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Trial newsletter design

What do you think?

It has been approximately four years since we last updated our newsletter design. The Town has decided to have an outside graphic design company to look after the next three newsletters.

This newsletter was designed by Sarah Hansen of Hansen Design and Calligraphy. If your design company is interested in designing a newsletter, and would like to submit a quote so that the town may use your design, please contact Sheree Kent, Executive Assistant at the Town Hall at 895-8000 or by email at sheree.kent@pcsp.ca

We would also like your feedback... tell us what you think of these next three newsletter designs. Send your comments to pcsp@pcsp.ca. The Town will select a new template for permanent use after this trial period.



Census 2006

Count yourself in to help out our community

As many of you may have already heard, May 16, 2006 is Census Day. It is that one day every five years when every household has the opportunity to be counted in.

The result will be that all of us, including writers, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, business owners and governments, will have access to a wide variety of data on the current population of Canada. The country and the community develop and grow with the aid of this information.

The success of the census depends on the participation of everyone in Canada and from your perspective, everyone in the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

How does it help from a local perspective?

As a very current example information from the census is forming part of the analysis your council is doing in developing a policy for a seniors rebate with respect to property tax.

Other examples include use of the data: by the School Board to determine the needs for the local school and the building of other schools; by the provincial Government to provide funding for infrastructure such as sewage treatment plants and road upgrading and by town councils to aid in determining the appropriate land use zoning for the development of the community.

The bottom line is that council would like this town to get the most it can from the census. To do so, we ask that everyone complete their census form and submit them by mail or via the web on Census Day – May 16, 2006.

We want to give you a further example of the type of information that is generated from the census.

To do this the town will be circulating through the mail a small brochure provided by Stats Canada entitled "Canada at a Glance". This should arrive in your mail box within a few days of this special newsletter.

Finally, if within a few days of May 16th, you have not received your census form simply call 1-800-263-1136 or log on to www.census2006.ca.

Remember, in a census, everybody counts!

Municipal plan to be reviewed

Residents urged to participate

Residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's please note that your Town Council is about to begin a community planning process that will result in the preparation of a new municipal plan. In the coming weeks, Council will engage the services of a planning consulting firm to manage the planning process, which is expected to take nearly one year to complete.

As most of you are aware, the Town is experiencing significant growth, particularly in the residential housing sector. In the past six years, the Town issued 433 building permits for single-family dwellings. During the same period, applications have been made for 14 residential subdivisions. Six of these have been approved, resulting in approximately 200 additional building lots.

The rapid pace of new development is transforming our Town, and the accompanying impact upon our community is proving to be a great challenge. A myriad of questions arise about how to plan for and serve everyone's needs. For example, what factors make our community pleasant and efficient? How do we address quality of life issues in terms of the services and facilities that we rely upon and enjoy? What are our priorities with respect to recreation facilities and services, our school, the local street networks, water and sewer infrastructure, economic development, and our natural, cultural and historic resources? How do we sustain essential services, and plan for future growth, without destroying our past or our natural environment? The municipal plan is a key component to managing change. It helps set direction on what matters most to residents, resulting in a more workable, livable, prosperous and efficient community.

The municipal planning process that Council is proposing will be developed from the ground up with detailed research, broad-based community consultation, reasoned analysis and recommendations. Various research techniques will be incorporated to gather information; including a number of focus group and public consultation meetings that are planned throughout the community in a neighborhood near you, a true "grass roots" process. Specifically five or six geographical areas will be identified and the residents from these areas will be invited to participate in determining the way that area of the community will develop over the next ten years. Of equal importance will be another half dozen meetings that will

involve residents interested in specific focus topics such as Business Development, Heritage Conservation and a number of others.

Below is a brief list of some issues to be considered during the consultation process:

- The compatibility of land use within residential areas
- Identification of land for commercial purposes
- Preservation of agricultural land, and resolution of conflicts with encroaching development
- Protected watershed boundaries and associated conflicts
- Conservation and environmental protection of sensitive and scenic areas
- Measures to protect and enhance natural and historic resources

In order to seek out and understand the diverse voices of our community, Council encourage all residents to participate in this important consultation process. While council will suggest its vision as to where we would like to be in 10 years, it is ultimately up to the community as to the direction that should and will be taken. Council looks forward to hearing your views as this process unfolds over the next few months. The Town's website will provide more information on how you can participate in this endeavor.

For further information you may contact the Planning Department.

Phone: 895-8000

www.portugalcove-stphilips.com



Important!

**As of May 5th at 12:00 a.m. all open fires
in the community will require a permit
from the Department of Natural
Resources (Forestry).**



Minor soccer and minor softball

Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is very pleased to offer the youth of the community the opportunity to participate in Minor Soccer and Minor Softball Programs this season. The Minor Soccer Program has generated a lot of interest and we can ensure that it will be a great success. Some of the details regarding the league can't be determined until after the registration dates. Details such as days and times for specific groups have not been determined at this point. However we can ensure that the league will take place Monday-Thursday. There maybe exhibition games on the weekends if coaches and parents agree. It should also be noted that the number of registrants from the different age groups would determine the divisions that are offered. We do hope to offer the following as long as the numbers that register allow it:

**14 and Under 10 and Under 6 and Under (limited to 4 years and over)
12 and Under 8 and Under**

The Minor Softball Program will also take place this summer. This league is offered to children and youth 5 – 18 years of age. Games are played at Voiseys Brook Park and Rainbow Gully Park. Upon registration, the specific day and time that each division plays will be given to participants. Listed below are the specific age groups:

T-Ball	5-7 years of age	\$35.00
Mite	8-10 years of age	\$40.00 Family \$75
Squirt	11-12 years of age	
Peewee	13-14 years of age	
Bantam	15-16 years of age	
Midget	18 and Under	

The Recreation Department will be holding registration for Minor Soccer and Minor Softball on Thursday, May 11th at the Recreation Centre from 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

**Cost: Soccer - \$40/child or \$60/family Softball/T-Ball \$35/child
Other Divisions - \$40/child or \$75/family**

If you are unable to make the registration, please feel free to drop into the Town Office anytime after May 11th. We are also looking for volunteers for both leagues. If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these programs, please contact one of the following:

**Minor Soccer - Dawn Chaulk 895-8000
Minor Softball - Brenda Johnson 895-2035**

Regional Summer Games

*Local athletes
encouraged
to take part*

The Town of Torbay will be hosting the Regional Summer Games from August 14th - 19th. The ages of the participants for these games must be 11 years of age by December 31st, 2006 and under the age of 16 years. The following is the sporting events that will take place:

Mixed Soccer – (16 & Under/13& Under)

Softball – (Male and Female slo-pitch)

Ball Hockey – (Male and Female)

Basketball - (3-on-3 Male and Female)

Cross Country Running – (12 & Under/14 & Under/16 & Under)

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's would like to enter into as many of these events as possible. We are looking for volunteers to help coach each team. If anyone is interested in coaching one of these teams, please contact Dawn at the Recreation Office at 895-8000. There will also be a meeting for anyone who is interested in participating on a team on Thursday, May 18th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre. If you are unable to attend but you are interested in participating, please contact Dawn.

Program coordinator needed

Summer employment opportunity

The Recreation Department of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is now accepting resumes for the position of **Summer Program Coordinator**.

- **Responsibilities:**
- Shall prepare the groundwork for the recreation program and implement department policy.
- Prepare and plan schedules for Day Camp and Soccer Program.
- Prepare the initial public relations material and begin the registration process.
- Conduct employee interviews and assist in the selection of employees.
- Shall prepare and plan Community Events and programs.
- Preparation of public relation material.
- Responsible for inventory management, direct management of employees and programs throughout the summer.
- Act as the liaison/communication link between staff members and the Recreation Director.
- Prepare formative and summative evaluations of all staff members.
- Prepare a final report on the summer activities/special events with suggestions and recommendations for the following year.
- Assist the Recreation Director on a day-to-day basis and perform other related duties.

Reports to: Recreation Director

Desirable training, knowledge & skills: It is recommended that the person holding this position have basic leadership skills qualities and communication skills.

Any training in the Recreation field or coaching, previous work experience with the department would be an asset.

Work Term Period: 13 weeks: May 29th – August 25th, 2006

Work Term Salary: 35 hours/week @ \$8.50

The Recreation Department is also accepting resumes from students for the following summer positions: **Day Camp Counsellors, Soccer Program Coaches, and Recreation/Public Works Maintenance Worker. (All positions are subject to funding availability)**

Requirements: All staff must have a valid first aid certificate; Staff must be presently attending a secondary or post - secondary institute full time, with plans to attend full time in September 2006; Day Camp Counsellors should have leadership qualities, communication abilities and experience with children would be an asset; Soccer Coordinator/Coaches should have ability to instruct soccer and have basic leadership qualities and communication skills, NCCP Level I would be an asset.

Please forward your resume and (2) references specifying the position that you are applying for to the address below. Only those who are successful in receiving an interview will be contacted. Thank-you in advance to all students that applied.

Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's
CC/ Dawn Chaulk, Recreation Director
1119 Thorburn Road

Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, NL A1M 1T6

Deadline for applications is Friday, May 19th, 2006 @ 4:00 p.m.



New recycling initiative coming to our town!

Did you know that for every ton of waste we recycle instead of dumping in the landfill, your town saves \$33.00 – plus we help the environment! Join your town in leading the way in responsible waste management – watch for details this fall.

**Judy Abbott, Jane Tucker, and
Audrey Power of the
St. Philip's Women's Institute.**



PC-SP Volunteer Appreciation Night

On Sunday April 23rd, 2006 the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's hosted the Annual Volunteer appreciation Night. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended as well as a special thanks to all the recipients of the Volunteer Awards. We would also like to take this opportunity to send out a thank-you to all those groups and organizations in the community who take the time to volunteer. You are greatly appreciated and your involvement makes our community a better place to live.

Awards Recipients:

10 Year Recognition

Ms. Cheryl Cleary
(St. Philip's Women's Institute)
Ms. Judy Abbott
(St. Philip's Women's Institute)
Ms. Verna LeDrew
(St. Philip's Women's Institute)
Ms. Audrey Power
(St. Philip's Women's Institute)

Ms. Jane Tucker
(St. Philip's Women's Institute)

Chief Bob Lamar
(Volunteer Fire Department)
Deputy Chief Les Spurrell
(Volunteer Fire Department)
Asst. Deputy Chief Ian Mercer
(Volunteer Fire Department)
Captain Basil Hibbs
(Volunteer Fire Department)

Training Officer Brian Tucker
(Volunteer Fire Department)
Firefighter Joe Hanames
(Volunteer Fire Department)
Firefighter Ray Parsons
(Volunteer Fire Department)

Volunteer of the Year
Chief Bob Lamar

**Front: Joe Hanames,
Les Spurrell,
Ray Parsons,
Bob Lamar
(Volunteer of the
Year). Back:
Ian Mercer,
Basil Hibbs, and
Brian Tucker**





Dog park completed...

The Town has completed the construction of the Dog Park, a fully functional 100"x 100" fenced-in yard, complete with doggy bags for clean up.... The Town reminds you to pick up after your pets please.



...and soccer pitch, too!

Pictured above is the soccer pitch located in Voisey's Brook Park. The soccer pitch is regulation size. Minor soccer programs will be taking place during the summer. For more information, see the Minor Soccer Program write up in this newsletter.

Further to the Terms of Reference for the Stormwater Management Plan that was carried in last month's newsletter, the following is the project schedule outlining the works to be carried out over the summer. Note: Schedules are subject to change.

Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

Storm Water Management Plan

Project Schedule

TASK	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
MEETINGS						
Initial project briefing with council.		x				
Meeting with Water Resources DOEC		x				
General public briefing and consultation.		x				
Committee Briefing on Phase 1 findings.			x			
Committee Briefing on Phase 2 findings.				x		
Committee Briefing on Phase 3 findings.					x	
Council Briefing on Phase 4 findings.					x	
Final Report general public briefing.						x
FIELD PROGRAM						
Structure Identification	xxxx	xx				
Velocity Measurement	x	xxxx	xxxx			
Survey & Sectioning		xxxx	xxxx			
COMPUTER MODELING						
Input Survey Data		xxx	xxxx	x		
Model the Drainage Basin	x	xxx				
Model the River Channel		xx	xxxx	xx		
Insert Levees and Re-Model				xx		
Calibrate Model				xx		
REPORTING						
Analyze the Model Output				xxxx	xx	
Identify Problem Areas				xxx		
Recommend Flood Protection Measures				xx	xx	
Estimate Flood Protection Works					xxxx	
Summarize Results and Conclusions					xxx	x
Present Final Report to Council						x



Public Notice

Residents are invited to attend a briefing/consultation session on the stormwater management study being conducted for the Town by Newfoundland & Labrador Consulting Engineers. The focus of the study will be on the Murray's/ Main River system in the Portugal Cove side of our community and on the Broad Cove River System in the St. Philip's side of our community. The consultants will be seeking information from the residents on the happenings that they have witnessed along the rivers. In addition to this meeting, residents along the river will be consulted during the field survey work that will be completed in the coming months.

**The meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 16th, 2006
7:00 p.m. in the Community Center
at 1119 Thorburn Road**