

The Hall Undergoing Renovations



Extensive interior renovations were ongoing during January as new seating and other improvements were underway. (David Towns Photo)

By David Towns

You may be wondering where the announcements for concerts, films and Open Mic nights are?

Has *The Hall* gone dormant?

The answer is definitely not. The jazz and guitar groups, and the choir activities were curtailed for the early part of January.

Practices resumed

near the end of the month. For the month of January the main auditorium was out of commission as work commenced on a major renovation to the fixed seating.

This major change will see an increased capacity, with regular steps, under seating heating, lighted pathways, and actual walls where before, behind

curtains there were a couple of two by fours for 'safety'

This is a major renovation, the first to the seating since the 1970's when *The Hall* was overhauled to provide for the band from its former use as a secondary facility for the school.

This renovation has been made possible in large part by a \$25,000.00 grant under the New Horizons programme which is intended to build stronger communities, with increased involvement by and for seniors.

Meeting the remainder of the cost of this effort was made possible by the continued strong support and backing of supporters of *The Hall*.

Progress on the renovations and activities at the Hall can be followed by visiting; <https://www.facebook.com/TheHall.Parrsboro/>



The Band Hall, Parrsboro has been without any events for the past six weeks to undergo renovations. This picture was taken on Day 1. (David Towns Photo)

Fundy Cliffs Geopark Project Underway

The first steps on the road to being awarded Geopark status on this shore have been accomplished. In December 2015, the Cumberland Geological Society submitted notice to pursue designation of a Global Geopark. In the spring of 2016, community meetings were held in Economy, Parrsboro, Port Greville and Advocate Harbour to consult with residents. More than 110 people attended and expressed strong support for this project.

Consequently, the steering committee has been broadened to include community members, small business, parks & museum staff as well as geologists, and partnerships have been created with a broad range of institutions and initiatives along the shore. Currently, geosites are being assessed and grouped around the marquee geological experiences the committee has identified along the shore between Advocate Harbour and Economy. The project is currently titled Fundy Cliffs Aspiring Geopark, a name that garners consent as it references the dramatic shoreline that gets constantly shaped by the tides, ever exposing more layers of geoheritage.

A draft nomination will be prepared on a national level in 2017. Following evaluation on site and upgrading of the nomination, the final draft will be submitted to UNESCO the year after. If successful, the Fundy Cliffs could be admitted into the

Global Geopark Network in the second half of 2019. Canada so far has two UNESCO Global Geoparks: Stonehammer in New Brunswick and Tumbler Ridge in British Columbia, and several aspiring Global Geoparks across the country.

How exciting it will be to add the Fundy Cliffs, Nova Scotia, to the distinguished list of Global Geoparks.

To contact the aspiring Geopark and for updates, please visit fundygeopark.ca or facebook.com/fundycliffsgeopark.



Harrison's Home Hardware have started off 2017 by deciding to place a higher focus on appliances and have enlarged the in-store display to better serve customers in the Parrsboro and South Cumberland area. (Submitted)

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Community Group News Wanted



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CUMBERLAND SOUTH

Cumberland South Liberal Association

Nomination Meeting

February 5, 2017

Registration 2 to 3 P.M. Meeting 3 P.M.

Springhill Community Centre

Must be a registered member of the Liberal Party for 30 days and a resident of Cumberland South to be eligible to vote.



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