

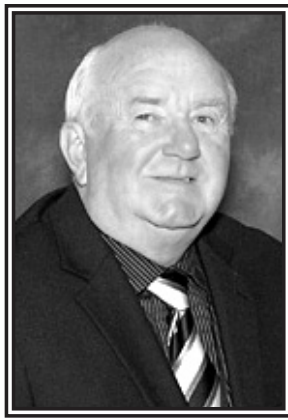
Fletcher's May 17TH Council Corner

By Don Fletcher
Hockey Development Agency
Eying Global Expansion

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 We began council last evening 17 May at 5 pm. With 3 items covered. At 6:30 public council began with 2 presentations. Cape Sharp Tidal was first and gave a great update on the current project and future

plans including the second turbine installation later this year. They are currently looking to reopen their office in Parrsboro. Please drop by.

The second presentation was from Justin Harrison from Canadian International Ice Hockey Development Agency, a local Cumberland business wanting to expand world-wide and bring hockey players to our area for training. A win-win situation



Donald Fletcher

for us. I am sure we will hear more on this!

We next approved a development agreement for new public road and multi-use dwellings in Parrsboro. This was followed by three dangerous and unsightly premises. All approved for demolition. The Springhill infrastructure tender was not approved as the tenders all came in way over budget.

Next we approved the tax exemption and reduction bylaw, followed by first reading of the Pugwash Secondary Land Use Bylaw regarding: Drive thru's. Motion carried. A letter of support for the Parrsboro and Area Harbour Commission funding application was approved.

The audit committee

terms of reference were moved to next council. We approved the kilometrage and transportation allowance rate change effective April 1 2017. A short discussion followed on the Maccan ballfield regarding condition and safety concerns. Local councilor and staff will discuss further. A discussion followed on procurement practices looking for cost savings. Staff will report back to council.

Next we approved membership for the Pugwash Source Water Protection Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

A short discussion followed on the Maccan Tidal Bore Park regarding mainte-

nance, lawn care etc. Staff and local councilor will investigate to find a solution. Info items in our package were registration costs for youth sports, conflict of interest, the Cumberland connector update, tax collection report, dangerous and unsightly update, and canine control/bylaw report.

Next council will be June 14 due to participation in FCM by some councilors. Question: have you decided who you are voting for? Call your councilor by Don Fletcher.

Don Fletcher is Deputy Warden and Councillor District 10, Municipality County of Cumberland.



Janet Doble, a potter and the new artist in residence at Art Lab is shown admiring the venue. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



New art work and a new resident artist feature in the season opening of Art Lab Studios and Gallery. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Parrsboro: Art and Culture Hot Spot

By Michael Fuller

Art and culture hot spot, Parrsboro, heats up for the season as Art Lab emerges from hibernation. The co-operative studios and gallery opened for its fourth season on May 12 with a large group of art lovers and supporters on hand to witness a flurry of announcements, the opening of the renovated Community Gallery, music and a delicious array of edible goodies.

Foremost among the announcements was the news that established potter Janet Doble has joined the group of resident artists: Krista Wells, Michael Fuller, Jill Langford, and Krista Levy Odlin. Janet brings years of experience with her, as she not only becomes an Art Lab resident artist but also a full time citizen of the town. She will also be teaching pottery this July and August.

Other courses in the arts were also announced and include opportunities to develop your skills in everything from stone carving to

working in a rare opportunity with the famous Tom Forrestall. Tom will be sharing the secrets involved in his use of the egg tempera method of painting. A complete listing of the course offerings can be found on line at <http://www.artlabstudios.ca/p/workshops.html>

The highlight of the evening was the opening of the Community Gallery, which showcases the work the resident artists accomplished over the winter months. This exhibition will run until June 2nd. Exhibitions will continue until December with a wide variety of local, regional, and national artists filling the space.

The spring hours (through the end of June) for Art Lab Studios and Gallery is Tuesday - Sunday from 11am-5pm. Art Lab Studios and Gallery is a proud partner with Parrsboro Creative in the development of Parrsboro as the destination of choice regarding art and culture.

Plant Sale Saturday, June 3

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is making plans for their Annual Plant, book and bake sale on Saturday June 3, 2017 starting at 9 am at "The Hall", 44 King Street in Parrsboro. We will be accepting donations of perennials and home baking. Any donations of these items can be dropped off at the hall on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 6-8 pm.

Tables can be rented at a cost of \$10 each. If you would like to rent one, please call Patricia Burke at 902-254-3839 or e-mail

Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com before May 31, 2017. The band association will be selling tickets on a garden cart donated by Randy and Patricia Mosher. Price for tickets is \$2 each or 3/\$5. This will be drawn for at the end of the plant sale.

Tickets will be available on 25 lbs lobster which will be drawn on Band Day, Sunday July 23, 2017 as well. Memberships will be able to be renewed as well or if you haven't joined yet this will be a good chance.

So mark this date on your calendar and get up to the hall. This will be a perfect time as well to see all the renovations that have been done since the beginning of January.

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