

CB Partnership

Investor Summit and AGM

Ingonish

On Thursday, September 30, 2010 over 120 Investors, along with business and community leaders assembled at the Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa in Ingonish to address current economic issues that effect Cape Breton-Mulgrave.

The day kicked-off with the Partnership's annual AGM where Chair of the Board, Dan Christmas and Executive Director, Keith MacDonald gave a yearly review of the Partnership's achievements and discussed several projects that will continue into 2011 including the Partnership's youth initiative Next Gen and a Cape Breton-Mulgrave Strategic Economic Framework.

Sir Graham Day, currently counsel for Stewart McKelvey and a member of the Cape Breton University's Shannon School of Business Advisory Board, was the day's first guest speaker. Sir Day remarked that the stories coming out of the Cape Breton - Mulgrave area are much more positive than when he first addressed the Cape Breton Partnership in 2005. He also noted a shift in looking towards the future from reflecting on the past. Sir Day also discussed Nova Scotia's need to raise productivity levels in order to compete in today's increasingly competitive economy.

The next speaker came from Enterprise Greater Moncton to speak to the attendees about developing and implementing strategic plans. Chief Executive Officer, John Thompson touched on several factors that Moncton is currently

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Port of Call on 'pole to pole' cruise



Photo by Don Tower

Fram, the latest Hurtigtuten coastal ship designed for expedition cruising, berthed in Baddeck the first of October. Cruising from the Arctic to Antarctica, this vessel offers a high degree of comfort in the public areas and panorama lounges. At full capacity the space ratio is 38.7 tons per passenger and the crew ratio is one to 2.2 passengers.

Named after the ship used by famous Norwegian Explorer Fridtjof Nansen, MS Fram's interior has been inspired by Greenland and the Arctic region; with a glass-enclosed observation lounge and excellent leisure facilities including a gym, sauna and two heated outdoor Jacuzzis.

Public Consultations

Arts and culture sector give creative ideas to gov't

by Jim Morrow

The Nova Scotia Arts and Culture sector held public consultations across the province recently.

Working on the premise that the Province is spending more money than it takes in, the government believes it must reduce the money spent on programs and services, increase taxes and invest money to grow the economy over the long term.

How this will affect arts and cultural activities and what the arts and culture community believes they can do was the basis for the consultations. Participants were asked to consider what they thought of the present system; what they

would like to see in the future; what the structure of the relationship between the sector stakeholders and the government should be; and how can they get there together?

Horizons Community Development Associates Inc. facilitated the public consultations at the Gaelic College in St. Ann's. The ten participating individuals in attendance split into two groups to work through the eight assigned questions.

Artists, being the creative types they are, have an ability to think "outside the box" of government and corporate parameters. This being the case the arts and culture representatives at the Gaelic Col-

lege consultation had some innovative and interesting answers to the questions. Other than the Art Bank and the peer assessment process for grants, there was little else they felt the government was doing well.

"There should be more transparency," suggested Jennifer Brickenden of ScoJen music, "as to who sits on the external assessment panel

"The use of discretionary funds should be put towards grants to individuals and programs rather than gala events," she added.

Film maker Neal Livingston believes the government should take

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CB District health Authority's

Community Health Grants available

Special

The six volunteer Community Health Boards (CHBs) within the Cape Breton District Health Authority are accepting applications for grants to help fund health related projects.

The grants help to support organizations or community based initiatives that promote healthy eating, active living, mental health, coping skills, healthy child development and improved personal health.

The grant funding is provided to the CHBs from two sources. The District contributes funds that are directed to the "Communities In Motion" and

"Healthy Eating" initiatives. Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection funds the "Wellness Initiative" grants. Each CHB reviews applications from the area it represents and awards the grants. No project is considered too small. They can include new programs, pilot projects, one-time events or ongoing community initiatives. All community based organizations can apply.

The deadline for applications is Friday, November 5, 2010.

For more information you can also contact the CHB representative in Victoria County, Laura Dixon, Ph: 295-1092 or email: ldixon@seaside.ns.ca

Airing Nov. 1st

YTV Reality Show filmed in Ingonish

by Jim Morrow

The waters off Ingonish, become the back drop for a YTV reality show called *In Real Life* which will air on Monday, November 1st, 2010.

The show follows 18 young competitors aged 12 to 14 who are given exciting real life jobs that push them to their limits. Like some other reality TV shows the competitors must do all their jobs and get to the finish line as quickly as they can. The best contestants move on while those who do not make the grade are eliminated.

Producer Maura Kealey of Apartment 11 Productions in Montreal had

been to Cape Breton and was excited to get back and use what she called the "stunning" scenery in her *In Real Life* production.

The producers of the show contacted Osborne Burke and Kim Stockley and the Six Ports Harbour Authority last January and were in constant contact until they arrived in Ingonish from Montreal in April.

The filming for the show took place in June during lobster season.

Six local captains, their vessels and crews put the contestants to work hauling mackerel nets and lobster traps. The

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