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Dilemma - Who is Protecting Who

By Maurice Rees

There are times when a journalist is caught between a rock and a hard spot. Often it happens when investigations reveal there is a dilemma between editorializing or representing the fact. (In 56+ years, I have seen it both ways in abundance). In the following paragraphs you will understand my dilemma whether I was being a professional journalist or using the power of pen to editorialize. I'll let you

draw your own conclusion.

The most recent occurrences involve the bankruptcy of OpenHydro, the proponent and majority investor in Cape Sharp Tidal, operator of the tidal turbine in Minas Channel. As soon as news of the Insolvency filings in Dublin courts on July 25th news started to surface many small businesses in the Parrsboro area where facing the possibility amounts owing to them would take a while ore they might never get

paid. One operator who provided marine services for deployment of the turbine was owed over \$150,000.

At first I read newspaper reports including The Irish Examiner, Dublin, Ireland, who broke the story in the July 26th edition providing an account of court activity. It was disturbing for the following reasons of how things of how things evolved in Nova Scotia, as follows:

During the week of July

20th, and previous, workers were staying at motels, cottages and rented homes in the Parrsboro. These workers needed to eat so they were dining at local restaurants, while putting the bill on the company's tab.

The turbine was transported up the Bay of Fundy earlier in the week and was deployed at its berth on the FORCE site starting on July 22. Deployment was completed without mishap and it was connected to the electrical grid on Sunday, July 24th.

On July 26th Ann O'Louglin authored a story in the Irish Examiner stating Naval Energies, the largest shareholder and creditor of OpenHydro appeared before Ms. Justice Caroline Costello who appointed Michael McAteer and Stephen Tennant of Grant Thornton as joint provisional liquidators.

An excerpt from the Irish Examiner stated, "Ms. Justice

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STRESS RELIEF: Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, who has been sitting on the Nova Scotia Supreme Court since 1998 with over 40 years experience has been appointed Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner effective July 31. He will take on the role in addition to his chief justice duties. The role of the commissioner is to provide advice and recommendations on possible conflicts of interest involving provincially elected officials and public servants.

Landlords and tenants in Nova Scotia will be able to resolve disputes via telephone, making the process faster and more efficient. With over five-thousand dispute resolution applications a year, Nova Scotia is only the second province to replace in-person hearings with telephone hearings. As of September 4th, all hearings in the province will be conducted over the phone. Other options will be available for people who cannot participate in telephone hearings due to health conditions.



Debert Days - Grand Marshall presentation Maria Irving-Benoit and Shannon Delaney presented Fran Forman with a plaque recognizing her contribution as Parade Grand Marshall for 2018. Fran is one of our 90th birthday celebrants. She was born in 1919, which means she will be 98 years young on October 21 of this year! More Debert Days photos can be found on page 3 of this Shoreline Journal.

Public Debate on Fracking – September 13TH

By Maurice Rees

A public debate on Fracking will be held at the Northumberland Community Curling Club, Pugwash on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. The public debate is sponsored and organized by The Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Cumberland Council.

The Topic chosen by the Chamber of Commerce is: "Resolved that Fracking will be beneficial to Cumberland County" is designed to open the public debate "for" and "against" and will garner a lot of attention.

Speakers have been chosen for both sides of the question and will be moderated by: The Honourable Elizabeth Roscoe, Retired Justice of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. Speaking in favour of fracking will be Gerard Lucyshyn, VP of Research Frontier Centre of Public Policy and Economic Lecturer at Mount Royal University, Calgary, while the guest speaker against fracking will be Michael Bradfield, Retired Professor Economics, Dalhousie University. John Carebaris has agreed to be the masters of ceremony.

Audience discussion will be encouraged. Public admission is free.

Background information for hosting the de-

bate came as a result of a few Chamber of Commerce members got into a discussion on fracking. The Pugwash area based members concluded with their feeling Cumberland County is one of the poorest counties in one of the poorest provinces and we may have lots of gas.

Following the initial discussion they researched and learned more about gas reserves and fracking issues then decided to organize a public debate. Part of their research suggested the county could be sitting on over a billion cubic metres of natural gas. Further examination concluded in the west where fracking is a regular occurrence a cubic-metre of gas retails at about \$C 1.50, whereas in Nova Scotia the price is over \$C 10.00.

Other observations revealed Nova Scotia annually buys over \$150 million worth of South American coal to pollute the atmosphere making some of our electricity. Natural gas would drop our polluting by 2/3's and of course we wouldn't need to buy the coal.

Based on their research members concluded, "If we have gas and if it can be fracked in an eco-

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This peaking duck is actually a Pekin Duck, patiently waiting for Emma Crossan, Clifton Club to enter the Waterfowl Showmanship Class. This issue of the Shoreline Journal features many photos from the 4H competitions during the 2018 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. See pages 18, 19 and 20.

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