now that high-speed broadband will be installed over the next three years in Cumber-
land and Colchester counties as part of a $40.2-Million project with the federal government. The additional infrastructure should contribute to the local economy.

Living in an unaffordable area myself and running two businesses out of our home, this service upgrade is invaluable to businesses and individuals. I believe that improved mobile phone service is the key to enhanced economic development. The ability to work and conduct business in these areas like Apple River, Advocate, Fayetteville, Port Gregor, Tivoli Islands, Moira River, and areas in between is a matter of necessity. Better cell phone coverage would mean easier communication between commuters and businesses, and fewer disruptions to the people who live here.

What do you believe are the most important issues for your District?

Sustainable affordable living is on everyone’s mind these days; the cost of living is increasing, from food costs, utility rates to more in this type of abode, age. Everyone is feeling the pinch. With COVID-19 many businesses were forced to close, their employees were left without work, families and individuals are feeling in-
secure about their financial future. The forestry and blueberry industries have had their own struggles with the closure of the mills in Point, and low labour and transportation costs. We need something to what will come next. Tourism operators have also lost revenue from a lack of visitors from outside the Atlantic Bubble, many are appreciative of the help the fed-
eral and provincial governments have offered. The property tax increases across the province along with Parrsboro’s proposed sewer rate increase have led to unrest and dissatisfaction in Municipal Government and their elected councilors.

Since tourism is a major part of District 8 economy what type of investments should the municipality make to as-
sist the tourism sector?

Insect in a marketing strategy, supplies along HWY 102 and 102 should let drivers know what we have to offer, creating a cohesive story plan would be beneficial. I think the marketing strategy should also include the development of a tourism website. For this work I believe that creating a partnership with Colchester would make sense, pooling our resources to create a cohesive tourism brand. We share the northern shore of the Bay of Fundy and the Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark which Colchester and Cumberland are both part of.

Chıpogep Park is a major asset for the area. What should the municipality do to conserve improved conditions of the park so it remains an even larger contributor to the local economy?

Chıpogep Park is run by Nova Scotia’s Natural Resources Department, forming a good relationship between the department and provincial government is imperative for helping this park grow and prosper. The Municipality of Nat-
ural Resources, Hon. Ian Rankin, should be consulted first regarding the addition of drives-in sites which are both serviced (water and sanitation) and un-serviced; currently camping sites are wall-to-wall and only the (40) existing what will come next. Tourism operators have also lost revenue from a lack of visitors from outside the Atlantic Bubble, many are appreciative of the help the fed-
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What is most needed in District 8?

What do you believe is the most important issue(s) for your District?

I want our area to grow and meet the digital age head on. I have experience within the tourism sector, I know what visitors are looking for and how to present our best assets to them. My experience on the Cumberland County Tourism Board will make me a strong advocate for Cumberland and its tourism attractions.

Retaining our young people is imperative to grow this area and its associated tax base.

What is needed for economic growth, a reduction in poverty and additional jobs for our young people?

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With real estate costs in urban centres and other provinces soaring to new heights, should Cumberland encourage older residents to “return” to their roots, become full time residents either in retirement or to purchase a home?

The past six months real estate prices have taken a full swing along the shore, with Covid-19 people are seeing the value of our rural areas and having properties at a staggering rate. Of course, we should encourage former residents to come back home, there is no better place to live than District 8, I am obviously biased in my opinion. We need young families to move home, but we must be able to offer employment and supports for new and growing businesses in the form of commercial property tax incentives. Having a skilled workforce and guiding our youth and adults towards education programs that will make them employable within the local area.

Over the next five years the entire municipality will have broadband service equal to or better than what is available elsewhere in Canada. Home-based businesses or working from home continues to grow at a rapid pace. What opportunities do you visualize for Parrsboro or rural Cumberland?

I visualize an increase in our population and employment opportunities across our District. Once this project is complete, businesses will have the ability to work with the world, this is especially important for our tourism sector Digital marketing is more popular than ever, it is easy for local businesses popping up on Facebook every time you look at my device; people want to see what other people are shopping for and buying and how to purchase a home.

What is your approach to municipal governance, will you take the important things in your district?

My approach is simple, listen to my constituents, their concerns and priorities are important, relay their needs and con-
cerns to municipal council and vote accordingly. The specialty wheel gets the grease. We are desperate for clear, concise, and truthful communication from our elected official; this is my mission.

What are the economic drivers for your District?

I need economic growth, a reduction in poverty and additional jobs for our youth so that they can continue to live in these communities and retire. Retaining our young people is important to grow this area and its associated tax base.

What professional or personal experience do you bring to the council table?

I bring many years of experience working at Parrsboro’s Visitor Information Centre. I know what visitors are looking for and how to present our area and keep visitors in this area for longer periods of time. My experience on the Board of the Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark is also valuable, as we have so much to offer. the word, world-renowned tourist attraction. The Canada-Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark will bring visitors from far and wide. My partner Nick & I also ran two small businesses out of our home in Greentree. I am also very interested in the tourism side of things in terms of tourism, retail, and tourism services. I have experience working in the construction industry, and I know infrastructure projects are an expensive but necessary part of maintaining our communities’ identity and public safety.

By Patricia Burke

The Film Society of ‘The Hall’ Parrsboro have decided to begin showing films again on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please arrive “No Later” than 7:20 pm

COVID-19 protocols will be en-
forced and this means masks must be worn during the entire movie, while the movie is being shown and exiting. Mask will be avail-
able if you have forgotten yours.

Members and friends of the hall have the option of signing up for a seat on Monday prior to the movie. It will be open to the public if all the seats are not filled. Seating is limited due to physical distancing. Come out and enjoy the movies to reserve your seat e-mail nancy-
curleigh@gmail.com or call 902-
254-5598. The movies for October and November are: Oc-
tober 7th “Starbucks” October 21st “The Hall”

Please arrive “No Later” than 7:20 pm:

Wear a mask, in indoor public spaces and when social distancing is difficult.

Wash your hands, frequently and using proper techniques.

These practices help us slow the spread of COVID-19.

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