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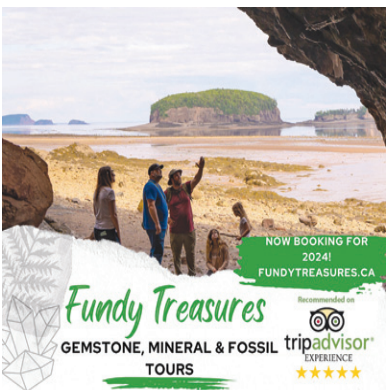
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Annual Tree Lighting Nov.

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By **Patricia Burke**
 Parrsboro will have its Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 28, 2025 at 6 pm. The event will take place at the Bandstand in Parrsboro. The children will be able to enter their names in a draw to see who will light up the Christmas Tree. Rob will have festive music playing until the Pattsboro Citizens' Choir will start singing from 6 till 6:15. Sherry will take the names of At that time the name will be drawn as to who will light up the tree. Force and The Ottawa House will supply the Cookies and Hot Chocolate. After the tree lighting the Hall will sponsor a free movie Paddington in Peru. The canteen will be open to buy treats. This will officially start the Christmas season in the Parrsboro area. Come and enjoy the Christmas season
 This event is sponsored by The Hall, The Clause Cause, The Ottawa House and Force.

New Cabinet Will Drive Development

On October 21, Cumberland South MLA, Tory Rushton say his tenure as a Cabinet Minister in Premier Tim Houston's come to an unexpected abrupt end, when Premier Tim Houston announced cabinet changes, he says will enable the government to stay focused on energy and resource development.
 Premier Houston will take over as Minister of Energy. He will continue as President of the Executive Council, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister of Trade. "I want to turn Nova Scotia into an energy superpower," said Premier Houston. "Responsible resource development will power our economy for generations, combat poverty and help Nova Scotians earn more money."
 Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management, will also take on the role of Minister of Natural Resources. Barbara Adams will become Minister of Opportunities and Social Development and also maintain her current portfolio.

November Events at "The Hall"

Submitted by **Geoff Ingram**
 Every Tuesday (Nov.4+11+18+25) at 7:30pm - "King Street Strummers" rehearsal - All welcome.
 Wednesday Night Movies: Nov.5 at 7:30pm - "Colours of Time" [NR] (2025); Nov.19 at 7:30pm - "The Roses" [14A] (2025)
 Special Movie (after Christmas Tree Lighting): Nov.28 at 7:15pm (approx) - "Paddington in Peru" [G] (2024)
 Nov.12+26 at 7pm - "Bartlett's Privateers" rehearsal - All welcome.
 Every Thursday (Nov.6+13+20+27) at 7pm - Citizens' Choir rehearsal - All welcome.
 Nov.7+21 at 7pm - Open Mic. - Lots of music, 50/50, door prizes, canteen Admission by donation.
 more info at **TheHall.ca**
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Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Showcases Nova Scotia on the Global Stage

By **Devin Trefry**
 Devin Trefry, Managing Director of the Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark, and Dr. John Calder, elected member of the Global Geoparks Network Executive and past President of the Canadian Geoparks Network, recently returned from South America after attending the 11th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Chile. The biennial event brings together Geopark representatives from around the world for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas on education, conservation, and sustainable tourism.
 Since its UNESCO Global Geopark designation in 2020, the Cliffs of Fundy has helped raise the international profile of Nova Scotia's Fundy Shore, stretching from Colchester County's Fundy Discovery Site in Lower Truro to Cape Chignecto Provincial Park in Cumberland County.
 This year's conference welcomed more than 700 participants from 50 countries, including scientists, educators, and Geopark leaders. Both Trefry and Calder delivered presentations at the event. Trefry co-presented with Dr. Elizabeth Silva, Executive Coordinator of the Algarvensis Aspiring Global Geopark in Portugal. Their joint presentation highlighted Reunite Pangea—a creative collaboration that explores the shared geological history of Nova Scotia and Portugal, regions that were once neighbours more than 300 million years ago before the continents drifted apart.
 The partnership goes beyond geology. Both Geoparks share vibrant cultural traditions, including plein air art festivals such as the Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival. To further strengthen this international connection, the Cliffs of Fundy and Algarvensis signed a partnership agreement at the conference—similar to one established with Morocco's M'Goun Geopark during the 2023 Global Conference.
 Beyond the sessions and workshops, Trefry emphasized the value of experiencing the host Kùtralkura Geopark firsthand.
 "The highlight of the conference for me was the opportunity to visit sites within Kùtralkura and see how they engage their communities. What I saw provides perspective on how we might enhance our own efforts, and it was reassuring to realize that we're already on the right track with much of what we're doing locally."
 Each year, the conference also hosts a meeting of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, which reviews evaluations of both aspiring and existing Geoparks. The Cliffs of Fundy was among those assessed in 2025. With significant



Another year and the witches swarmed down main street doing their wicked dance, causing windows and doors to close in fear !!!
 Fantastic outfits, for yet another great day, and fun for all with our celebration to an event celebrated in MANY countries.
 More photos on page 2. Photos by Lawrence R Nicoll

Food and Beverage Atlantic gets \$1.78-Million

Atlantic Canada's food and beverage producers and processors are key to building a stronger economy, creating good jobs, opening new markets, and supporting resilient supply chains.
 In early October, producers, processors, and industry leaders were in Moncton, New Brunswick, for the annual Food and Beverage Atlantic (FBA) Conference & Awards, where they are showcasing innovation and celebrating achievements across the sector.
 Today, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, announced an investment of \$1.78 million over three years to strengthen FBA's operations and expand its support for businesses across the region.
 The investment will:
 • Support the Expert Implementation Fund, which connects eligible food and beverage companies with expert-led solutions to overcome operational barriers.
 • Launch a region-wide training strategy, including an industry survey to identify key workforce needs and align training opportunities.
 • Expand food safety training, helping businesses meet evolving regulatory standards and reach new markets.
 • Improve supply chain efficiency, guiding businesses on sourcing innovation, logistics, and product development.
 With this support, FBA will give businesses the tools and training they need to grow, compete and succeed in Canada and abroad.
 By strengthening industry capacity, fostering collaboration, and spotlighting excellence, the Government of Canada is helping Atlantic Canada's food and beverage sector thrive, making it a more competitive, sustainable, and inclusive driver of jobs and economic opportunity.

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