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The Spicer family's woodlot has been chosen as the 'Central Region Woodlot Owner of the Year' award. Above Forestry Minister Miller presents Peter Spicer with a new chainsaw, so he can go back to work. More photos and the notes used to win the award are here in the South Cumberland News on page 6 and 7. (Rees Photo)



While travelling around with a group of photographers from the United States, a bald eagle with flounder flying by, was a delight to the USA photographers touring the Parrsboro area. The photographers story is on page 4. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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## Eatonville Centre – What's ahead?

By Maurice Rees

What might the future be for the Eatonville Interpretive Centre? That's the question Deputy Warden and District 10 councillor, Don Fletcher is asking.

The centre, located at 2375

Eatonville Road, Advocate Harbour was built at part of the Cape Chignecto Provincial Park. It opened in 2009 amongst great fanfare in conjunction with 5.6Km of day use trails that lead to a number of features including

the "Three Sisters".

Opened in 2009, the building was supposed to be the most environmentally sustainable building in the province. Even though it was totally off grid, it created its own power, had its own septic system and

plenty of parking for cars and a separate parking lot for tour buses.

In the beginning there was plenty of government boasting with regard to the site's importance to the community and the positive impact it would have on development of the tourism in the area. However, the dreams of local entrepreneurs who saw the complex as an important asset were shattered with the centre closed within five years.

I was taken on a tour of the site with area councillor, Don Fletcher. It's easy to see no expense was spared during the construction. Parking lots at the site include general parking for visitors, plus a large parking area for tour buses and RV's. However, it's been abandoned by the provincial government. Fletcher, along with Municipality of Cumberland staff and council, has been trying

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Wayne Bennett Photography and Jim Hardiman run photography tours in the US and this year added a "Shoot Nova Scotia" tour to the list. The popularity of painted chairs on a beach or porch as made famous by local artist Joy Laking added to the beauty of Parrsboro for this group of American photographers. See more pictures on page 4. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Parrsboro Lighthouse To Get New Lease On Life

By Maurice Rees

Parrsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society is breathing new life as a result of several people stepping forward at a meeting held at the Parrsboro Branch Royal Canadian Legion on October 11th. The society

formed in 2013 took ownership of the Parrsboro Lighthouse when Canadian Coast Guard stepped aside during a lighthouse divestiture program.

During the past four years, the society suffered from volunteer fatigue with

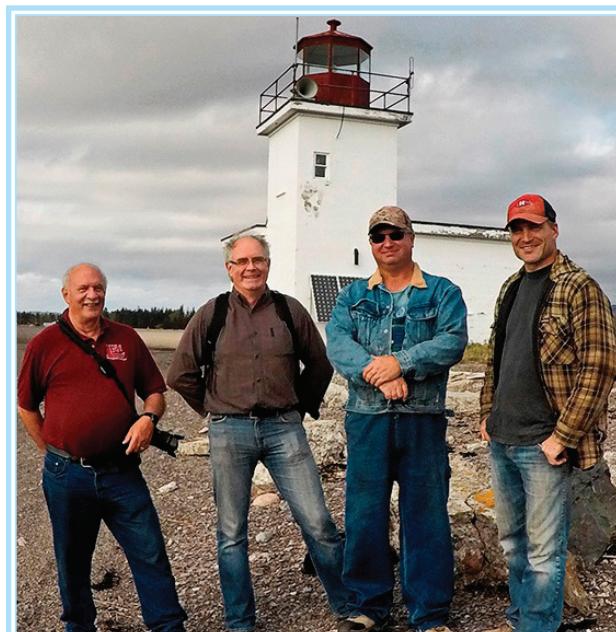
Alain Couture being the last remaining member of the original cast. In an earlier Facebook posting he indicated the concrete lighthouse was continuing to decay and if something wasn't done soon, it might be demolished. Concerned business owners, and residents put the shoulder to the wheel and organized a public community meeting.

The new board, voted in the night on October 11th include: Mathew Brewer, Perry Kossatz, Lawrence Nicoll, Jim Salter, Marjorie Shaw and Valerie Wilson. The next steps for the board involve getting an engineering assessment done on the lighthouse so it can apply to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for a grant, which was part of the original divestiture process.

Grant monies would be used to fix up the lighthouse and secure it structurally.

Eager to get started four members of the new board visited the lighthouse on October 16th to see the condition of the lighthouse for themselves. The group were pleased in that the

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Four new members of the Parrsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society visited the site on October 16th to see for themselves the extent of the work required to bring the lighthouse up to acceptable standards as a tourism attraction. Shown above are: Lawrence Nicoll, Perry Kossatz, Jim Salter, Mathew Brewer. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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