



Going up Long Hill, Hwy 2 to Truro, this motorist lost control. Luckily his speed was very low as he slid down the embankment, and then the car rolled on its side. No-one hurt, Parrsboro Fire & RCMP responded. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Sunday, January 29th was a strange day weather wise. The news talked about sunny day which may have happened in some areas, but in Parrsboro there was snow at that magic temperature which begins to turn VERY slippery. This accident happened at approximately 6:00pm. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



NDP leader Gary Burrill was guest speaker February 10 at the nomination of Larry Duchesne as NDP candidate in Cumberland South. Burrill said the Liberal government is putting too much emphasis on balancing the budget and not enough on providing service to Nova Scotians. (Submitted)

“The Hall” Heading into a Busy March

By Patricia Burke

The Hall in Parrsboro is heading into another busy month of fundraisers. Movie nights will take place on Wed. March 1 at 7:30 pm, showing Snowden, then on the 15th showing Manchester by the Sea and there will be a third movie on 29th showing Moonlight.

Movie nights have become increasingly popular and more than ever with the recent renovation of the seating area. Open Mics will be held on Friday March 10 & 24. Come and enjoy and complete variation of any type of music or entertainment.

Saint Patrick's Day will be celebrated in style with their Annual St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party. You will be entertained with Irish Music and Irish jokes by the popular group "Hooligans Rough and

a whole lot more. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. There will be a bar so patrons must be over 19 years of age.

The above events are sponsored by The Parrsboro Band Association. For information of everything happening at The Hall in Parrsboro go to www.thehall.ca. The Hall has an account set up at Durant's Recycling so if you have refundables and want to donate them just take them out to Durant's and tell them you would like to donate them to the hall. That is all you have to do.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM for the association had to be rescheduled and will be held on Wed. March 22, 2017 at 6 pm. There will be refreshments following the meeting. Hope to see you all there.

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Advocate were in attendance. Presentations were received from Monique Arsenault Special Alignment Specialist representing the Minister of Business Mark Furey and Parker Dunham, Director of Communications Seaside.

During the discussion period with Ms. Arsenault, it was pointed out Internet is an essential service. The time is over for taking the word of the providers and they must be monitored and information verified before government monies are handed out. Another point raised by attendees is that Bell continues to ignore the area. Residents said, on numerous occasions when Bell are contacted it is very difficult to understand the information given. Bell published a phone number to contact if you were not able to solve your issues with them. This number was called the responder was not willing to discuss problems over the telephone and wanted complaints sent by completing a form online. Monique Arsenault assured the group she would discuss the area's concerns with the Minister.

Parker from Seaside also fielded many questions. He had a map that showed the present towers and the areas covered, he also discussed the updates completed and those in progress. It was also learned a new tower will be installed on the property directly adjacent to the Diligent River Community

Hall.

He also advised when there is a problem with the Internet to for assistance. He said the centre managers are all in the same general area and that they do not use an off shore answering service.

At the various meetings since February 2016, concerns of residents have included: High cost for low quality service; residents in rural areas are not receiving the same service as larger community's; No capping; Internet services should be available to all residents, should not have to wait until someone disconnects in order to be connected; there needs to be expansion to accommodate increase in demand.

Some residents noted, a resident in Advocate had to give up their internet connection in order for the Refugee family to be connected and this is unacceptable. Other concerns include: too many interruptions and slowing down of service during peak hours; New businesses wishing to operate in our area will be discouraged by the quality of the Internet services and students not being able to access materials for assignments or being able to enroll for on-line courses putting area students at a disadvantage.


Prior to the end of the meeting, chair Bob Brown announced he had been in contact with Emerich Winkler "Rural Nova Scotia Broadband

Solutions" who is in the process of reviewing the area with a view of assisting. Winkler confirmed "fibre optics" passes right by our door all the way to Advocate Harbour. It has been there for quite some time and belongs to Bell.


Once Mr. Winkler has more gathered more information he will be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting. Winkler informed chairman Brown, his company has two

packages - 15Mbps and 50Mbps, which they claim are as fast as fibre in town. Winkler's price for unlimited usage is \$59.99, plus HST.

Recently area residents have been asked to routinely check and record the connectivity speeds they are experiencing. At the end of the meeting they were asked to leave their most recent speed test reports, which are being compiled and sent to Bill Casey's office.



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