



Parrsboro and District Board of Trade

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President's Report to Members

Now that summer is gone is a good time to get back to a regular schedule for Board of Trade meetings. We have scheduled a General Meeting for noon on Wednesday, October 8 – location to be confirmed. In advance of this meeting I would like to provide you a brief update of activities over the past couple of months, and advance notice of upcoming events.

- A working group comprised of 4 business owners has been formed to promote Parrsboro and Area readiness for the opportunities related to Fundy Tidal Power Development. Meetings have been held with Town Council, Scott Armstrong, MP, Cumberland Energy Authority, Harbour Authority and Minas Energy to determine what needs to happen and to encourage the appropriate parties to move forward with upgrading of essential infrastructure such as the wharf, the abitou bridge and the roadways.
- Membership renewals for 2014 now stands at 40 members, with several new members joining this year.
- I had a meeting with Ray Hickey, Parrsboro CAO, to discuss the changes to this year's property tax bills and congratulated the Town for allocating some of the direct costs related to street lighting and protection services in a more equitable fashion (albeit with implementation problems which have since been corrected).
- Several new businesses were welcomed this year including Henry and Lucy's, Art Lab, Days of Yore Greeting Cards and Rose Buds and Petals Flower Shop.
- Lori Lynch and I have represented the Board of Trade with Parrsboro Creative, an initiative to build a cultural economy in Parrsboro area, including recent meeting with Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage.
- The BOT organized the Old Fashion Saturday Night/ Prospectors Street Party in August. This event was well received and brought many people to Main Street on a Saturday evening.
- I attended the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce AGM in Halifax.

Also there are several events being planned for November and December

- Annual Citizens Dinner- November 8th: This year we will honour the Founding Fathers of Parrsboro in recognition of the 125 year anniversary
- November 14th will be the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Band Stand
- November 13 – 16 will be Vintage Christmas in Parrsboro – a promotion by several local businesses to promote shopping in Parrsboro.
- December 5th will be the Santa Claus Parade.

Sincerely,

David Beattie, President