

Paint The Deck and Spring Concert at The Hall

By Patricia Burke

Inclement weather cancelled an earlier date to Paint the Deck at the Hall in Parrsboro. Organizers are hoping at least six volunteers will be available for Saturday, May 27th. Trish Burke, 902-254-3839, is hoping some able body volunteers will be available for 10:00 am to have some fun sprucing up the look of the hall. Supplies will be provided and your attendance will be appreciated.

The paint needs to dry quickly as the Annual Spring Concert at The Hall will be held Sunday, May 28th starting at 7:00 pm. Music will be supplied by several groups including: the

Parrsboro Citizens' Jazz Combo, the King Street Strummers, the Elastic Big Band and the Parrsboro Citizens' Choir.

Admission to the concert is a free will offering. Everyone one is invited to attend.

June activities will start off with the Annual Plant, Book & Bake Sale being held at The Hall on Saturday, June 3rd. There is still time to book a table. Call: 902-254-3839 before May 31st to book - \$10.00 per table. Donations appreciated on perennials, books and home baking. The Hall will be open from 6-8 pm on Friday June 2nd to accept and set up for the next morning.

Concerts in the Park begin June 4

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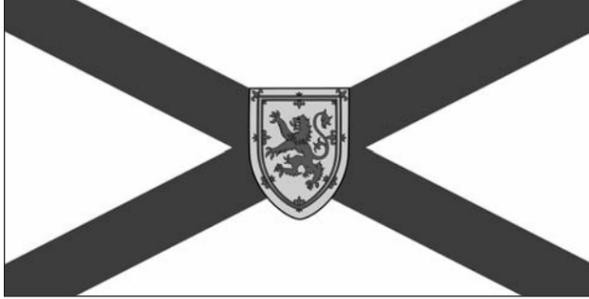
The popular Concerts in the Park for charity will begin on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the bandstand in Parrsboro at 7 pm. This has become a great event each Sunday in June, July and August where different musicians will entertain and the donations go to their charity of choice.

The only Sunday evening that this will not take place is on Band Day, Sun. July 23, 2017 due to band day all afternoon. If you would like to perform in the new bandstand please get in touch with Rob Bentley. This event is sponsored by The Parrsboro Band Association.



Jamie Baillie, leader of the Progressive Conservatives and candidate for Cumberland South conducts Inspection of the Springhill-Oxford Cadets in Springhill on May 17th. (Submitted)

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Questions to Jamie Baillie

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?

I have constituency office hours in Springhill, Parrsboro, Oxford and River Hibert to help make sure residents have access to services locally. Residents in rural communities deserve the same access to services that residents in Halifax receive. I will continue to work with communities to ensure government services are more readily accessible for residents. **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?**

We believe the success of Nova Scotia's fisheries and aquaculture industries are critical for the overall growth of the provincial economy. We concur with the Ivany Report that supporting creative and innovative approaches in these traditional industries should be a priority. A Progressive Conservative government will encourage environmentally safe, economically sustainable growth in the industry. We will cut red tape for the lobster industry by scrapping the mandatory course for lobster processors. We will expedite the process to maximize Nova Scotia's aquaculture potential in a safe, responsible and

sustainable way, investing in new aquaculture methods and industries, while supporting traditional fisheries. **If you are elected what will you do to assist local initiatives 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?**

We know a healthy environment can be a big boost for our tourism industry. We will develop an Eco-Tourism Task Force to develop new and innovative ways to showcase our beautiful environment, while supporting local tourism.

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

Yes. **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?**

A PC government will make life more affordable by raising the Basic Personal Amount by up to \$3,000 for people with incomes below \$75,000. This will help over 500,000 Nova Scotians struggling under Stephen McNeil's high taxes. We also oppose Stephen McNeil's Carbon Tax scheme that will have a regressive impact on the poorest Nova Scotians by drastically raising the cost of energy and transportation. Instead of raising energy bills, a PC government will support the use of more natural gas, which will lower the cost of living for all Nova Scotians. Nova

Scotians need a break. High taxes, high power rates, and ever-increasing prices make it impossible for too many hardworking families to get ahead. Under a Progressive Conservative government, there will be no tolls on our roads and highways

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?

We want families and young people to stay in rural Nova Scotia and put down roots. To do that, they need good jobs, safe roads and infrastructure and access to quality healthcare and education. The Rebuild Nova Scotia Fund will grow the economy and create jobs by investing \$2 billion on roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. These important investments will be made while anchoring the province's debt-to-GDP ratio at its current level. The Progressive Conservatives will continue to balance the provincial budget. Another industry I would like to point out is our film industry. I think there's huge potential there for Cumberland County. Our landscape is breathtaking. The film industry is internationally-recognized and is responsible for increasing tourism, fostering cultural pride and generating jobs in rural communities. A PC government will invest \$34 million in a refundable, Nova Scotia film tax credit. Nova Scotian productions, including newer and smaller filmmakers, will be given more opportunities and access to funding. We will also make the process move at the speed of business.

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?

A Progressive Conservative government will connect Nova Scotians to world-wide markets with province-wide high-speed internet. Rural Nova Scotians were promised access to high-speed internet more than a decade ago. Too many families and businesses are still waiting. For them, it takes hours out of their day to update their business' website, research a school project or download a movie. As part of our Rebuild Nova Scotia Fund, a PC government will invest \$150 million, including federal and municipal cost sharing, over 10 years to bring high-speed internet service to Nova Scotians. **Can the lack of high speed internet in rural areas be solved within eighteen months?**

Fixing high speed internet in rural areas is a priority for the PC Party. As Premier, I will start work immediately to address the challenges and connect Nova Scotians to high-speed internet.

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

I have had the honour of representing Cumberland South for seven years. I have heard from many of you. I listened and I understand your priorities. Nova Scotians are tired of governments with no vision, and that only focus on cuts. They are tired of paying more and making do with less. Nova Scotia is better than that. We can do better. We have an optimistic, pro-growth agenda that focuses on rebuilding our province, creating jobs and getting Nova Scotians back to work. Some of our commitments include recruiting more doctors and investing in mental healthcare, building an education system that helps kids reach their potential, treating seniors with the respect they deserve and fixing our crumbling roads. Our plan is ambitious. There is a lot of work to do. I am confident that Nova Scotians can get the job done. It's time to think big. Together, we can do this. I believe in Nova Scotia's promise because I believe in Nova Scotians.

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