



A side by side ATV was destroyed in Harrison Settlement on August 18th. Quick action by the Parrsboro Fire Department saved the storage shed. (Paul Gilbert Photo)

## Side by Side Destroyed

By **Lawrence R. Nicoll**

Sixteen Parrsboro firemen responded to a call a side by side was engulfed in flames on Harrison Road on August 18th. The call originated at

5:59 pm and it took firemen approximately an hour to extinguish the blaze and to save the shed and a nearby trailer.

Paul Gilbert, a member of

the department, lives in Harrison Settlement and was first on the scene and able to able to relay important information even before the trucks arrived. The quick response enabled firefighters to save the adjoining storage shed and trailer.

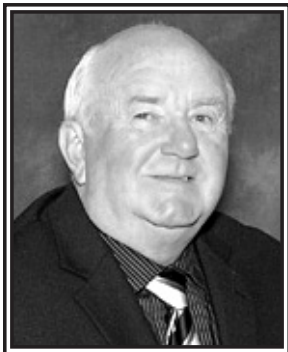
## Cumberland Raised Most Funds of NSCC Campuses

By **Don Fletcher**

On July 31st council met at 4 pm for a BBQ put on by staff. Job well done! We began public council at 5 pm with a presentation from the president of NSCC for our participation in the Make Way Campaign where Cumberland raised the most funds of all campuses in the province. Great work Cumberland.

Next was the adoption of the PACE bylaw. Parrsboro Well Field Source water protection was approved to move funding from year 2 to year 1 of the capital investment plan. An economic development strategy for Parrsboro and Springhill, as part of the letter of intent, was approved by motion. It is important to note this is part of a larger project throughout the county.

The Cumberland region tourism development strategy was approved by motion. Concept design for Springhill



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mine water geothermal business park design project was approved by motion. Capitol project tenders for Hawkesbury road water and Parrsboro waterline replacement as well as street paving for Springhill/Parrsboro were approved by motion.

The 2019/2020 water utility operation budget for Springhill, Parrsboro and Pugwash was approved by motion. Newville Lake day park was discussed and staff

will work with land owner to find the solution to continue use of the park as a public place. Garbage is a big issue in the area.

Supply/installation of a breathing air compressor for the Springhill Fire Department was approved. The municipality will apply for a federal grant that supports initiatives increasing opportunities for women entering municipal politics. Three grants were approved.

Information items in our package included tax collection report (well done financial dept); regional emergency management coordinator update; capitol projects update and Pugwash waterfront development project. No council in August so will see you in September.

Question: Are you ready for the federal election? Call your councillor!

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

## Volunteers Important, More Must Step-Up

By **Don Fletcher**

Recently, I attended the annual general meeting of the Bay View Community Health Foundation which has been in existence for over fifty years. This meeting was well advertised however only the four present board members, myself included, the site manager from Bay View and one citizen. With only four members a potential problem exists. If one is not available we cannot have a meeting. We are short three members. The four current members have to consider their options going forward.

If we cannot recruit new members we will have no

choice but to close and therefore have no say it what happens at Bay View. The manor faces the same fate as well as our fire department and local development association. I know we are not unique, however I feel the communities need to step up and support our local association as we work for everyone.

The municipality holds a volunteer recognition night, each year, because we recognize the importance of volunteers and the part they play in making Cumberland a great place to live and enjoy life. Take the Cape to Cape race the past weekend. Over three hundred runners plus sup-

port people descended on our local area and spent monies locally. If it wasn't for the volunteer support it could not happen.

My hats off to Laurie Currie and all who supported him in this endeavour. We all have busy schedules, however community is important and giving a few hours is well worth it. Next time you see a notice about a meeting consider attending to see what is happening in your community. You might like it!

Question? Do you volunteer now or considering it. See you at a meeting!

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.



A clump of rubble and a burned out half-ton truck is all that remains of the Whitehall home. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Fire Destroys Whitehall Home

By **James Shaw**


On Sunday July 7th at 2:50am Parrsboro Fire responded to a fully engulfed

house fire in Whitehall. Upon arrival lines were stretched and water supply was established within minutes.

Firefighters not only had to deal with the house fire, but the very strong wind was blowing embers towards the houses across the road.

Parrsboro Fire had all four of their fire trucks on scene and were assisted with Mutual Aid from Southampton, River Hebert, Fpw and Five Islands. Additional services were provided by EHS, RCMP and Nova Scotia Power. At the height of the fire there were over 30 firefighters on scene. The fire was extinguished by 8:30am. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

James Shaw is Chief, Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department.



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