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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS October 2022

Wentworth Rec Centre will host a Live Music event with a variety of music on October 1. Doors open at 6, show starts at 7:00. Tickets are \$5.00.

Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark will hold its annual meeting at the Economy Rec Centre on October 18th commencing at 6:30 pm.

A fundraiser to assist local groups or residents is in the initial planning stages by the Shoreline Journal to be held this fall in Economy. We can't reveal any of the details as of yet, but we can outline some of our needs, if the event can be organised. For the meal, we are thinking casserole, pot-luck menu plus home-made desserts. We hope to fill the Rec Centre. If possible, we hope to raise \$5,000.00 in one event for the areas of Five and Lr Five Islands, Economy, Bass River and Great Village. Event will include a special keynote speaker. We need a local group to cater the meal or local groups or individuals interested in cooking at home casseroles or potluck dishes and perhaps a separate group who would serve the meal. We are not expecting people to do this for free, we will figure a way to pay to those cooking. We will also need someone or group to help organize the workforce. Projected date is by mid-November. We invite people to contact, Maurice Rees, publisher for more details and how you would like to help. Contact Maurice at Maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or 902-647-2968.

Local MLAs Tom Taggart, Dave Ritcey and Larry Harrison will be spending most of their time at the Provincial Legislature when the first session of the 64th general assembly resumes Thursday, October 13, at 1 p.m.

Desmond fatality report extended. The conclusion of the Desmond Fatality Inquiry has been extended to allow Judge Warren Zimmer to continue his work. The new date is December 31, though the final report is expected to be complete before then. The extension, from September 30, was made under the Regulations Respecting Part-time Judges of the Provincial Court.

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Future of Health Care in West Colchester

By Linda Harrington

There was a great turnout for the information session on Health Care Services in Bass River & West Colchester held on Sept. 21st at the Victoria Hall. Community members listened to the presentation by members of the NS Health panel and then took part in

further discussion.

In 2019, the West Colchester Health Centre lost the services from its two doctors and physician recruitment has had its challenges ever since.

The West Colchester Medical Society (WCMS) currently oversees the operations of the West Colchester Community

Health Centre with funding from Dept. of Health and Wellness, two Nova Scotia Health Practitioners and community fundraising and donations.

The Health Centre serves the area along the shore from Five Islands to Glenholme with 850 patients shared between the two nurse practi-

tioners, leaving 628 patients on the Need a Family Practice Registry in this area.

The NS Health Authority has worked with the West Colchester Medical Society to develop two proposed clinic models going forward. These were based on the guiding principles of building sustainable, predictable health services based on community population and need; building on the strengths of the existing resources; considering community and provider input; collaboration with NS Health, WCMS and the community, consideration of the rural context and geographical location and seamless transition and care continuity to be not only maintained but strengthened.

The proposed new health services model looks at a

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The top part of the steeple at former St David's church, Great Village succumb to the high winds of Hurricane Fiona on Friday evening, September 23rd. The property has been purchased by Truro Developer, Joe Pinto. Earlier before the storm, Angel's Diner was opened in the basement. (Harrington Photo)



John Calder

John Calder to the Rescue

By Maurice Rees

John Calder, who first envisioned the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark, when he was the leading Geologist with the province, has come to the rescue to become Interim Executive Director, and in doing so, has significantly raised the profile of Cliffs of Fundy globally.

Very soon after accepting in interim executive director position, John received an urgent request from UNESCO they wanted him to deliver numerous presentation in Bali. However time did not allow for completion of travel arrangements. John found a way to fulfill the request. He delivered the presentations by Zoom from the GeoPark office in Debert.

UNESCO's appreciation of the knowledge of GeoParks,

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BDC launches \$500 Million Thrive Venture Fund and Lab for Women

BDC announced on September 21, the launch of its \$500 million Thrive Venture Fund and Lab for Women during the Elevate Festival in Toronto. Building on the success of BDC Capital's Women in Technology (WIT) Venture Fund, launched in 2017, Thrive will be the largest investment platform of its kind in the world, supporting Canadian women-led businesses for them to grow and have a lasting impact on the economy.

The Thrive platform is comprised of three distinct components, providing a comprehensive approach to addressing barriers faced by women, be it through direct early-stage investment, strategic investment in women-led and focused funds, or emerging models for providing equity investments for women-led businesses in the earliest stages of development, all while continuing to develop a more robust and sustainable ecosystem for all.

More specifically, the platform will be made

up of:

\$300 million direct investment fund - seeking to partner with promising women entrepreneurs building Canadian technology companies at seed and Series A/B stages. Using the same investment thesis as the WIT Venture Fund, Thrive Venture Fund will remain sector agnostic and will continue to invest in companies with strong growth and scalable market potential, that bring together the right innovation, team, and resources to transform today's markets.

\$100 million lab - a new initiative designed to develop innovative equity investment models for women-led companies with promising business models and growth potential, which may not necessarily be on a traditional path to securing venture capital investment. The initial focus of Thrive Lab will be to deliver its unique offering in collaboration with ecosys-

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