

# 2020 Remembrance Day Information and Directive

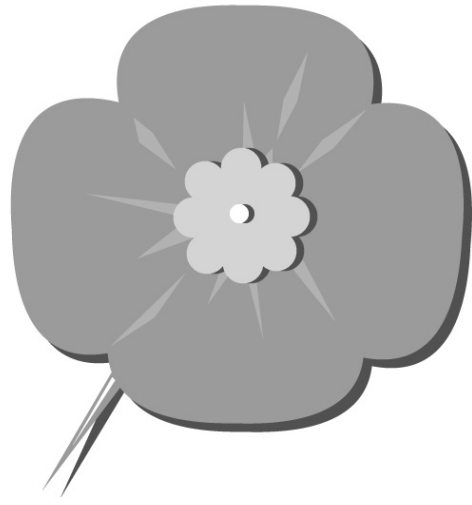
By Carlotta Langille

In order to prevent contact and the spread of COVID-19, Branch #72, Great Village, will comply with the Provincial Emergency Orders as they apply to the operation of the 2020 Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day service. We intend to provide direction to ensure a safe environment for both the public and our members and to especially protect persons who are at higher risk for adverse health complications.

This notice is to provide the public with information required to conduct a safe and successful Remembrance Day ceremony. Bearing in mind that Branch #72 must comply with the Provincial / Municipal Government restrictions for 2020.

We must keep a safe distance from our older Veterans/members and public who are the demographic most affected by the pandemic. The Poppy campaign will take place 20 October - 11 November this year with the following stipulations: Door to door solicitation will be avoided, and Poppy boxes will be left with participating businesses that choose to support our branch.

Remembrance Day, if weather permits will be an Outdoor ceremony. In the case of inclement weather an indoor venue will be announced



prior to the 11th of November.

The importance of this year's ceremony honouring our Veterans and their sacrifices is considered paramount by the Legion, especially during the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Our pledge is to never forget echoes loudly throughout the community of West Colchester.

**Operation of the event:**

We will obey the restrictions imposed by authorities as a result of the current pandemic: The Government and local Health authority's direction on the limit on outside and indoor gatherings. The requirement to physically distance between individuals to a minimum of six feet or two metres, the requirement to wear protective masks, members of the Air/Land and Sea

Cadets are prohibited from participating this year. The Canadian Armed Forces abides by the restrictions imposed by the local Health authorities and are therefore limiting numbers and marching formations.

The ceremonies will take place at the Great Village Cenotaph during the morning and the Londonderry Cenotaph during the afternoon on 11 November (weather permitting). The Economy service will take place the previous Sunday in front of the Economy Recreation Centre.

Veterans' Parade - There will be no Veterans' Parade. Canadian Armed Forces - There will be no CAF Parade. There will be one trumpeter and one piper to play the Lament, flag orderly to raise the Canadian flag.

Branch President and participating officials will be standing in front of and facing Memorial. Their wreaths are prepositioned, so no assistant wreath bearer is required. Wreath Bearers - The majority of wreaths are to be preplaced at the Memorial prior to the ceremony. Those wanting to place the wreath personally can do so after the ceremony concludes.

Spectators are discouraged from attending due to the limited space and the requirement to physically distance. Media are invited to attend. Post ceremony meet and greet at the Legion and Community halls - There will be no meet and greet afterward.

Questions to be directed to Branch #72 Poppy Campaign Chairperson, Comrade Logan Spencer at 902-668-2925.

We realize the conduct of this year's Remembrance Day parade is difficult but not insurmountable. Following the local area restrictions imposed due to the pandemic needs to be paramount in concern of the safety of all involved. However, with a reduction in people at the ceremony locations and adjustment in the format will allow us to honour our Veterans and the sacrifices made regardless of the pandemic.

**Cobequid Branch #72 President  
Comrade Carlotta Langille.**

# WBPANS Selects Peter Burgess

By Linda Harrington

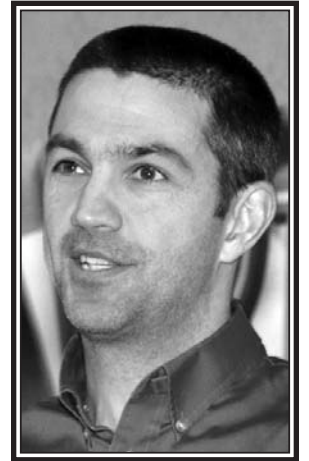
Peter Burgess, Wild Blueberry Specialist with Perennia, was appointed to the position of Executive Director for the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia, effective May 1, 2020. Peter has served in extension, applied research and pest management with Perennia for the past 17 years.

He has been closely connected to wild blueberry growers and other industry partners, including researchers, agricultural businesses, government personnel and regional association leaders. As a well-respected horticulturalist serving wild blueberry growers throughout the Maritimes, Peter brings a wealth of leadership experience to the Association.

Peter also has deep family roots in the wild blueberry industry. His parents and grandparents were industry leaders, farming in the central region of Nova Scotia. Peter, along with his siblings, has been very active in all aspects of the production, promotion and marketing of the wild blueberry crop throughout his entire life.

Though he is fully aware of the challenges within the industry, Peter sees this new position as "an opportunity to help shape the future of the industry." He has many years of experience managing people, budgets and projects at Perennia.

He has worked with the Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture, wildlife mitigation, crown land assessment, cost of



Peter Burgess

production studies, other small fruit leadership, minor use pesticide decision making for Nova Scotia horticulture, and blight monitoring. Peter has been a regular speaker at all Wild Blueberry Association events for more than 15 years and has maintained a regular lowbush blueberry blog to keep growers informed of pertinent production issues and challenges. He holds a BSc from UNB and a MSc from Dalhousie in association with the former Nova Scotia Agricultural College.



## Restrictions Eased in Long-Term Care

Scotia is further loosening restrictions for long-term care residents. Residents of long-term care homes can now leave for medical appointments accompanied by family members and the cap on the number of people a resident can identify to visit indoors has been lifted. As well, community-based adult day programs can resume with an approved plan that meets public health guidelines. These programs are operated by in-

dependent community organizations and offer activities such as music, painting, exercise, crafts and games.

Other items announced include: Before- and after-school programs are permitted to have cohorts or groups of 15 children without maintaining physical distance of two metres or six feet. Different groups of 15 must maintain physical distance. This is part of a host of measures in place for programs to operate safely,

including masking, hand hygiene and increased environmental cleaning

Government is working with four venues - Centre 200, Scotiabank Centre, Riverside International Speedway and Scotia Speedworld - on opportunities to host larger audiences than current gathering limits allow. These four facilities will be able to have a total audience that includes multiple groups: of 200 people for indoor events and of 250 people

for outdoor events, but only if they meet strict criteria and have an approved, detailed plan. The plan must include how they intend to keep each group separate in its own 'bubble' at the venue

There are 133 licensed long-term care facilities in Nova Scotia; three types of before- and after-school programs: programs offered by regulated child care providers, recreation-based programs offered by organizations like YMCA and EXCEL, and the Nova Scotia Before and After Program.

## The Cliffs Are Growing

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shore and is looking forward to visiting some of the geosites she has not yet seen.

The other exciting news for this month, is the Geopark's move into our permanent office in the Debert Business Park. Renovations have been completed, and the official move in-date was September 8th. The Municipality of the County of Colchester has provided this office space as part of their ongoing financial support for the Geopark. "We appreciate and value the financial support of both Cumberland and Colchester counties", says Manager Beth Peterkin. "This is truly a unique municipal partnership and it's what makes the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark such a strong organization." The business of the Geopark will be managed from the Debert office, although the staff will also be out in the field and visiting tourism partners throughout the 165 km length of the Geopark on many occasions.

Just to keep things busy and exciting, plans are underway to hire a Geoscientist to round out the staffing component. The hiring for that position is in process and advertising will start shortly. This third staff person will also be based out of the Debert office, but he/she will spend a great deal of time out in the field doing re-

search, meeting community members and assisting with our education programs.

For information on the Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark, visit our website at [www.fundygeopark.ca](http://www.fundygeopark.ca)

We can be reached in Debert at 902-641-2225 or by email at [manager@fundygeopark.ca](mailto:manager@fundygeopark.ca) and look forward to hearing from you.

**Beth Peterkin, Manager, Cliffs of Fundy Geopark can be reached at [manager@fundygeopark.ca](mailto:manager@fundygeopark.ca), 902-641-2225**

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