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## Parrsboro Old Home Week Parade



Greater Windsor Concert Band from Windsor, Ontario provided plenty of enjoyment in the Parrsboro Old Home Week parade. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Burcville Fulmore, Economy enjoys display the family grocery van, from year's gone by. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Depictive of a famous crash in Parrsboro 100 years ago, this "Stanley Face" entry was a hit with spectators lining the parade route. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



To appear to be complete a parade needs three things – fire trucks, bands and horses. Luckily Parrsboro's Old Home Week parade included all three. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## GeoPark Several Cumberland "WOWS"

By Don Fletcher

On 25 July the two evaluators for the GeoPark arrived, Dr. N. Zouros from Greece and Dr. A. Hilario from Spain as well as Dr. Eleanor Haine-Bennett observer, Canadian Geoparks network.

(Some great coverage was provided in the last issue of South Cumberland News

Shoreline Journal about the evaluators visit to Five Islands and Economy.)

However, it is important to report on the evaluators visit to Cumberland areas.

They were transported to Parrsboro where two stayed at the Maple Inn and one at the Sunshine Inn. On Friday, 26 July we began with an

opening session scheduled for 1 1/2 hours however this went for 2 plus hours so there went our schedule - off later on the first evening. We transferred to Partridge Island in the vehicle donated by Atlantic Kia, thanks Jason. A smudging ceremony was performed and a short walking tour. Transferring to FORCE

for a short briefing and lunch.

Then we had an overview of Cliffs of Fundy territory by helicopter organized by Dr. John Calder and Department of Lands and Forestry. Thanks John. This was the WOW factor Dr. Zouros mentioned at the opening session. We flew west to end Cape Cignecto and then east to Apple River Lighthouse and then across to Ile Haute where we touched down briefly. The helicopter continued east to Five Islands / Economy area and the falls. The evaluators were amazed by the sights and geological features.

A brief stop at Parrsboro Creative was followed by dinner at Black Rock Bistro where MP, Bill Casey and Tory Ruston our MLA as well as 2 geologists David and Georgia Piper joined us. We transferred to the hall for our stakeholders welcome event, where Robert Moore the MC, briefly told us what was being presented and then a wonderful performance from the indigenous community led by Cathy Martin who told stories of her family and ties to the local area. Very moving. Native dances followed, equally impressive!

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This taxi from the '50's also brought back memories of the history of music in the area. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Renewable Energy Program Available to Schools

The Cumberland Energy Authority, Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE) and Parrsborough Shore Historical Society have partnered to offer a Renewable Energy Education Program (REEP) aimed at all levels of primary and secondary schools in Cumberland County.

REEP offers support for classes to travel to Ottawa House by-the-Sea Museum and the FORCE Visitor Center to see renewable energy applications and projects in Cumberland County.

"This program was intended to support classroom objectives while showcasing the opportunities right here in Cumberland," said FORCE facilities manager, Sandra Currie.

The program was designed to complement curriculum for students in primary through grade 12 as a full day field trip. Attendees learn first-hand experiences about the history, geology, environment and

innovative science that is abundant in Parrsboro and Cumberland County.

"Partnering with FORCE to provide such a well-rounded approach to school field trips is an easy decision. Education is

such an important driver in environmental stewardship," added Rennie Bugley, chair of the board of directors of the Cumberland Energy Authority.

The Cumberland Energy Authority is a project of the Municipality of Cumberland, intent on setting the standard of leadership in local government for the development of renewable energy, support of the progressive energy industry and the encouragement of a sustainable future for our communities.



## Oxford Frozen Foods to get Rebate

Oxford Frozen Foods Limited is proceeding with a \$8,540,000 capital investment to create an improved packaging line to meet the increased demand for export and help increase efficiency and production levels.

The company is the world's largest supplier of quality frozen wild blueberries. In addition to blueberries, the company has processing lines for carrots and battered products. Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has approved a business development incentive in the form of an innovation rebate of \$2,135,000 upon completion of its project, based on eligible capital spending of \$8,540,000.

To be considered for an innovation rebate, a company's total project costs must be between \$2 million and \$15 million. An approved rebate is up to 25 per cent against eligible project costs.

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