

## Students Receive Scholarships and Grants

Aedan Sheffar, Springhill is one of eight students to receive a renewable scholarship of \$2,500 per year for four years in the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarships announced on October 2nd. A total of 20 students received Energy Scholarship or Energy Innovation Grants in pursuit of energy-related studies at post-secondary institutions.

Eight Nova Scotians enrolled in university programs will receive a renewable scholarship of \$2,500 per year for four years. Eight other students enrolled in trades and technology programs at the Nova Scotia Community College will receive

a one-time scholarship of \$2,500.

Eric Rose from the Pugwash District High School was awarded an NSCC one year scholarship for Dalhousie University. Four masters-level students

have earned a \$7,500 grant to support their research in the energy sector. The Sheffar and Rose duo were the only students from Cumberland and Colchester Counties.

## Windstorms Create Two Problems

Peter Spicer says major windstorms and hurricanes like Dorian create real problems that are twofold:

He follows a plan as to where he harvests and how much, and this throws that off completely and some trees that weren't ready for harvest were destroyed, so will be harvested when they aren't

worth as much as they would be.

If trees are weakened or downed and not removed, (spruce) then it provides a starting point for a spruce bark beetle infestation, much like leaving old growth red spruce unmanaged. The Chignecto Park is a perfect example. It has a serious infestation.

## Parrsboro to get New Snow Plow

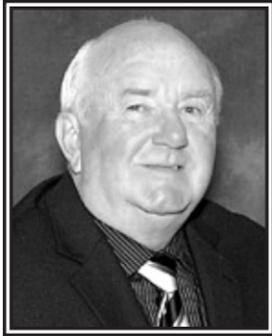
By Don Fletcher

Three items were covered in the in-camera session on October 2nd, prior to the public session commencing at 6:00 pm. A short discussion was held on CJSM minutes/efficiency study and planning for a joint council meeting to discuss the report and determine future plans.

Council approved an update to be issued to Parrsboro sewage rate customers regarding what the municipality has done to date and the plan to move forward. Four grant requests were approved. A motion to have a standing order for compost carts for the next three years was approved.

Council approve issuing a tender for a new highway plow for Parrsboro. A funding request for staining the Joggins Fossil Institute was also approved.

A minimum bid for adjourned tax sale properties was approved for those properties unsuccessful at selling during previous tax sales. Council approved a motion in conjunction with the



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Canadian virtual war memorial to officially name a brook, Roderick Reade Brook, east of Amherst after the sailor Able Seaman Roderick Eric Reade who was stationed on the HMCS Nipigon and perished during a fire on board. He was buried at a military cemetery in England.

Staff will look into emergency back-up power for the center in Springhill. Councillors were asked to attend and serve at the 3rd annual thanksgiving dinner for local school children on Oct 10th. A discussion was held regarding not for profit

garbage collection and costs. Staff will investigate and report back to council. Discussion was held regarding the Carnegie medal at the former town hall in Springhill and moving it to the community center. This transfer will happen in the near future. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Works will be contacted regarding speeding on Dorsey Road to assess what can be done to slow traffic down.

A working group supporting the Geopark was approved by motion. Information items in our package included a tax collection memo, we are making progress; Minutes from the northern region solid waste management committee; the N.S. municipal Finance Corporation newsletter; letter from Ministry of Lands and Forest regarding our letter of support for the forest industry and an invitation to attend the Joggins Fossil Cliffs Memorial Garden dedication.

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## New Sewer By-Law Anticipated

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A presentation on Safety Culture in the workplace followed the October 23 in-camera, which included seven items. This presentation covered legal requirements of OH&S, penalties and costs, liability, due diligence in the safety sense and compliance and beyond. The bottom line goal is "Everyone goes home safe and sound end of day".

Public council began at 7:15 with a short presentation regarding a church/public parking lot in Springhill, which will be discussed at next council. Two public hearings concluded with one property to be demolished and the other removed from list. A special council meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 28 at 6 pm to decide council size and possible switching from warden to mayor.

Council started discussion on a new public sewer by-law to encompass the whole municipality. Council will consult with staff on the ongoing discussions. Staff have been asked to report back on municipal election 2020 issues.

In an update on streetlight conversion it was noted, Citizens will be informed there will be a short period lights will not be repaired or replaced during the transition from Nova Scotia Power to municipal owned property. Citizens will be asked if they have a streetlight out, contact the municipality who will keep a record and replace as soon as it has the ability.

Two grants were approved as was a loan guarantee for Pugwash Village Commission. Remembrance Day services we're discussed and a schedule developed where council-

lors will lay a wreath. A motion followed to continue to apply for Canada Nature program funding. A short discussion followed on councillors attendance at functions and paying mileage. It's an ongoing debate with no easy solution. An information circulated was the interim Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities resolutions report.

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## Cumberland Business Challenge Announced

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to announce the kickoff.

In the quest to grow and support businesses in the area, McClelland explained "The purpose of this program is: To support start ups and expanding businesses in Cumberland County. This challenge is open to new businesses as well as businesses already established".

The business must be majority owned by someone 18 years old or older. In order to be eligible to enter the challenge, the business must meet the eligibility criteria, be (or become) registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks, and be based in either of the two Cumberland County towns of Amherst or Oxford or in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland

itself. The program is sponsored by: Cumberland Business Connector; Cumberland Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC), and Community Credit Union. Further details are available from the Cumberland Business Connector website.

In the awards category, Fundy Treasures, Joggins walked away with the Nova Scotia Business Inc sponsored, Exporter of the Year. The award was accepted by Brian Hebert and Laura Thompson. Not-for-Profit of the Year - Sponsored by Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce - Presented by Carys Wood - President of AACC and awarded to: Sunset Community Thrift Shop and Laundromat, of

Oxford. The Award was accepted by Randy Thompson.

Gillian VanSnick, Damaris Spa and Wellness Centre, Amherst accepted the Business of the Year - six employees or more, award Sponsored by: Nova Scotia Works / CANSA. In the employer of five or less employees, the CBDC, Amherst, Business of the Year Award was accepted by Kathy Legere, representing, The Copper Tree Boutique, Amherst.

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## The Hall Leads The Way With Green Technology

By Patricia Burke

As one of only 18 community groups first selected to participate in Nova Scotia's solar energy programme for community groups, the Parrsboro Band Association has now embarked on a 20 year project which will provide 30 kW per annum of green energy to the Nova Scotia power grid. The installation of a solar array by Doctor Solar began on the south-facing roof of The Hall.

This array will produce sufficient energy to provide for the needs of The Hall and a dozen other Nova Scotia residences, completely free of the use of fossil fuels. Details of the solar energy programme are available at

<https://novascotia.ca/solar/>

It has taken two years, and tremendous efforts on behalf of the Association by Bruce McCulloch and Johannes Heisberger, to coordinate financing for this \$107,000 project which is supported totally by local investors and locally raised funding from the Association. Their incredible work is saluted and greatly appreciated.

As the installation proceeds it is anticipated that the array will be connected to the power grid by early November, almost two years precisely from the date of the Association being selected to participate in the programme.



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