

# Parrsboro's 47<sup>TH</sup> Band Day

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Parrsboro's 47th Band Day was held on a wonderful weekend with so many events. Yet there was time to relax and listen to some wonderful music and the Parrsboro Citizen Choir at the band shell. It was a relaxing break from the heat soothing sounds with an appreciative crowd and a couple of young lady's to show of their dancing skills. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)



# GeoPark "WOWS"

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Short speeches followed, Bill Casey pledged federal support followed by Karen Casey, Deputy Premier Nova Scotia also pledged Provincial support followed by Christine Blair, Mayor of Colchester County and vice chair Cliffs of Fundy Society and Warden Al Gillis, Cumberland county. All pledged their support for the project. Final act was local stakeholders telling their stories including a young lady that melted all our hearts. A long day and great evening.

Day two began at West Advocate, Cpe Chignecto Provincial Park where we met geologist, Don Waldron from Alberta who is an expert on the Cobequid Fault. He gave a briefing on the fault that is visible on the shoreline, and where the continent broke up during Pangea. Lunch at the Wild Caraway and then on to Eatonville where Ron Reid, park attendant led us down to the three sisters, and then to squally point area where there is beach access and the two evaluators were treated with another WOW factor.

Back to Cape d'Or where Michelle Byers, economic development officer, gave a briefing on our planned work upcoming. Down to

the bottom for a lovely dinner, prepared by Darcy, keeper of Cape d'Or who has been there nearly 20 years. I think he likes it there! As this was one of the media opportunities, Darrell, Cole, with Amherst News made the trek down and did an interview that was in Monday's Halifax Herald. Thanks Darrell, well timed. During the meal everything stops and all go outside to watch sunset. What an experience!

Day three Sunday began at Cobequid Interpretive and GEO Park welcome centre. A community presentation followed by a walking tour of Thomas Cove and brick kilns geosite. Lunch at Briny Bay Cafe, Five Islands was followed by walking tour of Five Islands Triassic-Jurassic fault, and old wife geosites. Transfer to Watson's bluff geosite and two islands views scapes. A tour as well as sieving took place there under Tim Fedak and Danielle current and former curator Fundy Geological Museum. A visit followed to FGM and then my wife and I met them at the Pier Restaurant where a booming business was happening. After dinner they returned to the Maple Inn for self evaluation and finishing the day at 11 pm.

On Monday we met at 9

am at Norman's house for a closed debrief session with evaluators and board members. Very powerful. Great discussion and we should hear sometime in September if we are successful. Dr Calder left with the evaluators and observe rfor Halifax via Joggins, they wanted to visit the site and feel it as well as Fort Lawrence should be included in our geopark due to climate change. Something for us to consider for the future.

They pointed out several GEO parks have a UNESCO

World heritage site within their boundaries. Special thanks for board members, staff, thanks Steph for helping take back the Kia, and all citizens who believe. Working together we can be on the world stage and possibly the BEST geopark in the world and first in Nova Scotia. Their words not mine!

**Don Fletcher serves two roles. He is Chair, GeoPark Committee and Municipal Councillor for District 10.**



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