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## Parrsboro Rallies to save ER



Dr M. McCrossin addressed the crowd speaking about the lack of doctors and problems with patients lined up in hallways and other situations. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence Nicoll

On Saturday evening, September 1, a large crowd gathered at a rally to save the ER at South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre in Parrsboro. More than 150 people turned out on this holiday weekend.

Dr M. McCrossin spoke about the lack of doctors and problems with patients lined up in hallways, on occasion even passing away in the hallway. He said this happens in too many

hospitals. Dr McCrossin expressed concern over frequent closures that affect patient safety when the closest ER is no longer close.

PC Candidate now MLA for Cumberland South, Tory Rushton, also spoke of the need for more doctors and specialists and how that needs to be a greater priority. The weather cooperated and it was a great turnout as citizens rallied to save the ER.



Cumberland South MLA, Tory Rushton spoke of the need for more doctors and specialists and how that needs to be a greater priority. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



More than 150 people turned out on September 1st for a rally to save the South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre in Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## "Pumpkin" visits Parrsboro

By Maurice Rees

Pumpkin, the Great White Shark who was tagged on July 15, 2016, and has been seen in the Bay of Fundy on several occasions recently visited the pier in Parrsboro. The sighting was reported by Darren Porter in a Facebook posting

on September 1, 2018.

Porter, the vocal weir fisherman from Bramber, Hants County, has gained prominence for his ongoing call for accountability of marine life by FORCE, Cape Sharp Tidal, Emera and other proponents of tidal turbines in Minas Passage.

Porter, who in his quest to better understand the Bay of Fundy has invested a lot of his own money and time, is responsible for placement, supervision and downloading of data of more electronic receivers than all organizations, universities, and other

groups combined.

Under his supervision are 42 electronic monitors in the Bay of Fundy, which report sightings of tagged marine mammals and fish, such as porpoises, dolphins, great white sharks and various species of fish.



Pumpkin the Great White Shark, who was tagged on July 15, 2016, at the same time as Myra, a female, was recently sighted on an electronic receiver at the pier in Parrsboro. (D Porter Photo)

## Black Rock Testing in Grand Passage

By Maurice Rees

To landlubbers in Parrsboro Grand Passage on Digby Neck might seem like a different world away, but to Bay of Fundy fishers, it's either very close or couple hours away.

The reason this story is important to Parrsboro residents is Black Rock Tidal Power, the third company to start testing to harness Bay of Fundy tides for tidal power, has put its floating tidal energy system in the water in Grand Passage, between Brier and Long Islands on Digby Neck.

The marine operations to install the mooring system and the platform started on Saturday 15th September.

The PLATI tidal energy system, developed by Sustainable Marine Energy, and equipped with four SCHOTTEL HYDRO SIT250 tidal turbines, was launched at A.F. Theriault & Son Boatyard in Meteghan River at 6am Tuesday morning, and was towed across to Grand Passage by local fishing vessels TyKiSha-J and Island

Lady G.

The floating platform was then installed by Huntley's Sub-Aqua Construction, using the Kipawo, a 65' self-propelled barge early Tuesday afternoon. Huntley's Sub-Aqua Construction was the primary marine contractor for the operation, with Luna Ocean providing operational support, along with a team from Black Rock Tidal Power and Sustainable Marine Energy.

The PLATI platform has been installed as part of a collaborative R&D project between Nova Scotian com-

pany Black Rock Tidal Power, Edinburgh-based Sustainable Marine Energy and SCHOTTEL Hydro from Germany, with support from SOAR. The Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines have issued a permit to Black Rock Tidal Power for an initial testing period of 6 months.

The next step in the project is to commission and test environmental monitoring equipment on the platform before the tidal turbines are activated. It is anticipated that this stage will take several

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Tide's out but the marine railway at A. F. Theriault, Meteghan is ready and waiting for high tide to launch Black Rock's equipment to be floated across St Mary's Bay to Grand Passage. (Submitted)

## No Spin in Turbine

By Maurice Rees

The Cape Sharp Tidal Turbine sitting on the floor of Minas Basin is not spinning. A few days after it was deployed into Minas Channel, OpenHydro, it's owner was placed into bankruptcy in Dublin by Naval Energie Group, the company's major shareholder and largest creditor.

Pressures were applied from several sources to provide a team of experts to provide monitoring service and to supervise the turbine while its fate was determined in Dublin bankruptcy court. More than two weeks ago, it was announced a team of professionals from OpenHydro had been dispatched to Nova Scotia.

On Tuesday, September 18th media reports surfaced the team of experts announced the rotor was not spinning and they could not get it to rotate. Even though the blades were turning upon

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