

Masstown Guardian Pharmacy Opens

By Linda Harrington

Amy van Oirschot, Owner/Pharmacist of Masstown Pharmacy Limited was all smiles at a ribbon cutting officially opening her new business on August 8th. The doors were first opened on July 9th, 2020 and the number of customers has been steadily increasing as more people hear about this brand new pharmacy in the neighbourhood.

"I am happy to have been able to locate my business in an underserved area and compliment the other businesses established here," says Amy, who graduated Dalhousie University in 2010 and then worked as a Pharmacist at Truro Lawtons for the past ten years. "Entrepreneurship is always something I wanted to do. I guess this is really my third baby," she laughs, "I already have two girls age 5 and 7."

Masstown Pharmacy will offer numerous services to the rural community. Besides a sizable retail inventory, filling prescriptions, medication reviews, and offering blister packs there will be clinical services, prescribing for minor ailments and injections (including flu shots). "If clients have a chronic condition and run out of refills, we can assist them," says Amy. "As long as a client has a current NS Health Card, we are also able to assess and prescribe for minor ailments, including uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections, Shingles and Birth Control." The good news is since January 1, 2020 the NS government is now covering the service fee for Pharmacists to assess the following minor ailments for NS residents: bladder infections, shingles, and birth control, and as of April 1, 2020 the government is covering the assessment fee for Pharmacists to prescribe renewals for ongoing medications used for chronic health conditions for NS Residents as well.

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The new pharmacy is located on the Old Fletcher Farm property in Masstown, across from Masstown Market. Local contractor Davey Green Construction built the building which houses the pharmacy, which still has space available for future medical services. Windows and shields were purchased locally from Kohltech Windows & Entrance Systems. Building supplies were purchased just around the corner from Masstown Hardware. Magnolia Classic Cabinetry, another local business did an excellent job on the mill-work. Shelving was purchased through Cooke Sales, Dartmouth and installed by All Purpose Resources Ltd., Onslow Mountain. "It is important for local businesses to support one another," says Amy.

The Grand Opening offered a chance for the community to stop by and see what the new Pharmacy has to offer. Masstown Market's Eric and Priscilla Jennings assisted Amy van Oirschot with the ribbon cutting. There was a lovely prize basket for a door prize, won by Amanda Adams who sent a note saying, "I just opened my basket and I absolutely love it! Thank you for all the goodies." Dale Ling, of Make-A-Wish Foundation was on hand collecting donations for Make-A-Wish and giving out tote bags and water bottles.

With the Grand Opening behind her, Amy is excited to keep working at bringing more services to the community. "I am working with the NS Health Authority to try and have blood draw and foot clinics happening here and I am looking at other ways to develop the clinic space next to Masstown Pharmacy."

Amy is happy to answer any questions via phone, text or in person. There has recently been a weekly Walk n' Talk with Pharmacist at MacElmon's Pond each Tuesday morning at 8AM, in partnership with Masstown Movement Fitness.

The shelves in the Pharmacy are well stocked but if something is missing just ask! "We get orders from Monday to Friday, if there is anything someone is looking for, we can try and bring it in as soon as possible," she says.

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arks in Canada is probably one of the most important economic development initiatives the area from Apple River to include the former Palliser site at the head of the Bay of Fundy will experience for several decades. The hype to be a very successful park and the successes it can bring to an area was provided by the UNESCO evaluators when they visited last summer, as outlined in next paragraph:

Dr Nickolas Zouros, president, Global GeoPark Network and credited as the founder of GeoParks lives in Lesvos, Greece. Both he and his colleague, Dr Asier Hilano, from Basque Coast, Spain, were overheard to state, if the Palliser site would be included in the GeoPark it would be another asset to help make the Cliffs of Fundy the #1 GeoPark in the world.

Emcee, Bill Martin, Six Rivers News, called a number of people to the microphone to help celebrate the announcement and to provide a few words of encouragement including: Lenore Zann, MP, Cumberland-Colchester; Hon Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North and Deputy Premier; Hon Leo Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage; Dr Don Julien, Executive Director, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMMNS); Dr John Calder, President UNESCO Global Networks, Canada, and the province's senior geologist, who initially formulated the idea of the geopark; Don Fletcher, Chair Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark committee and Cumberland councillor for District 10; Colchester Mayor Christine Blair, vice-chair Cliffs of Fundy committee; Cumberland Deputy Warden, Ernie Gilbert; Don Beattie, Parrsboro businessman and former committee chair and Tory Rushton, Cumberland South, MLA.

Several other people in the audience were also recognized by the Emcee Martin including former MP, Bill Casey and Devin Trefry from Municipality of Colchester who worked tirelessly on the committee in submitting updates to the final application.

In his brief remarks, Minister Leo Glavine, like many other speakers before him acknowledge: we are in the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people and one can see over 300 million years of history unfold before your eyes to experience the wonders of the cliffs including the oldest dinosaur fossils in Canada.

Minister Glavine pledged the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will protect, preserve and document the provinces shared history as it is very important as a tool to rural economic development. He noted within the GeoPark area two unique museums the Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro and the Joggins Fossil Centre, also a UNESCO designated location, showcase the very important role of Nova Scotia's history.

Last summer, GeoPark committee members listened intently to the recommendations from the visiting UNESCO evaluators. For decades business and municipal leaders felt the shore was an important area, but still undiscovered. Locally, people were banking on the GeoPark designation raising the area's profile and be a catalyst to increase economic well-being through tourism and not destroying the areas pristine assets. Globally some GeoParks have annual attendance of millions of visitors.

When the evaluators suggested a path to become #1 Geopark

in the World capturing the interest of Millions of people, local committee members instantly realized they were on the right track and the Bay of Fundy shore between Apple River and Truro would quickly rise to be in the top three iconic areas in the province, rivaling Peggy's Cove and Cape Breton for top spot.

The evaluators said the decision to include the site and other parts of Colchester as part of the GeoPark would be up to Municipal officials but that was the recommendation of the two GeoPark UNESCO appointed evaluators who visited Cumberland and Colchester areas for a two day evaluation tour on July 27 & 28, 2019.

The evaluators positive recommendation caused the UNESCO governing body to approve Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark as one of two new sites in Canada. The CoVid-19 pandemic has slowed down preparations and planning, but the hard work begins now to make Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark the #1 GeoPark in the world. Successful development could see millions of visitors come to the site, over the years, to experience the Bay of Fundy and the geological formations.

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