

Cumberland Welcomes Pugwash Housing Project

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their workforce housing initiative, Crossroads Cycle has committed to renting five three-bedroom units at market rates for their employees.

In addition to addressing housing gaps, the project is expected to boost the local economy by creating construction jobs and supporting small businesses through increased demand for goods and services. The site is also designed to accommodate future expansion.

“After three years of dedication and planning, the Sunset Community is thrilled to announce the official start of construction on Sunrise Landing, an inclusive new housing community located in the heart of Pugwash,” Sunset Community CEO Julie Hoeg said. “Sunrise Landing will offer a thoughtfully designed mix of affordable and market-



From left, Cumberland-Colchester MP Alanah Hirtle, Cumberland South MLA and Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton, Growth and Development Minister Colton Leblanc, District 3 councillor and Sunset Community board chair Jennifer Houghtaling, Mayor Rod Gilroy, federal Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson and Deputy Mayor Fred Gould are shown following the housing announcement in Pugwash.

rate rental units to support a vibrant and diverse rural community. This new development will include one and three-

bedroom homes built to welcome individuals and families of all backgrounds.

“This milestone was reached thanks to the support and collaboration of key community partners, including the local builder Crossroads, and our funding partners. Sunrise Landing represents more than just housing—it’s a place to call home, grow community, and build a brighter, more inclusive future in rural Nova Scotia.”

The Sunset Community currently serves 60 people with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental illness in its residential centre, while operating an independent living support program that supports 20 people across Cumberland County in their own homes and an eight-bed group home in Pugwash.

It also operates Sunset Industries, which provides work

and skill-building opportunities to 40 people from Cumberland and Colchester counties.

Houghtaling said Sunset Landing is an example of a community coming together to make a ‘pie in the sky’ dream a reality.

“It will be an example of social inclusion, gorgeous sunsets and a new way of life for so many people here in the village,” Houghtaling said. “Three years ago, it began with news of transformative change for the Sunset community. Pugwash has been a warm and welcoming place for our Sunset residents for 130 years and our team wanted to keep that option available and find a more inclusive way of life in the community.”

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THE HALL Heading Into Busy Fall

By Patricia Burke

The Hall 44 King Street in Parrsboro is heading into a busy fall season. The Bandstand concerts moved to the hall on Sun Sept. 7 and will continue on the 14, 21, 28. That will wrap up a very successful season raising money for charity. Thank you to all the performers who gave of their time for this.

Movies will continue on Sept 3rd with Life of Chuck and 17th being Fl. Round up your friends and neighbours and head to the hall to have an enjoyable evening at the movies. Open Mic starts their fall & Winter season on Fri. Sept 12 and every second Fri. till the end of May. We are

always looking for musicians to perform. You can read a poem, a story or whatever stirs for fancy. Spread the word.

Parrsboro Film Festival is fast approaching and will be held Oct. 3rd through 5th. Early bird passes are available for \$75 till Aug. 31.

After 31 they go to \$85. This festival is gaining popularity so grab the bargain price for a weekend of movies. Rehearsals will begin in September. Contact Rob Bentley at 902-254-4669 for the exact dates. Memberships are still available at single \$15 and couple \$25. This is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on at the Hall. Well I guess this is all for now.



Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy speaks during the housing announcement in Pugwash on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Patricia Burke steps aside

Patricia Burke a long time supporter of the Parrsboro Band Association and The Hall has advised South Cumberland News this month's article will be her last. The reins have been passed to Geoff Ingram who is taking over publicity. Patricia left the association's board because there was an opportunity to get a lawyers to serve the community.

Tricia says she is going no where. She is heavily involved with running the Hall but wanted to slow down because she is suffering from some concussion symptoms. She left the board and stepped back as of January but am still responsible for the facility.

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Voluntary Water Conservation Measures Advisory

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sumed thereby reducing the draw on all three systems and preserving the resource.” CAO Greg Herrett said.

The Utility is requesting that customers on all three systems in Springhill, Parrsboro and Pugwash reduce or eliminate: lawn, garden, plant watering or other outside water usage and RV, car or other vehicle washing at home.

Other measures residents can take to help conserve water include: Repair leaking plumbing fixtures; Take shorter showers; Minimize toilet flushing; Install low flow shower heads and appli-

ances; Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes and Turn off the water while brushing teeth.

“Utility staff will continue to monitor supply and consumption for all three systems. While further, mandatory, measures may become necessary if either of these measures move in a significantly unfavorable direction, it’s hoped that we can get through this dry period without major inconvenience to our customers. We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation”, Herrett said.

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Nova Scotia Sent Firefighters to New Brunswick

While continuing to fight small fires at home, Nova Scotia on August 12th sent a crew to help New Brunswick, which had several wildfires burning out of control.

“Our neighbours in New Brunswick gave us tremendous support during the large wildfires in 2023 and we want to help them in their time of need,” said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources. “Al-

though we’re sending crews out almost every day to fight small fires around Nova Scotia, we are able to spare one crew for our neighbours. It’s the right thing to do.”

Twenty firefighters and a representative from the Department are being assigned to the Irishtown fire near Moncton. Their deployment will be for two weeks unless they are needed back in Nova Scotia

sooner.

Although Nova Scotia is facing extreme wildfire risk due to hot, dry conditions, the Province’s wildfire resources can be shared at this time. The Department will continue to monitor conditions and make sure sufficient resources are maintained in the province. The crew could return within hours if needed at home.

Wood for Construction, Heating Being Promoted

The Province is making wood construction and heating a priority in public buildings. All departments have been directed to look for every opportunity to use mass timber, wood pellets, biomass, biofuels and other products made with wood that is leftover from sustainable harvesting and sawmilling.

“Now more than ever, we want to use local products for building and heating in Nova Scotia,” said Public Works Minister Fred Tilley. “That’s why government is leading by example and using more wood products in our own buildings. It’s one of many steps our government is taking to make Nova Scotia more self-reliant and energy secure and to grow our economy and create jobs through innovation in our forestry sector.”

Departments will prioritize wood products in new construction, renovations and conversions from oil heat. They will also make it a priority where applicable in projects that are partially or completely funded by the government.

This focus on using wood products aligns with the Nova Scotia Loyal program, reduces reliance on imports and enhances export markets. It will support the province’s forestry sector, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help the province move to a low-carbon economy.

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