



Analysis has already started on the coastal vulnerability study to be conducted during the research of the Northumberland Strait.

Research Project to Study Northumberland Strait

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surge because of its shallow nature. They are always larger here, but to know how high and how frequent will be important issues moving forward."

Using models for future planning is good, but Webster said statistical data is also critical.

Steve Ferguson, Municipality of Cumberland senior advisor, climate change and special projects, said the data the study will provide will prove invaluable for future planning needs as well as risk management.

"The results will be really

important to us in terms of emergency planning and management planning while helping us with our future land-use plans as well, knowing where development goes," Ferguson said. "It will give us a good idea of where we are today, where we were years ago and help determine where we're going to be decades from now."

Ferguson said comparing the model with actual data will verify the information or even begin the discussion on changing the models.

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Three Dead in Fatal Crash

Three people have died in a two vehicle accident that occurred on Hwy. 2 in Fort Lawrence.

Cumberland County District RCMP are investigating the fatal collision

On October 21, 2023, at approximately 10:05 p.m., Cumberland County District RCMP, fire and EHS, responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 2 in Fort Lawrence. RCMP officers learned that an SUV and a car had been travelling on Hwy. 2 when they collided. The SUV came to rest on its side and the car came to rest in the road.

There were four people in the SUV at the time of the collision, a 21-year-old woman, a 26-year-old man, a 43-year-old

woman and a 2-month old infant. The infant, man and 43-year-old woman were all pronounced deceased at the scene. The 21-year-old woman suffered serious injuries and was transported to hospital by ambulance.

There were two people in the car at the time of the collision, a 19-year-old woman and a 24-year-old man. The woman suffered serious injuries and the man suffered minor injuries. Both transported to hospital by ambulance.

A RCMP collision reconstructionist attended the scene and the investigation is ongoing. Hwy. 2 was closed for several hours.

Free Family Movie at The Hall

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is once again sponsoring a free family movie at The Hall, 44 King St. in Parrsboro on Friday, November 24, 2023 immediately following the Tree Lighting at 6:30 pm. The canteen will be open to purchase snacks. As of press time the title has not been chosen but it will be announced soon.

Following the Santa Clause Parade on December 2, The Hall will welcome Santa where he will speak to the children and give them a

candy cane. Parents are reminded to bring a camera to take a picture of their children. We will not be taking pictures.

On Tuesday evening The King St. Strummers rehearse and they welcome new members. They rehearse at 7:30 pm. On Thursday the Parrsboro Citizens' Choir rehearses and they welcome new members as welcome. They rehearse at 7 pm.

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held at the hall on Mon. Dec. 18, 2023 at 7pm. **Spread the word.**

Cliffs of Fundy AGM OCTOBER 30

The Annual general meeting of the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre starting at 7pm on October 30, 2023. The meeting is in person and on ZOOM. Snacks and

memberships available at the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Contact the GeoPark office at 902-641-2225 for ZOOM link if you wish to attend the meeting online.

Joggins Fossil Cliffs Newsletter Notes

As we near the conclusion of another eventful year, it's our pleasure to share some insights and highlights with you, our valued community. While 2023 presented its challenges, including a decline in attendance that rivals our lowest non-pandemic years, we also found moments of resilience, growth, and celebration.

Impact of Adverse Weather on Tourism

Adverse weather conditions, including provincial fires and flooding, cast a shadow on vacation planning, affecting both local residents and travelers from distant places. These natural events left an indelible mark on travel destinations and the broader tourism industry. Our region, too,

witnessed fluctuations in visitor numbers and travel plans.

Attendance Figures and Annual Report

We're still finalizing the attendance figures for this year, and in the spring, we will unveil our comprehensive annual report. This report will provide a detailed account of total visitation numbers and visitor origin statistics, offering a complete snapshot of our year's journey. Past annual reports can be found on our website.

Celebrating Our Team

In brighter news, we are delighted to share that despite the challenges, we managed to maintain a full staff complement. Our seasonal team was comprised entirely

of locals. We are proud to have welcomed five individuals who graduated within the last two years into our ranks. Their unwavering dedication and infectious enthusiasm have played a pivotal role in our accomplishments, and we eagerly anticipate their continued growth within our organization.

Reminder

As a reminder the Joggins Fossil Centre building closed for the season on October 15, 2023. The beach access point at the Fossil Centre location will remain in place until removed at a later date, likely in November weather depending.

Cumberland Council Briefs

Council approves second reading of land use bylaw amendment

Cumberland municipal council has approved second reading of an amendment to the land use bylaw to facilitate the development of approximately 10 lots by rezoning a property on the Gulf Shore Road from agricultural to recreational residential.

The property is adjacent to the Felder Ridge Road, south of the Gulf Shore Road near Pugwash. The surrounding area is developed by homes and cottages and is a much sought after area. Future development would be in keeping with the character of the area.

Nine Parrsboro properties rezoned to permit residential development

An application to rezone nine properties in and around Parrsboro has been approved by Cumberland municipal council. This will permit future residential development.

The properties are located between 527 and 599 Main St. in Parrsboro and north and east of 1983 Western Ave. A single dwelling is planned immediately with the ability for future residential development.

Properties to the south are zoned rural industrial (along Chambers Boulevard) and multi-unit residential.

Council approves first reading of land use amendment for Oxford area development

Cumberland municipal council has approved first reading of an amendment to the land use bylaw to rezone a property bordering with the Town of Oxford to facilitate a housing development in Little River by Mervil Rushton.

The application is to rezone the property from rural resource to lower density residential.

The municipality will schedule a public hearing at a future council meeting.

If approved, the rezoning will permit Rushton to develop eight lots accessed by a new public road extension.

Council approves repeal of the Carbon Surcharge Fund Policy

Council approved the repeal of the Carbon Surcharge Fund Policy and directed staff to allocate the balance of the fund to a local non-profit organization to assist with a green energy project as part of the 2024-25 grants to organizations process.

The Carbon Surcharge Fund Policy was established in 2015. The objective of the policy was to support small-scale initiatives that help local not-for-profit organizations reduce their energy consumption thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Money was collected from senior management and councillors by deducting \$5 as a carbon surcharge from each travel claim submitted.

All money collected as a carbon surcharge is placed in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland's Carbon Surcharge Fund account. The intent of the policy was to award the money collected annually to one non-profit organization (application-based process) to assist with green energy projects.

Municipality sells surplus Springhill property

The Municipality of Cumberland is selling a surplus piece of property in Springhill to Mark Habib for \$12,000 plus HST.

Council had declared the property at 242 McGee St, Springhill, as surplus with a tender being issued offering the property for sale.

Habib submitted the lone bid for the property.

Municipality of Cumberland to create IT services supervisor position

Cumberland municipal council has approved the creation of an IT services supervisor position.

The municipality has IT infrastructure to support approximately 100 users across several facilities, including service centres in Upper Nappan, Springhill and Parrsboro as well as the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill, a campground, multiple treatment plants, public works buildings, a library and remote work capabilities through VPN.

To support these services, the municipality employs a desktop help and support administrator and this person's time is spent primarily on responding to requests from staff and councillors to troubleshoot issues.

The municipality also has a contact with iRemote, an external company that provides oversight to the network and desktop support as needed.

The IT supervisor would assist in the daily coordination of IT needs while providing long-range planning strategies to meet the demands of a changing IT environment, including cybersecurity.

Municipality creates a community engagement coordinator position

The Municipality of Cumberland is creating a community engagement coordinator position.

The municipality is required to develop and implement an accessibility plan as well as a diversity and inclusion plan along with a poverty reduction strategy.

Municipalities play a part in the quality of life of their residents. Equity and inclusion create more sustainable communities where people from all walks of life have the right to and can participate fully in municipal services.

The community engagement coordinator will coordinate the municipality's equity, diversion, inclusion and accessibility priorities. These include supporting provincially legislated plans related to accessibility and anti-racism, supporting the intermunicipal Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee and supporting and advising on policies and programs.

Council votes to reschedule the October 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting

Cumberland municipal council has voted to move its October 2023 committee of the whole meeting from the third Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month.

Several employees are registered for the AMANS Fall conference, which is taking place that same week, creating a scheduling conflict for staff members.

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