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Great White Sharks are Here!

By Maurice Rees

The Great White Sharks are here. See our Facebook postings for pictures of Myra and Pumpkin. Thanks to Darren Porter, the weir fisherman from Bramber, Hants County, the Shoreline Journal has received a photo of "Myra" who pinged his electronic receivers in Economy and Five Islands areas. Porter supervises 42 electronic receivers which have been placed in strategic areas around the Bay of Fundy.

Porter has also tracked "Pumpkin", a nine foot male, who visited the Parrsboro wharf at the end of August. The sharks also captured the interest of Colleen Jones, veteran CBC reporter, who became famous as the most winning female curler in Canada. Jones ventured out onto the Bay of Fundy spending a few hours aboard Porter's boat, and filed several reports on both radio and television.

People have a natural fear

of sharks, but at the same time are intrigued by them. The adrenalin starts to rush when the topic is "Great White Sharks". Porter spends considerable time checking the 42 receivers which he also placed around the bay, many of them in the Minas Channel, in the vicinity of the FORCE site which included the now bankrupt Cape Sharpe turbine, which is owned by OpenHydro.

We posted the photos of

Myra and Pumpkin on Facebook at 11:21 pm on September 2nd. Within 48 hours Myra's photo reached over 39,000 people. At press time, the posting had reached 44,166 people, while a similar posting of Pumpkin visiting the Parrsboro wharf reached 5,595 people.

Myra is a nine foot immature great white female shark and was recorded in Economy & Five Islands on August 30, 31, September 1 and 2. She was tagged on July 15, 2016. Pumpkin, an immature male great white was also tagged the same day.

For the first time in history a great white shark was tagged in Canadian waters by the Oearch expedition an American group who arrived in

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STRESS RELIEF: Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE.

Facebook postings concerning Great White Sharks swimming in area waters have reached thousands of people since the end of August. A posting about PUMPKIN visiting the Parrsboro wharf reached 5,557 people. By far the most people reached in any posting on The Shoreline Journal's Facebook page showed a picture of Myra, a female Great White, who was tagged on July 15, 2016 same day as Pumpkin. She's a 9 foot (2.7 meter) immature female and pinged Darren Porter's electronic receivers in Economy and Five Islands. Myra's posting reached 44,040 people as of September 12th.

Masstown Creamery milk is now on the shelves. The company indicates cream, butter and cheese will be available soon.

Tenders closed on August 30th for the replacement of the roofing (approximately 410ft by 70ft) on the Debert Industrial Mall at 475 MacElmon Road in Debert, N.S. Results are expected to be announced soon.

\$50,000 for Bible Hill Community Pool
Scotia Pool has received \$50,000 for infrastructure upgrades. Minister of Agriculture Keith Colwell, was joined by Deputy Premier Karen Casey to deliver the cheque to members of the Scotia Pool Society on September 4th. These funds will ensure the 45-year-old pool receives new brick work this fall. The facility is leased to the Scotia Pool Society for \$1 a year. Active volunteers fundraise for ongoing operational support. Swimming is a great low-impact activity that people of all ages can use to improve their health. It is especially important for our growing population of seniors. Aspiring tri-athletes, and children learning swimming safety, are also regulars in the five-lane 25-metre pool.



A vintage pink Sunliner was chosen as the People's Choice Winner. at the Wentworth Blueberry Festival. See story and more photos on page 16. (Photo Submitted)



Myra, a 9 foot immature Great White Shark, has seen in Economy & Five Islands. She was tracked on August 30, 31, Sept 01, & 02 in the Minas Basin off Economy / Five Islands area by Darren Porter who has several electronic tracking instruments in the Bay of Fundy. She was tagged on July 15, 2016 same day as Pumpkin. Porter says Pumpkin visited the pier in PARRSBORO too. (Darren Porter Photo)

To Frack or Not To Frack

Debate on fracking draws large crowd in Pugwash

By Raissa Tetanish

No matter where you go, you'll find people both for and against fracking.

And it was no different in Pugwash the night of September 13 as about 150 people gathered inside the curling club for a debate.

Gerard Lucyshyn spoke on the positive aspects of fracking, while Michael Bradfield brought about the negative.

Lucyshyn, vice-president of research at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, said technology has evolved since fracking first began, and drilling horizontally became a game changer. It allows companies to drill the equivalent depth, but horizontally out after initially drilling about 7,000 feet down.

Cement casings are inserted into the drill holes, before a perforating gun is inserted that, when dis-

charged, creates holes in the rock in all directions. A mixture of water, sand, and chemicals is then pumped into the fractures, expanding them, and

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About a dozen members of the audience addressed the panelists during a debate on fracking held September 13 at the Northumberland Community Curling Club, Pugwash. The audience addressed concerns on royalties, health issues, and wildlife, while others spoke about their positive experiences working in the field. (Submitted)

WASTE: Miller Out, Royal In

By Maurice Rees

Royal Environmental Group, previously Truro Sanitation, submitted a winning bid of \$8.415-Million beating out Miller Waste Systems submission of \$9.131-Million to become the new contractor for County of Colchester commencing November 1, 2018.

Both bids were significantly under staff's calculation of what pricing might be for the five year period. Staff had budgeted \$9.975-Million which included the 2017/18 final year of Miller's pricing under the soon to be expired contract, plus a CPI escalator of 1.7% for each of the next five years. The Royal bid for five years is \$1.559-Million less than staff's projections.

At its meeting on August 30th, Colchester Council authorized Council Committee to award the contract at the September 13th committee meeting. The tender award was approved on motions of Councillors Parker and Cooper for Option #1, which includes up to three special large bags of leaf and yard waste from residences.

The tender call was issued in July to include, County of Colchester, plus Towns of Truro and Stewiacke. Closing was August 22nd. Bids were opened in the presence of representatives from the two proponents. Royal Environmental will now sign a separate contract with each municipality.

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