

# Summer Ends With Big Bang

By **Tory Rushton**

Summer has come to an end with a Bang. Hurricane Dorian left an impact on most Nova Scotians to never be forgotten. Nova Scotia power explained this storm has been the most tragic to its infrastructure in history. With hundreds of people left in the dark for days, crews from NSP and neighboring areas came to the call to help. EMO was activated Province-wide and I want to thank all the Emergency Responders who went above and beyond in the hours of the storm and the Utility Crews that continued into the weeklong aftermath. Thank you for commit-

ting yourself to all Nova Scotians, leaving your own similar issues at home.

It was a great summer for



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festivals and events. On July 1st, my family and I kicked off a great Canada Day at the Parrsboro Fire Department Field Day and the annual flag raising at Ottawa house. There was also a spectacular turn out for Old home week where local entertainment rang through the night. It is always a delight to attend the Advocate Fire Department Bazaar where I was the lucky winner of Fundy Lobster in the online auction. In attempts to attend the Minudie Music Fest, I arrived way too early and introduced my family to the Heritage Models Museum in River Hebert where they were set back not only by the models but the amount of history the

building tells and collects from all over the area.

Other key events for the shore this summer was the UNESCO visit to evaluate the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark. I took in the 100th anniversary celebrations at Ottawa House of the Handley Page plane crash and listened to Kerwin Davison tell a story in the eyes of the failed engine and the scale model or the plane constructed by John Meadows. The Rock and Mineral Show in August lived up to its past and packed a crowd into the Parrsboro Lions arena for another successful year.

There are so many more events that I am not able to mention as it is time to return to the Legislature. The Speaker of the house has called for the session to resume on September 26, at 1pm. This session will be full of topics, but an important theme is the Healthcare Issues in Nova Scotia. I stand by my statement we have fantastic services in this province. The issue is there are roadblocks to getting there. We will question the Government on some of their plans with the Nova Scotia Health Authority and suggest positive change that we feel will benefit the citizens of Nova Scotia. Healthcare is at the top of most Nova Scotians minds. If there is an issue you would like discussed or asked at the Legislature, please reach out. My offices will still be staffed while the session is in. We are in Springhill Monday to Friday, Parrsboro every Thursday, River Hebert on Tuesday afternoons and Advocate Harbor Tuesday or Fridays. You can contact us at 1-883-597-8679.

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# Oktoberfest - Sat. Oct. 5 at The Hall

By **Patricia Burke**

Dust off your dancing shoes and get dressed up, because Saturday, Oct. 5 will be the Annual Oktoberfest at The Hall on King Street in Parrsboro. This event has had the reputation of being a night not to miss. At 8 pm the doors will open and you will be able to dance the night away until 11 pm to the sounds of the Elastic Big Band.

If you don't want to dance, just come and listen to the music and enjoy a sausage that will be sold all evening. The bar will be open so you must be 19 years of age or older to attend.

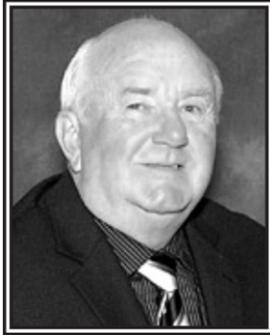
There will be liquor but also pop and water for sale. If you are so inclined you can also dress up which even makes the event more fun.

Tickets are available at Harrison's Home Hardware, Ken's Grocery or Art lab all in Parrsboro. Tickets will be available at the door as well. You can also call 902-701-8951 to get a ticket and a volunteer will call you back. If you would like to reserve a table call 902-701-8951 to let us know the number. This wonderful event is sponsored by the Parrsboro Band Association.

# Attends Millard Wagstaff 96th Birthday

By **Don Fletcher**

On September 4th I had the privilege of attending the 96th birthday of Millard Wagstaff of Port Greville, a fine gentleman and Second World War veteran. Also attending was his long time friend David Coleman, another fine gentleman and also a Second World War veteran. Quite an honour to be in the same room with these two friends and both from and living in Cumberland county. Thank you for your service.



Donald Fletcher

Geopark to include the Fundy discovery site was approved by motion. Two grant requests were approved. Approval was given to apply for a climate change leaders award as well as the carbon surcharge fund disbursement program.

A proposal to name a ball field in Springhill after a long time resident was approved by motion. Information items in our package included call for nominations for the NSFM Ken Simpson memorial award, Cliffs of Fundy GEO-explorers field day, additional officers program will continue. It addresses existing policing issues as well as recent recommendations and several thank you letters. Great to receive these once in awhile! Next council Sept. 18th. See you there.

Question: Have you decided who you will vote for in the federal election? Call your councillor.

**Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.**

erty approved for demolition. A rural internet agreement was approved and will remain confidential until all parties sign and agree to its release. A re-allotment of funds for repairs to the former Springhill Town Hall were approved. A letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Parrsboro sewer project was approved as well as the Parrsboro water request for proposal amended version.

A motion to amend the eastern boundary of the

Council began at 4:30 with a nomination committee meeting where three councillors were selected to the Tourism advisory committee, four for the carbon surcharge fund committee and two for the Springhill economic steering committee and two for the Parrsboro Economic Steering Committee. All were approved in public council.

Shortly after 6 we began public council and first item a dangerous and unsightly prop-

# Mayor Vs Warden Discussion in October

By **Don Fletcher**

The in-camera session began September 18th at 5 pm with two items covered, short break and public council began at 6 pm. A short presentation from Mike Johnson, Emergency Measures on Hurricane Dorian. A separate report was also issued for council to read. Overall, Mike was satisfied with how the process worked. A public hearing followed for a property destined for destruction. Motion passed.

The Director of Finance gave us our plan to improve our financial condition indicators going forward. This will be an ongoing process. The CAO then briefed us on his

financial sustainability strategy and the need for council to discuss and give direction to staff for an ongoing initiative.

A preliminary report on electoral boundary review and mayor versus warden was discussed. Staff will report back to council in October with recommendations based on public meetings and electronic responses and the last report done by Stantac. Council will then make a decision and it will be forwarded to Utility and Review Board (UARB) for approval. Financial statements were discussed indicating the budget, to date, is on track.

A special council is planned for Thursday September 26 at 6 pm to

allow staff time to file the 2018/2019 audited financial statements with the province. We are back on track. Great work finance dept. A motion was next to transfer funds to reserve. Motion passed.

The county's fire coordinator will arrange two meetings between council and fire chiefs based on north/south boundary. These should take place in October. Council Meeting dates are October 2,

and 23; November 13; December 11th, and January 15, 2020. Information items in package included NSFM fall conference attendance, breathing air compressors, fire dept, solid waste matters newsletter and the Right-to-Know proclamation to be signed by Warden.

Question: are you engaged in the federal election? Call your councillor.

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