

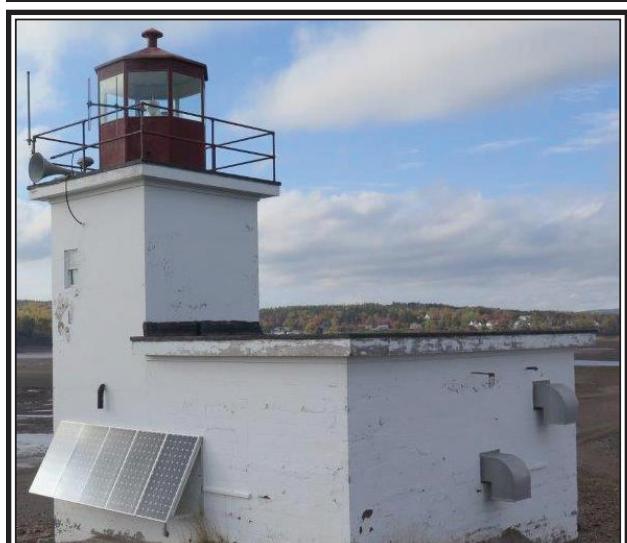
## Parrsboro Lighthouse Society

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lighthouse was in better shape than they feared, although there is a lot of work to be done. With the community indicating it wanted the lighthouse saved and restored, several people signed up to be members of the society.

With Parrsboro being a major tourism area, residents, business operators and visitors feel the lighthouse is an important tourism asset.

Accompanying this article are five photos taken when



four of the new directors visited the lighthouse site on

October 16th. One showing four of the new board of directors (page 1) and the other photos (below) show a view of the four sides are credited to Perry Kossatz.

Those wishing to become a member of the society or to donate may do so by contacting the Parrsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society or to donate may do so by contacting the Parrsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society.

## Ottawa House Indigenous Event

*By Maurice Rees*

The Parrsborough Shore Historical Society, in partnership with local schools, presented "A Community Celebration of Indigenous Culture" on October 11th, 2017 at Ottawa By the Sea Museum. The Parrsborough Shore Historical Society was fortunate to receive financial support from the Canada 150 Fund to assist with this event. There were Mi'kmaq dancers and drummers in full regalia, story teller Gerald Gloade. A

play written by Bernice Byers was performed by local students in costume and with samples of traditional foods.

This event was created to celebrate and raise awareness of indigenous history and culture in the area where the Mi'kmaq once had a very significant presence.

Approximately 320 students from Advocate School, Parrsboro Regional Elementary & High School attended the event throughout the day. The event was



Gerald Gloade talking to the students about MicMac history for this area (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



A play written by Bernice Byers referencing the animals from Glooscap history was enacted for the pleasure of attending students. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The special event at Ottawa House provided students to experience the cultural aspects of indigenous drumming and costumes. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

held at the Ottawa House By-the-Sea Museum.

The schedule was as follows: 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Beach talk with Gerald Gloade; 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Students creating bracelets & sampling foods; 1:35 PM - 1:55 PM Play performed by students, written by Bernice Byers and 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Mi'kmaq drummers & dancers cultural demonstration.

It was the first time for many students to experience live Indigenous drumming and ceremonial costumes.



The junior students had sung the song in school and enjoyed joining the drummers to sing it. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



This female dancer impressed the students with her dancing and her costume. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Students marveled at the various components of this male dancer's costume. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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