

# Fletcher's September 6<sup>TH</sup> and 20<sup>TH</sup> Council Corner

By Don Fletcher

Hello folks, it's been awhile!

We had our council meeting Joggins Fossil Institute Thank you, Jordon and staff for the meal and set up. Great work! We began at 2:30 with a tour of the former campground/archery club property. We are considering our options for this property.

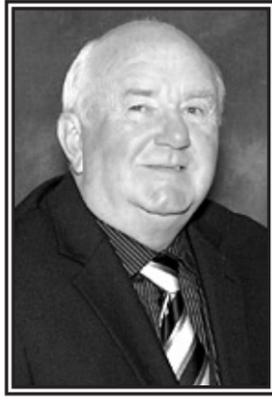
We began in camera at 5pm with 2 items covered. Short break and public council began at 6 pm with a presentation from our tourism development officer Stephanie who gave a great presentation on her course on Geoparks and how it will fit the proposed geopark for our area.

Next we approved funding for portion of a study on flood risk in the Advocate area, supported by the federal government. A short discussion followed on the recent visit of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The

McCarron park property will be on the Sept 20th council for further discussion.

Next a short discussion on the border entrance committee/public meeting recently held and our position on where it fits within our priorities, very high! Next we approved changes to the Leicester Fire Hall project. Motion carried.

Next short discussion on inter municipal cooperation and our priorities and discussing these at the joint council meeting on 13th Sept in Pugwash. A short discussion on upcoming UNSM meetings regarding attendance followed with the warden attending the meeting in East Hants in early Oct. Motion approved. We approved by motion the audit committee proposal to research the MFC high interest saving account option. Next we approved a three year cost share agreement for subdivision streets with the



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Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Works. Motion approved.

After much discussion we approved the tender for the Springhill Public Works vehicle replacement. We approved a funding request for funding for the Oxford Resettlement Committee. We then moved to cancel the program until next budget and look at it again at that time. Four grants

were approved.

Next blueberries were on the agenda and myself and two fellow councilors had to leave due to possible conflict of interest so i cannot report anything as i know nothing. Information items included Canine and bylaw update, dangerous and unsightly premises update, UNSM carbon surcharge fund, Cape Sharp Tidal community connect newsletter, the Cumberland Business Connector and two thank you's. All greatly appreciated.

Question: Are you concerned regarding the US and North Korea? Call your councilor.

### Notes from September 20th meeting:

We began council on Sept 20th 5 pm in camera with four items covered. At 6 pm we began public council with a presentation from the Cumberland Energy Authority on the upcoming climate change retreat in Pugwash at

Thinkers Lodge 60 years after the initial thinkers get together.

We next approved a debenture for Sunset Lodge subject to interest rate. The surge grit chamber award was next with approval to purchase equipment this year and the cement work next year. The Athol Road water main extension design award was approved. A police service review was discussed with approval given for the CAO to begin discussion with justice on a review in conjunction with the Town of Oxford. The reimbursement policy for members of council was referred to the audit committee. Approval was given next for staff to negotiate a contract with the Junior "C" Colts. A grant request for a Halloween dance was approved next. A short discussion followed on the recent joint council meeting.

The tender for the cargo van was approved next. Off site council meetings were discussed with the decision

to hold them in council chambers. The McCarron Park land decision on what to do was deferred until next council. A motion to send a letter to Department of Natural Resources asking for a spring bear hunt was approved next. Compost appears to be one of the attractions.

A motion to engage discussion with Raven Sky regarding our capped methane at the landfill was approved. Funding for HST for the Port Greville internet project was approved next. Info items included the RFP for the outdoor recreation and multi sports complex already awarded; the Cumberland public libraries report; a tax collection update; wellness program update and a letter of appreciation.

Question: Are you interested in the fall setting of our legislature? Call your councilor

**Don Fletcher is Deputy Warden and Councillor District 10, Municipality County of Cumberland.**

# Bernie Burke Tournament Successful

By Patricia Burke

Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament another great success. For 17 straight years this tournament has never seen a drop of rain. This year the sun shone and the temperatures were absolutely perfect.

The players, 60 strong gathered at the Parrsboro Golf Club to play 18 holes, scramble format with the proceeds to go to "The Hall" and SCCCC in Parrsboro.

Each year a car has been offered for a hole in 1 ON #3 by C E Sargent & and

Archway Insurance. This year, Parrsboro's own David Roberts hit the pin and the ball bounced back on to the green. Close one David. Maybe next year.

This year we were missing one of the dedicated volunteers who helped make this tournament continue. Billy Wheaton passed away unexpectedly in February. The organizers felt that there should be something done during the tournament in his memory. Billy always managed the putting contest.

This year we named that

contest the Billy Wheaton Putting Contest. His oldest son Ryan took care of that part of the tournament. Ryan Townsend, friend of the Wheaton's spoke a bit on his friendship with the family and then announced the winner of the putting contest was Johnny Grey from Cole Harbour. There is also a plaque that will be engraved each year with the winners name on it.

The Longest Drive went to Ben Vitale, Dartmouth; Closest to the pin on 3 & 12 was Ion Nedelcu, Halifax; Closest to

the Pin 9 & 18 was Ed Canton, Amherst; Closest to the line on 6 & 15 (ladies) was Heather Winters, Parrsboro.

A door prize was given to a player of the tournament which was a night for 2 at the Evangelines Tower Bed & Breakfast in Parrsboro. The winner was Jordon Yetman, Halifax. The 1st place winners were Andy Townsend, Ryan Townsend and Mike Vaughn from the Halifax area. Second place winners were Ryan Wheaton (grandson of Bernie Burke), Ion Nedelcu and Tony Breau all from the Halifax area.

The organizing committee would like to thank all the

major sponsors, prize sponsors, too many to list, the players who for some have not many a year in supporting us,

and to the volunteers who help to make this day a success, we are eternally grateful. Looking forward to 2018.



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# Woodlot Owners of the Year

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see and learn about things that might be of use to you. There will be more than 20 stations setup around the property focusing on a wide variety of topics including: wildlife, forestry equipment - large and small, conservation, silviculture treatment demonstrations, forest harvesting, portable sawmill, wood carving, woodlot owner groups, local history, local available services, helicopter, geology, motorized and non-motorized recreation, forest insects, wildfire, forest ecology, and others.

Visitors can travel at their own pace and visit as many stations as desired. At each station, visitors will have the opportunity to join in discus-

sions with local experts and share woodland management knowledge. Everyone is invited to the large tent at noon for lunch (at a cost of \$10 each), presentations, and prize draws.

The property is located in Spencer's Island, Cumberland County, opposite #5006, Highway 209. Just look for the signs.

See and learn more about the Spicers' woodland by visiting the DNR website at: [novascotia.ca/woodlandaward](http://novascotia.ca/woodlandaward) or by calling 902-893-6415.

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