

Fundy's Parrsboro Shore 2ND ANNUAL TRADE FAIR

On May 27, 2017, 10am-3pm at the Parrsboro Legion Hall, the launch of the season is on again.

Fundy's Parrsboro Shore Trade Fair is inviting the public to come and have a "Taste of the Fundy Shore"

This spring event is where tourist operators and service industry organizations showcase their services to other operators and to the public. There is no charge for the event and everyone is welcome.

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside the River Hebert Model Museum or at the Joggins Fossil Institute or within the Anne Murray Centre? How about Art Lab or The Age of Sail Museum? Do you know how many hiking trails are in the area or where to pitch a tent? What is playing at the Ship's Company Theatre this summer or where you can get a guided beach tour and see fossil dis-

coveries?

Drop in to the Parrsboro legion on Saturday May 27th and find out just how much there is, to taste, see and experience, along the Fundy Shore. Plan your summer outings, get a "taste" of what is available from Masstown through to River Hebert and Minudie. You can even buy a bowl of seafood chowder from the Spencer's Island Beach Café.

Building an awareness of what experiences and services are available along the 183km of shoreline is what helps to build a great community of Ambassadors. When the community knows what they have in their own backyard, it strengthens the visitor experience.

This Trade Fair is where everyone can get the answer to that one question that we all have heard.....

"What is there to see and do around here?"

"Cliffs of Fundy" Geopark

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He continued talking about the 7th Annual UNESCO Geoparks Conference in September 2016 in Europe when he and Gerald Glode make a presentation to delegates focusing on "Seeing a Global Geopark through Indigenous and Geological Eyes", and explained the Cliffs of Fundy and Home of Kluscap.

John Calder is Senior Geologist Nova Scotia Dept. of Natural Resources and Gerald Glode is well respected historian and speaker representing Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq.

Calder's presentation called upon the municipality

to appoint a representative to the Cliffs of Fundy steering committee. He indicated establishment of an Advisory Committee is in the works.

He outlined the process for a variety of steps to be taken in 2017: Geopark identity: Name and logo, promotion; Funding partners; Community follow-up; Infrastructure needs; Marketing strategy; Preparation of Global Geoparks application; Growing business partnerships in our Geopark; Growing regional & international connections, raising profile at Geopark & Tourism summits and Building China partnership.

It is anticipate with several approval levels it may take until March 2020 to receive UNESCO's final approval.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTION



Questions to Kenny John Jackson

To ensure residents in the former Town of Parrsboro and surrounding area do not have to leave the constituency, what would you do to ensure government services are more readily available in the immediate area?

Communities across Nova Scotia face many challenges when it comes to reversing outmigration.

To ensure that government services will remain available within communities, we must ensure that the infrastructure is in place to provide it. The best way to meet these needs is to expand and improve upon rural high speed internet, which will go a long way in ensuring that our communities remain connected to the services they need. For our communities to be sustainable, we must provide the conditions that businesses can thrive in. This means taking steps to lower taxes on our small business community, such as our proposed change to the small business income threshold that will give owners the capacity to invest more of their money in their business and grow their community.

What will you do to ensure the ecology and environmental assets of the Bay of Fundy is protected and the livelihood of local fishermen is not impacted negatively?

Recently, the Liberal Party announced a commitment to a new Coastal Protection Act which will provide legal protection to our world famous coasts and help ensure the continued prosperity of our fishery sector. As the representative of Cumberland South, I will ensure that there is always a strong voice on the side of our communities' interests at the decision-making table. I will listen and work to give a voice to those that might have otherwise felt unheard.

If you are elected what will you do to assist local initia-

tives to raise the profile of the Bay of Fundy so it becomes more iconic as a destination for tourists including more accommodations, food outlets and related services?

Raising the profile of the Bay of Fundy as a tourism destination is an important step for our community to undertake to help bring about economic growth. Provincial tourism revenue has grown for the past 3 years and finding ways to better tap into this growing wealth should be priority for our community and it will be a priority for me. I believe working with the community, stakeholders, industry experts and all levels of government we can find ways to promote ourselves and grow our industry.

As the elected MLA for Cumberland South would you author a monthly column in the South Cumberland News to communicate with local residents?

I'd be happy too. If I'm elected as the chosen representative I would take every opportunity to connect with and be a part of my community.

What will you do to raise the standard of living of Cumberland South residents so less of them are living on or below the poverty line?

As a part of a Liberal Government, I support our plan to cut provincial income taxes, increasing income thresholds for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program, and the development of a plan to combat poverty in Nova Scotia.

What programs will you help implement to stop "out migration" resulting in youth and young families being attracted to live, work and play in Cumberland South?

For Cumberland South to be viable we must be able to provide an environment where business can thrive, providing jobs and opportunities for residents to build a life around. By increasing the small business tax threshold

from \$350,000 to \$500,000 we will make it easier for small businesses to grow and invest in their communities. We need to put Cumberland South on the radar of agencies working to attract big business to Nova Scotia to promote us as an option.

Realtors are having difficulty selling rural properties if high speed internet is not available. At the same time, the competitiveness of businesses and education of students is being hampered. It is common knowledge Bell Aliant has existing FIBRE OP along Highway #2 to Parrsboro and along Hwy 209 to Port Greville. What will you do to apply pressure forcing Bell Aliant to permit other internet providers to tap into the existing infrastructure at an economical rate?

Better access and quality of service for high speed internet in our rural communities is an important part of the Liberal plan to build a stronger Nova Scotia. Our 2017/2018 budget committed \$14.5 million to expand and improve service to our rural communities across the province; this is on top of the \$6 million already invested that helped to both develop a plan and begin addressing the issue. This includes funds to assist the Shore Drive Community Development Association construct wireless internet towers in and around the Port Greville area. This will provide speeds of 5mps to over 100 households that either had no access or were underserved. As a rural internet user myself, I would work with all involved

parties to find the ways to access the infrastructure to best serve our community.

Can the lack of high speed internet in rural areas be solved within eighteen months?

Access to high speed internet service is an issue for many rural communities across Nova Scotia. Addressing this will take time, but we are committed to working with municipalities and stakeholders to find solutions to address the short term needs of our underserved communities while building a larger long term plan.

In your own words, why are you the most qualified candidate to represent residents of Cumberland South?

At the doors, in person, on the phone I am listening to all the people of Cumberland South, those who are voting for me and those who are not, because the MLA represents everyone. I am not campaigning against the other candidates, I am campaigning for the people of Cumberland South because we deserve a focused and local voice willing to work for the best interests of the riding at the table of government.



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