

More Healthcare Rallies Planned

By **Tory Rushton**

This summer has been very active for me getting out to as many community events as possible through the entire riding. My family has joined me, as I travel the area, and are getting to meet a lot of great people and experience many events right here where they grow.

The Legislature has been called back early for the Fall Session on September 6. This has put me in Halifax for a bit of time this past month to go over procedures, questions and Bills that may or will come up. This will be my first sitting in the House of



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Assembly and I am very excited and humbled for this experience.

My Maiden Speech will be early in the sitting and I am looking forward to sharing Cumberland South with the entire province.

Healthcare in Cumberland County is a large topic of discussion right now. Rallies have taken place in Springhill and Amherst with more scheduled in Parrsboro and Pugwash. I have been invited to all of them and will attend the remaining rallies. In this sitting of the house, I am asking Government to work with myself and the County Taskforce to bring doctors to our area and rebuild our local healthcare system.

I believe we can do it together, but it will take some

time and dedicated work to get there. I am committed to work on this issue until we see the results.

I would like to remind everyone our contact number is 1-833-597-8679 or email at toryrushtonmla@bellaliant.com. I travel through each area on rotation and can meet you locally. When the Fall Session is completed I will be back in the Riding and again traveling this rotation. I hope you had a great summer and look forward to our fall season just around the corner.

Tory Rushton is the newly elected MLA for Cumberland South. At the request of South Cumberland News, he will be authoring a column on a monthly basis.

One Call Can Save a lot of Grief

By **Don Fletcher**

Before I begin, just a reminder that if you are planning a building or renovation call the municipality toll free at 1-888-756-6262 to find out if you require a permit. One phone call can save a lot of grief.

We began council on July 25th at 5 pm in camera with five items covered.

After short break public council began with three presentations. First the Parrsboro playground committee presented a proposal for a playground near service center. It was well presented with great information and a good project to support.



Donald Fletcher

Next we had a presentation from Lands and Forests (DNR) regarding the bear

population and their search for food. It appears the June frost affected them too. It was suggested if you can freeze your compost until garbage day this will help if you are having a problem. A spring bear hunt could be in the cards for near future.

Third presentation was on the provincial legislation for coastal protection that is being worked on which will define a coastal protection zone and regulate activities within the zone and create provisions for monitoring and compliance. To fill out an online survey visit novascotia.ca/coast or call 902-424-2547 for paper copy.

A motion to adopt the property assessed clean energy program was approved as well as purchase of three properties in the Pugwash Wellfield Protection Zone. The sexual harassment policy, safety light policy, streetlight policy, and work clothing policy will all be considered for adoption at the September 5 council session.

Staff will also present information on a new flag policy at same meeting. A request for tax exemption for the youth hostel in Wentworth was discussed and the policy will be amended for approval. The grant to NSCC foundation was

approved as well as 4 others.

A joint council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 17 at Joggins Fossil Cliffs. A planting program for the NS Border committee was approved. The quarterly financial report was discussed and contained great information.

Two community members were approved to sit on the East Cumberland Lodge Board. Approval for staff to enter into a one year lease for use of lower level of the Miners Hall, Springhill was also approved.

The councillor's package also included information items on: libraries report; Cape D'or replica lighthouse disposal; Cumberland business connector-annual report; update on Cannabis work; curbside collection; Cumberland Y AGM update; project facilitators report; demolition report; canine control/by-law officers report; code of conduct update; CAO/CEO forum report; audit committee report and learn to lead partnership series.

Thank you letters were also in our package. It was a long council session with a lot of information. Question: are you planning a renovation? Call your councillor!

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.



An old Nova Scotia tradition is practiced by many including Eugene Milbury. Picking dulse and then drying it for some fun eating, Eugene used the warm rocks at Driftwood Park in West Advocate to dry his. The night before in an hour he gathered two buckets full, and should last him for a while. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Parrsboro – Spreading the word across the continent

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Studio B, 206 Main Street. Heather van der Breggen, from Weyburn Saskatchewan, has the sixth residency from September 14 to September 29 at Studio C, 83 Main Street.

Parrsboro Creative residencies range from one to three weeks, and each artist receives free accommodation, studio space on Main Street, and a weekly honorarium. "We do everything we can to make these people feel at home, and to provide an environment that allows them to explore and take their artistry to the next level", says Parrsboro Creative Board Chair Michael Fuller. Parrsboro Creative's Executive Director adds, "Parrsboro is fast becoming one of the most exciting arts and culture hubs in Nova Scotia, and our Artist-In-Residence program is an important element in getting the word out to the world at large and to attracting artists here in particular."

Artist-in Residents studio hours open to the public, as well as exhibition dates and times, will be posted on the studio doors, and also posted on the Parrsboro Creative Facebook page and on the

Parrsboro Creative website - www.parrsborocreative.com.

To round out the season, once again Parrsboro Creative is presenting its fall arts and cultural festival.

10 DAYS IN OCTOBER. "This year, we're taking this event to a whole new level," comments Executive Director Robert More. "Every evening at 7:00 pm, there will special presentations with music, buskers, artisan demonstrations, heritage exhibits, and food fares. There will also be plenty of entertainment with concerts like The 44 King Street Kitchen Party, a high-energy, toe-tapping concert

featuring songs, step-dancing, and the best of our Maritime music - Saturday October 6, 7:00 pm.

During the day, there are Art Walkabouts, and Art Exhibitions by some of our finest Atlantic artists, and fun family events like the Thanksgiving Monday October 8, Art In The Park and Family Picnic with a painting tent for the kids, and Dog Fashion Show. Keep an eye out for the Open Invitational Plein Air Competition Sunday October 7. This is for all ages - adults, teens, children 7 to 12, and even Tiny Tots from 4 to 6! - with prizes to be won in

every category.

"10 DAYS IN OCTOBER 2018", says Parrsboro Creative Board Member Lori Lynch, "is going to be quite the experience. It's chock-full of exciting things to do and see every day. It really is going to be a great mix of arts, culture and entertainment for all ages."

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Cape Sharp Leaves Trail of Debt

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Million and got a seat on the Board of Directors for a 2.2% stake in OpenHydro. Emera also obtained a 20% stake in Cape Sharp Tidal, while OpenHydro owned the remaining 80%. Following the July 25th Insolvency filing, an Emera spokesperson stated Emera has resigned its seat on OpenHydro's board in March.

The tally of who in Nova Scotia is owed what amount has been hard to confirm as many companies fear going public may jeopardize receiving an early payment. Many Parrsboro businesses who has supplied accommodations and food services were shocked to learn their guests, who had been working on the turbine's deployment the week previous were out of a job and they had not been paid.

Fishers in the Bay of Fundy, who had suffered loss of gear, or were supposed be compensated for movement of their gear were left wondering if they would receive payment.

Here's a partial list of debtors:

Mark Taylor, a lobster fisherman from Hall's Harbour is reported to have lost 99 traps, and movement of his gear in 2018 has cost him in excess of \$75,000.

Jay Grant, owner of

Riverview Cottages, Parrsboro, was able to get 50% deposit on the booking for 9 cottages, but was still left owing \$5,311.20 when occupants of the cottages left quickly.

The bookings were for 2 and half weeks in July, the busiest time of the year.

Most of Parrsboro's fixed roof accommodations were booked to capacity by the Irish company and its contractors.

RMI Marine Ltd. Eastern Passage is owed \$447,719.14 for diving services and providing a vessel for the prep and installation of the two-megawatt tidal turbine.

Another marine services company in the Annapolis Valley is reported to be owed in excess of \$150,000 for its services.

Meanwhile, the 16 metre diameter turbine is sitting on the floor of Minas Channel spinning freely without any environmental monitoring. As of August 15th it is one week beyond the allowable time frame without monitoring.

Fishers and others are pressuring to have DFO and other governments either provide monitoring or pull the rig out of the water. There is speculation it's a waiting game hoping Grant Thornton, the court appointed receiver is hoping for a quick sale of the turbine.



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