Seniors' Club for five years, Rogers helped grow membership from 27 to 203. She also supports events and local groups, always making people feel welcome. Her dedication, positive attitude and generous spirit benefit everyone she works with.

Mackayla Scott, nominated by the Springhill Baptist Church, is the municipality's Youth Representative Volunteer.

She has been a dedicated volunteer at the church for more than five years, serving in children's, youth and nursery ministries on the Christian Education Board. Scott inspires others through her kindness, reliability and servant leadership, helping younger children and youth feel supported and included.

She encourages others to get involved while quietly making sure every program runs smoothly. Her consistent care and mentorship strengthen the church community and leaves a lasting impact on the children, youth and volunteers she serves.

Also recognized were: Anna Hergert - UNESCO Cliffs of Fundy Geopark; Billie-Jo Eagles - Beavers program in Parrsboro; Blue Osborne - Maggie's Place Cumberland; Carla Black - Ox-



Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy presents the municipality's Youth Representative Volunteer Award to MacKayla Scott (centre) and the Representative Volunteer Award to Sharon Rogers during its annual Volunteer Week celebration in Springhill on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. (Darrell Cole - Municipality of Cumberland photo)

ford Food Pantry; Carly Cleveland - Advocate District Development Association; Clare Canning - Davis Day/Miners' Memorial Day Committee; Clarissa McCully - Parrsboro Skating Club and Parrsboro Lions Club; Courtney Morris - Advocate District Development Association; Darlene MacPherson - Malagash Mines Community Club; Delphine Heuze - UNESCO Cliffs of Fundy Global Geopark; Don Osborne - Springhill Baptist Church; Donald Forbes - Parrsboro Lions Club; Eric Sherlock - Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter; Robert Bentley - Parrsboro Band Association; Joyce Wood - Amherst Curling Club; Kathy Craib - Amherst Curling Club; Kris Larsen - Wallace and Area Recreation; Lacey Fisher

- Amherst Rotary Club; Larry McDonald - Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue; Lisa Gottschalk - Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia; Michael Power - Northumberland Curling Club; Richard Belliveau - Minudie Heritage Association; Robyn Forbes - Parrsboro Community Christmas Dinner, Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion' Simon Mackey - Canadian Red Cross; Terry Baird - Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter Timothy Boyd - Wallace and Area Development Association; Zach Pettigrew - Cumberland Snowmobile Club, Cobequid Off-Highway Vehicle Club and Carter Taylor, Duncan Mills, Emma Forbes, Gracie Taylor and Sadie Mills - Children's Christmas Party (Parrsboro).



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