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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information was extracted from a detailed outline by Terry Havlis Drahos of her plan to enhance visual art at smaller museums)

Terry Havlis Drahos is an artist who received a grant to do 8 art installations in NS. Her final one was at the beach at the Ottawa House by-the-sea-Museum. Each was to be tailored to the area where they were produced. She arrived in Parrsboro on September 9th. Terri arrived with Jennifer, and later was joined by Janet Doble a local artisan.

The inspiration for this art installation at Ottawa House began from articles at the Age of Sail Museum.

Terry decided to reflect on Mi'kmaq symbols for Heaven and Earth. Once it was decided to fill the Symbol of Heaven with stones, time constraints required to limit the installation to just that one part.

Terry Havlis Drahos has worked for the past 20 years designing and delivering art education and public art in rural Nova Scotia. For 13 years she built the Uncommon Common Art (UCA) public art project from an ad hoc

group to a tax exempt charity whose public art has been recognized in several national art publications.

She is interested in breaking down hierarchal barriers that exist in traditional galleries. The main point of UCA was to make public art and experiencing visual art less intimidating and easier to interact with. She hopes to build on personal experiences and connections she has made over the past 20 years to design and deliver the program (which was fully outlined in her grant application.

Her objective in working with and visiting the various rural museums and communities is to design and facilitate a meaningful group art experience. Her goal is that the art project both enhances the museum experience and provide a deeper understanding about what it is to be part of a collection whether it is a collection of people or a collection of objects.

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Terry and Jennifer look at a grid figuring out where to start the visual art formation. (Contributed)

Johnson Recognized with Exemplary Service Award

By Darrell Cole

For several years Mike Johnson played a leading role in guiding Cumberland County through a series of emergencies, including two tropical systems that caused extensive damage throughout the region as well as a series of winter storms that brought traffic to a standstill.

Johnson, who retired as the coordinator of Cumberland Regional Emergency Management in 2022, was recently honoured in Ottawa with an Emergency Management Ex-

emplary Service Award for his outstanding contribution to emergency management.

"I appreciate it, but there are a lot of people who were part and parcel to what I did in EMO who really deserve the credit too, Jim Hannon, Dominic Fewer, Steve Ferguson and the support that was provided by Rennie Bugley and Greg Herrett," Johnson said. "A lot of what was done was because of the support from the people who were there and the councils and staff that supported what we were doing. I

was giving the marching order to go do it and raising the profile of emergency management was what I wanted to achieve."

Johnson, who enjoyed more than 40 years of public service with the Moncton City Police and the RCMP, said it was Hannon who "poured the concrete" that started Cumberland REMO and set up the foundation that has been built upon since then.

The Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award is a prestigious recog-

niton for exceptional service and achievement.

This award, a partnership between provincial, territorial and federal governments, recognizes recipients who have achieved excellence in their respective fields.

Across Canada, there are many deserving individuals and groups working on emergency management, such as community-based volunteers, people working in all levels of government in emergency management organizations, and Indigenous communities.

The citation credited Johnson for his "leadership, expertise and contribution" to the improvement of emergency management.

"Being the regional emergency management coordinator for eight years, Mr. Johnson prioritized strengthening the emergency response within his community, and by extension the province, by training and hosting exercises to various emergency responders, so they can have the ability to perform well under these circumstances," the citation reads.

His devotion to amateur radio in emergency management encouraged Exercise Handshake participants to practice their communication skills with multiple devices throughout the province and he educated and mentored other emergency management professionals in his career to ensure the safety of Cumberland County residents during emergencies.

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The former coordinator of the Cumberland Regional EMO was recently honoured in Ottawa with an Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award for his outstanding contribution to emergency management. Johnson retired last year following a 40-year career in public service. (Contributed)



The damage in Morocco is extensive. A Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark delegation including Mayor Christine Blair, Colchester; Dr John Calder, Cliffs of Fundy and Caleb Grant, staff were among 1,500 delegates attending GeoPark Conference. The two photos (before and after) are of the 12th-century Tinnal mosque in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Although no longer operating as a mosque, its remains are preserved as a Historic site. (Contributed)

Share Tourism Ideas on UNESCO Sites in Atlantic Canada

Share your tourism ideas on UNESCO sites in Atlantic Canada. Have you heard about Destination Canada's new Atlantic Canada UNESCO Tourism Corridor Project? Under this initiative, we're working with 13 UNESCO sites across New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland & Labrador to develop a world-class tourism corridor. We're excited to be participating in this, and we are asking you to join us by providing your input.

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Fossil Institute at outreach@jogginsfossilcliffs.net to share your thoughts, comments, and concerns around the development of a new Atlantic Canada UNESCO Tourism Corridor. The survey should take 10 to 30 minutes and will help guide our tourism industry for decades to come.

Destination Canada and the Atlantic Canada corridor project partners look forward to receiving your anonymous feedback and suggestions. We look forward to sharing more updates as the project progresses.

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