

Eatonville Centre – What’s ahead?

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ing to find out why it closed and what is planned for the future.

The Eatonville Interpretive building and the site is under the jurisdiction of Department of Natural Resources, but Department of Environment was involved either in its closure or subsequent reports which has hampered its re-opening or re-purposing.

He’s particularly upset, because a few years ago Department of Natural Resources staffer, Matt Parker, met with municipal representatives, including Warden, himself, other members of council and Rennie Bugley, municipal CAO. During the meeting the municipality representatives were promised a copy of a report conducted by the Department of Environment would be sent to them, but was never received.

To gain greater insight into the situation, the South



Deputy Warden and District 10 councillor sadly looks at the locked door of the closed Eatonville Interpretive Centre. He has been trying to find out why the centre closed and what it will cost to remove suspected mold from the building. (Rees Photo)

Cumberland News contacted Matt Parker to get a copy of the report, which was never received by the municipality. He said the report had been sent, but since my call was a media inquiry he would have to turn the matter over to the communications staff.

Later that day, Bruce Nunn, Communications specialist with Natural

pal administrative staff are once again requesting for a copy of the report, which according to Matt Parker, when he met with municipal council indicated Department of Environment cited mold as a major problem and correcting the problem would cost in the range of \$250,000.



A ground level entrance to the basement at the back of the building. (Rees Photo)

Resources called and said he would research the matter and get back. To both Natural Resources staffers, we asked for the report by Monday, October 23rd, to help complete this story. However, at press-time a copy of the report was not received.

We understand municipi-



An emergency generator and propane tanks, now

overgrown with brush, were never removed by landlord, Department of Natural Resources, when the building closed approximately five years ago. (Rees Photo)



View from the entrance deck at the Interpretive Centre. (Rees Photo)



A view of the interior of the Eatonville Interpretive Centre taken through the entrance door. (Rees Photo)



The Eatonville Interpretive Centre which was opened in 2009, but closed within five years. The property is under the control of Department of Natural Resources. (Rees Photo)

EATONVILLE hiking trail
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mapping your route

Total Trail Distance - 5.6 km (return)

Trail Look-Off Loop 1-4 (2.9 km)

Trail Look-Off Loop 5-6 (3.2 km)

key attractions

Eatonville Harbour
Seeing it today, it is hard to believe that this pristine and picturesque cove was once home to a busy wharf, a lumber mill and a harbour from where more than 20 merchant schooners were launched. The community was short-lived with the development of new ships and the depletion of timber.

Three Sisters Sea Stacks
This is one of the many unique geological features of Cape Chignecto Provincial Park's magnificent coastline. The sea stacks are visible from the safety of a viewing platform or from a kayak at high tide. Just how do you think these look came?

Squally Point Raised Beach
The raised beach and some cut terraces, which are over 40 meters above sea level, provide evidence of the dramatic impact of the last ice age and how Nova Scotia's coastline was reshaped by changing sea levels. Imagine the changes yet to come if sea levels rise because of global warming.

One of the best maintained signs in Nova Scotia is at the entrance to the interpretive centre. (Rees Photo)

What does Cape Chignecto Park offer?

By Maurice Rees

Cape Chignecto Provincial Park is the largest and wildest in the Nova Scotia park system. It preserves a stretch of rugged coastline that is studied with numerous unique rock formations, many of which have specific Mik'Maw legends related to the demigod Glooscap as to how they came to be created.

Located in West Advocate, this provincial park offers a spectacular experience of Nova Scotia's coastline and wilderness. The Eatonville area of the park is for day-use and has two trails that are more family accessible, and require much less hiking experience than the other trails at Cape Chignecto.

Entrance to the day-use portion of the park is located at the Three Sisters Visitors Centre. The most famous is without doubt the Three Sisters formation near the abandoned community of Eatonville.

Eatonville is a former lumber and shipbuilding village in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. It includes a large tidal harbour at the mouth of the Eatonville Brook beside several dramatic sea stacks known as the "Three Sisters".

The area is important as a tourism destination, because it offers access to pristine areas of Eatonville Beach, Anderson's Cove, Spicer's Cove, Apple River, Sea Stack, Three Sisters, Cape D'Or and a fantastic view of Isle Haute. In addition to spectacular views, several local businesses offer some of the most appreciated Kayaking and

boats tours in the province. Other attractions include famous restaurants, plus Cape D'Or Lighthouse Park.

Two fantastic hiking trails start from the Eatonville Interpretive Centre. The Three Sisters Trail is approximately 2.9 km in length, and directs hikers to look-off platforms at Anderson's Cove, Eatonville Harbour, and the Three Sisters sea stacks.

Squally Point Trail features some of the most spectacular scenery in the park, and has a boardwalk and viewing platforms, offering a close-up view of a raised beach at Squally Point. The return trip for this trail covers a distance of 3.2 Km

Cape Chignecto is a 5,951-hectare natural environment park on a dramatic coastal peninsula. This park offers you an opportunity to appreciate some of the most pristine natural features found in Nova Scotia. Towering 185-metre-high cliffs, 29 kilometres (18 miles) of coastline,

some of Nova Scotia's most significant geological features, deep valleys, sheltered coves, old-growth forests and the world's highest tides can all be found here. The spectacular scenery and the wilderness experience will bring you back time after time.

Visitors wishing to enjoy wilderness hiking and camping must use the Red Rocks Visitor Centre entrance at 1108 West Advocate Road - GPS N45 20.975 W64 49.414. Eatonville day-use park visitors must travel the West Apple River Road to the entrance at the Eatonville Visitor Centre building - GPS N45 25.300 W64 53.657. (The centre is closed until further notice; however, the trails remain open.) A park or camping permit is required and visitors must check in and out with the park so that we know you are safe. The park season is from the May long weekend through the Thanksgiving weekend in October.

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