



The Spencer's Island Community Hall will be host to the annual Spencer's Island Christmas Craft Show and Farmer's market on November 4th. The popular annual event is organized by Margie Allen. (Submitted)

## Spencer's Island Craft Market – November 4

The Spencer's Island Christmas Craft and Farmers Market will take place on November 4th 2018 1-4 pm at 69 Beach Road, next door to The Sun Moon and Stars in Spencer's Island NS.

There will be plenty of home baking including: fruit cakes, cookies, breads, meat pies, squares, honey,

beeswax balms, wraps & candles, soaps, sewing, knitting, jewellery, handmade cards, glass wares, personalized scripted items such as signs glasses T shirts and wooden Christmas signs for the outdoors.

*The annual event is organized by Margie Allen*

## Cumberland Council Continues Fracking Study

By Don Fletcher

Four items were covered at Cumberland council's in-camera session prior to the public session on October 17th. Mike Johnson, EMO coordinator provided an update on the Oxford sinkhole. The hole is still there and is being monitored and a decision on next step forthcoming.

A short discussion was held on two stream recycling as it pertains to the commercial sector and to include them in the process. Discussion on the Wheeler

report on Fracturing continues with each session getting deeper into the subject. The public can always attend council and listen to the discussions if interested!

Borrowing resolutions for the Pugwash water project and Parrsboro waste water project were both approved by council. The municipality's flag policy was approved with option 2 which will have a designated flag pole at each service center. The protection from second hand smoke policy went back to staff for

another look with designated smoking areas a stumbling block.

The health and safety policy was approved by motion as were five grants to organizations. The Southampton Fire Department washroom facilities were part of the presentation by the municipality's fire service coordinator. A further presentation will be made to council in the near future to deal with the issue which has been going on for a few years.

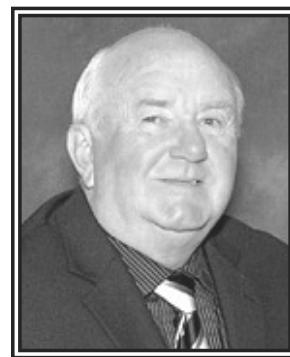
Assigning council representatives to Remembrance

## Cumberland Council to study Hydraulic Fracturing

By Don Fletcher

Two items were covered in council's October 3rd, in-camera session which preceded the public session at 6:00 pm. Approval was given for the special council held on September 26th, which had dealt with financial matters. One unsightly/dangerous property approved for removal.

Council's financial sustainability strategy was discussed and approved by motion. It will review current financial



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position and health and where we need to be in the future and how to get there. First reading of the amendment to the MPS/LAND USE BYLAW was approved.

Council's program and services review process was discussed and approved with transfer stations used as a discussion item. Six programs will be initially looked at: transfer stations; LED streetlights (in progress); police service review; capitol from revenue; governance review and fire service protection. Council had its first discussion on the Wheeler submitted in August 2014. If you remember it was report of an independent panel on hydraulic fracturing in Nova Scotia. As previously reported over the next several months council will familiarize themselves with information on hydraulic fracturing. The

province controls the issue and would make decisions to move forward and have indicated it will listen to wishes of municipalities. The intentions of council is to better understand hydraulic fracturing issues to be in a position to hold discussions with the province before any decision is made.

Congratulations is in order to our wellness committee as we won a silver workplace wellness award from the Association of Municipal Administrators wellness committee. Well done!

Flag policy and number of flag poles is ongoing. Two councilors were approved to tour the Tourquay Gold Mine outside of Halifax. One grant was approved. The Learn-to-Lead fall workshop series was briefly discussed. A large variety of good programs are offered to residents with no or minimum charge. Residents are encouraged to learn about the program.

Due to the NSFM fall conference November 6-9, council will meet on November 14th and 28th. One council meeting will be held in December on the 12th. A thank you letter was received from Oxford for staff help with recent water line breaks. Call your councilor!

**Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

## Progress Being Made on Physician Recruitment

By Don Fletcher

(ED NOTE: It might seem like old news, but the same day the last issue was published, Cumberland councils were holding one of their joint meetings.)

On September 26th, it was the municipality's turn to host the joint meeting of Cumberland councils. It was held at the Joggins Fossil Centre. The agenda included introduction; a reminder no decisions; supper, tour of the center and discussion on inter-municipal cooperation.

After introductions we had

a meal catered by McPuffins, a new restaurant in Joggins. A great meal supplied by a local small business that employs local citizens. That's a win-win situation. Most attendees each donated twenty dollars each to a local food bank to be decided by host municipality.

Under inter-municipal cooperation we discussed grants to organizations and ways to streamline the services we provide. The regional property assessed clean energy (PACE) program was discussed and it appears all three municipalities will be includ-

ed. An update on the CJSMA inter-municipal agreement was briefly discussed with indications it is moving along. A discussion on cannabis and related bylaws and policies followed with emphasis on all three municipalities having a similar plan for all of County. At present Cumberland has a second-hand smoke bylaw in progress and Amherst has a nuisance bylaw in progress. Oxford is beginning and already has a no smoking policy in town. The challenge for all will be enforcement.

A physician recruitment update was provided by Mayor Kogan and Deputy Warden van Vulpen as they both sit on the task force. Some progress is being made.

Members attended a recent recruitment session in Digby and plan to attend one in Toronto in November. Two doctors have visited and the task force showed them what we have to offer. Next joint meeting will be held in January with Amherst to host.

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## Three New Solar Energy Projects for Cumberland



Representatives from the Cumberland groups were in attendance for the October 15th announcement in Springhill. Pictured (L-R): Mayor Kogon, Town of Amherst; Sandra Currie, FORCE; Warden Gillis, Municipality of Cumberland; Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Casey and Ray Hickey, Executive Director, Cumberland Energy Authority. (Submitted)



Representatives from several Cumberland organizations attend the October 15th solar energy funding announcement in Springhill. Pictured above are: Front row, (L-R): Councillor Fletcher, MCOC; Sandra Currie, FORCE; Councillor Jackson, MCOC; Melissa Oldrieve, FORCE; Deputy Premier and Finance Minister, Hon Karen Casey; Councillor Blanch, Town of Amherst; Councillor Gilbert, MCOC and Councillor Rafuse, MCOC. Back Row (L-R): Mayor Kogon, Town of Amherst; Deputy Warden van Vulpen, MCOC; Warden Gillis, MCOC; Councillor Jones, Town of Amherst; Greg Herrett, CAO, Town of Amherst; Rennie Bugley, CAO, MCOC; Ray Hickey, Executive Director, Cumberland Energy Authority and Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Town of Amherst. (Submitted)

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Buildings Program," said Sandra Currie, FORCE's facilities manager. "Today's announcement will enable us to demonstrate another technology at our facility and to further contribute to Nova Scotia's clean energy future."

The Town of Amherst will use the funding for a project at the Amherst Stadium. "The Town of Amherst is pleased to be awarded the opportunity

to produce renewable energy under the Solar For Community Buildings Program. Municipalities have a significant role to play in the shift to a clean energy economy that will reduce emissions while keeping more money in the local economy," said Mayor David Kogan. Representatives from all three projects gathered in Springhill for the announcement.

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