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The Hall, Parrsboro has a new sign. It is located across the road at The Service Centre in Parrsboro. It was installed by Eric Henwood Construction and the actual sign was made by Profusion Business in Parrsboro. (Submitted)

## Open Mic back in Parrsboro

By Patricia Burke

Open Mic is back at the Hall, Parrsboro on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 at 7 pm. Admission is by donation and funds will be directed to the installation of the new sign on the Service Centre Lot in Parrsboro. There will be a canteen, a 50/50 draw and door prizes.

It is just not about playing an instrument you can recite a poem or tell a funny story. Anything goes at the hall. We are there for a rockin fun time for a couple of hours so mark your calendar and get on up to the hall on Sept. 7.

The Open Mic is a fund raiser for the new sign located across the road at The Service Centre in Parrsboro. It was installed by Eric Henwood Construction and the actual sign was made by Profusion Business in Parrsboro. There has been a mobile sign that has been used for 10 years to advertise what was happening at the hall. Over the last year there has been a lot of discussion on the installation of a permanent sign. Last week the sign became a reality. This fundraiser is sponsored by The Parrsboro Band Association.

## Always Call 911

With the frequent closures of the South Cumberland CEC emergency department it is important residents know what they should do in event of an emergency. Those experiencing a medical emergency should always call 911.

General health concerns can also be directed to HealthLink 811 where advice and information are available around the clock by simply dialing 811. The Mental Health Crisis Line operates 24/7 at 1-888-429-8167.

Anyone who is unclear on a proper course of action may also contact the Hospital at 902-254-2540 extension 1.

On August 16th the Nova Scotia Health Authority

advised the public the emergency department at the South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre in Parrsboro would be closed as follows: Sunday, August 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Monday, August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

These closures were necessary because no physician coverage is available. The department would be open during overnight hours (8:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.) with coverage provided by the paramedic/registered nurse/over-sight physician team.

# Cape Sharp Leaves Trail of Debt

By Maurice Rees

The demise of OpenHydro following the July 25th petition in Dublin, Ireland by Naval Energie Group claiming Insolvency should not come as a total surprise. In an article "2018 Predictions from a Fisherman" published on Page 4 of the February 2018 Shoreline

Journal, Darren Porter the vocal weir fisherman from Bramber predicted the collapse.

In the article he wrote: "I think Open Hydro is done, or near done. 70 people layed off worldwide; their turbines pulled out of the water, in different counties. Word is their Technology is not working out.

It produces its own electric field which creates galvanic reactions (promoting corrosion)".

In the same article, Porter wrote, "Annapolis Royal Tidal Power Generating Station may fall as it's living proof environmental effects of this tidal industry will not be addressed regardless of how bad these

effects are". The Annapolis Royal facility has not fallen but it is now under the microscope by DFO.

The July 25th filing by Naval Energie Group, OpenHydro's largest shareholder and creditor for Insolvency has left a trail of unpaid invoices estimated to be almost a million dollars to several Nova Scotia businesses who used their expertise to achieve a successful deployment of Cape Sharp's turbine into the Minas Channel the week of July 20th.

Many who are owed money are upset at the timing of Insolvency filings in Dublin Court. The companies worked hard to achieve success with deployment completed on July 22nd, and the turbine connected to the sub-sea electrical grid on July 24th only to have the company declared insolvent less than 48 hours later.

According to court documents OpenHydro's Nova Scotia's entity, Cape Sharp Tidal, which owns the turbine had \$12-Million in cash which was enough to keep it operational until August 20th. Cape Sharp required \$1.7-Million every week to survive. The company was expected to lose a further \$219-Million by 2026.

In 2008 Emera paid \$15-  
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On Thursday July 19th Parrsboro Fire went to the pier to practice Survival Suit Practice to gain experience in moving and wearing the gear. Ideal conditions and temperature to practice swimming in the suits. Chief James Shaw brought Firefighters together for the practice. The reduced mobility quickly became apparent and lessons learned. See additional photos on page 2.  
(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Parrsboro – Spreading the word across the continent

By Robert More

It's been quite the summer in Parrsboro. The Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival, only in its second year, exploded out of the gates and attracted some of the finest plein air artists on the continent. They came from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Maine, New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Missouri, Massachusetts, Ohio and South Carolina. Every one of these artists was knocked out by the beauty and power of the area, uniformly enthusiastic about the quality of the competition; and to a person, all raved about the professionalism of presentation and the warm hospitality of this community.

The people of Parrsboro were equally enthusiastic and there were many more visitors this year as well - especially from Halifax and Moncton. It seems the word is spreading fast that Parrsboro's Plein Air is a premier event, and more cultural tourists are finding their way

here to experience it. And our reputation is growing in the USA as well.

Check out this great feature article in the July issue of Outdoor Painter, the Plein Air Newsletter. Yes, we are taking the beauty and power of Nova Scotia across the continent! Here's the link: <https://www.outdoor-painter.com/plein-air-festival-nova-scotia>

The Parrsboro Creative Artist-in-Residence program has also taken a quantum leap forward. "There were four times as many applications this year," says Executive Director Robert More, "and the quality of the submissions was impressive. Every artist who applied is highly talented, and we received submissions from across Canada this year, a very good sign that Parrsboro's reputation is continuing to grow on a much bigger scale".

The first guest artist is Ann Willsie - August 15 to September 5. Ann is from Lake Country, British Columbia. A member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, Ann's bold impressionistic style has won

numerous awards in many FCA shows and Plein Air Festivals. An unabashed enthusiast, within minutes of her arrival Ann was swept away by the spectacular beauty of this area and finished her first painting by noon on her second day! There will be an exhibition of her new work opening at 2:00 pm on Sunday September 2 at Parrsboro Artist-In-Residence Studio A, 206 Main Street.

Following Ann Willsie, there are five more artists-in-residence for this year. Bill Rogers from Antigonish Nova Scotia, one of the best Plein Air artists in North America, will be on site August 30 to September 5 at Studio C, 83 Main Street. Following Bill, is Eileen Henneman from Almonte Ontario, September 8-23, also at 83 Main Street.

The fourth guest artist is Ken DeWaard from Hope, Maine, September 8-16. His working space will be Studio B at 206 Main Street. Susan Paterson, our fifth artist, from Dartmouth Nova Scotia is here September 16 to September 28, also working at

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## Tidal Runner Returned to Eastern Passage

RMI Marine guided "The Tidal Runner" onto a Ruggles Towing float on for transport to Eastern passage. The Tidal Runner had assisted with the deployment of Cape Sharp's Tidal turbine the previous week. It is reported the company is owed in excess of \$750,000. They have taken legal action and got the sheriff to arrest the barge, "Scotia Tide". The barge which was built in Pictou was specifically designed to deploy and remove Cape Sharpe's Tidal turbines, is now in Saint John, NB.

Cape Sharpe was placed in receivership by its largest shareholder and investor by Naval Energie Group in court proceedings in Dublin Ireland, two days after the turbine was deployed and connected to the electrical grid in its berth at the FORCE site.

*see photos on page 3*

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