

The Bishop of the Diocese distributed a letter headed Easter 2010 and in it, stated: *"It is regretful that the media, and particularly, the town, has chosen to show the church in such poor light."* The Town acted within its legislation and tried to be as objective as possible on the matter. It never chose to show the Parish in a poor light.

Next, in a letter to the Town dated April 21, 2010, the lawyer for the diocese appealed two decisions of Council - that of the demolition permit, and of declaring the church a heritage building. These must go before the Municipal Appeals Board.

Since the Parish nor the Diocese would direct the RNC to investigate the vandalism, the Town filed a complaint with the RNC under Sections 194, 419, and 421 of the Municipalities Act. However, the lawyer for the RNC advised that because of the vagueness of the interpretation of Section 194 it would be unlikely to get a conviction.

The RNC did advise the Town of different options. A security camera could be placed on the public road by interested parties to monitor activity at the entrance of the church. Under Section 421 of the Municipalities Act, the Town could proceed to investigate and prosecute the case on its own in civil court. But a conviction may be unlikely in light of Section 194 of the Municipalities Act.

In the meantime, the steeple sits where it fell on March 30, 2010.

Council's intent was to avoid the possible destruction of one of the Town's most prominent structures. Council is encouraging its residents to come together and cooperate to support discussions that could lead to a resolution. At this time, it is suggested that St. Philip's Anglican Parish and/or the Diocesan Synod get together with the Church by the Sea Inc to see if a resolution can be brought to this matter.

It is also suggested that the Parish or Diocese ask the RNC to investigate the vandalism as there are many rumors and accusations occurring throughout the town, which is unfair to those who are being associated with these.

Spring Clean Up 2010

Our spring cleanup this year will be from May 17th through June 11th. Metal items should be kept separate as they will be collected first. Items not accepted are garden materials (shrubs, branches, etc), household renovation items (ie. shingles, siding, etc.) and hazardous materials such as paint (for hazardous waste disposal contact the MMSB at 753-0948).

For more information contact Roy Burry at 895-8000 ext 228.

Collection dates.

Residents will be required to have all Bulk Garbage Materials placed by the street side beginning on Friday May 14th and no later than Monday May 24, 2010. Any materials placed after this time will not be collected. Collection of materials will begin on Tuesday May 25, 2010. The collection will be carried out on a street by street basis and there will not be any revisits. Again please separate all steel materials from other materials.

Acceptable Materials

- Hot Water Boilers
- Washers and Dryers
- Metal BBQ's
- Fuel Oil Tanks (Fully Drained)
- Wreck Cars, Trucks and Busses
- Heavy Equipment
- Metal Car Parts and Rims
- Metal Furniture and Metal Cabinets
- Metal Piping, Fencing and Wire
- Paint Cans (with paint fully dried or removed)
- Lighting and Plumbing Fixtures
- Metal Bathtubs
- Fridges and Freezers
- Metal Food or Beverage Cans NOT covered by the MMSB Recovery Program
- Metal Framing and Siding
- TV's , computers, Stereos, Electronic Equipment
- Household and commercial Wiring
- Wire rope Cables



What's going on

in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

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May 2010

The Town hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Social on Friday, April 23rd. With over 70 attendees present, it was a well received event. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize this year's recipients.



10 Year Recognition Awards were presented to member of any community organization that has donated 10 years or more of their time to a local service group. This year's recipients were; Sheila King with the Holy Rosary Church and the Rainbow 50+ Club; Andrea Korpel, Heather Budden, and Tracy Sharpe with the Girl Guides Organization.



The KidBuz Award was presented to Rachel Moss. Rachael, at five years old, has fund-raised over \$4000 for the Janeway this year. She makes magnets and in return for those magnets she receives donations. She is an outstanding young person. Unfortunately she was unable to make the event due to family vacation therefore her picture is not present. She will receive her award at the Council meeting on May 11th.



The Youth of the Year Award was presented to Emma Meulenkamp. Emma has a long list of achievements in academics and at this time maintains a 90% average. She has a lot of interest in drama and music. She is involved in skiing, air pistol, and biathlon training. Although she volunteers with a number of different organizations, the majority of her recognition came from the St. Lawrence Parish. Emma is the vice president of the Girls Auxiliary, assists with Sunday School, reads in church and assists with children's liturgies. She also helps with a music program. With all the time she spends being active and volunteering, how does she find time for academics? She is an outstanding youth.

The Volunteer of the Year was presented to David Bartlett. David is a teacher at Leary's Brook Junior High where he volunteers his time to coach the boy's hockey team and the soccer team. He is also involved in the teachers band, the CLB and its band, and the Mazol Shiners. He is also a very active volunteer with the St. Philip's church as a choir member, a vestry member, and a Eucharistic assistant. David is a coach and vice president of the PCSP Minor Soccer Association. With all this volunteer work he also finds time to raise his children with his lovely wife Carol.



We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Sheila King with the Rainbow 50+ Club, Denise Webber with the Girl Guides Organization, and Eddie Sharpe a captain with the Volunteer Fire Department, for their wonderful presentations of their organizations and what it means to volunteer with them. Special thanks to the MYC Kitchen and Catering for the excellent food provided at the event.

Volunteers truly make a difference to the quality of life for the residents of our community. They bring together groups and help to generate town spirit. Some groups not only improve our quality of life but they also save lives. Please take the time throughout the year, not only during volunteer week, to thank all those volunteers who "connect our Community".

Minor Softball Help Wanted

We are looking for individuals who are interested in coordinating minor softball for the 2010 season. We will be looking for volunteer coaches and executive to organize this year's minor softball. If you are interested in helping out we will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday May 26th at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre. For more information on how you can be involved please contact Dawn at 895-8000 ext 4.

Youth Committee

Are you a young person who would like to be more involved in our community? The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips will like to invite any youth resident of the community to come out to a meeting on Wednesday, May 26th, 4pm at the Town Hall. It will be your opportunity to voice opinions, plan events, and play an active role in what happens in your community. If you have any further questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 895-8000 ext 4.

Missed Soccer Registration ?

There may still be some space available for this years summer soccer program . You can still register online at www.pcspminorsoccer.ca. After May 11th a \$20.00 late fee will apply and you may be placed on a wait-list. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 895-8000 ext 4 .

Ian Marshall Soccer Camp Returns July 5th-9th

Ian Marshall returns to Portugal Cove-St. Philip's for the 2nd consecutive year. The soccer camp will run from July 5th-9th and is open to both boys and girls from 6-16 years of age. For more information go to www.pcspminorsoccer.ca



View from Greyman's Beard on a beautiful spring day



Senior King and Queen

On Monday evening April 19 a Seniors' Party sponsored by the ACW of St. Lawrence Anglican Parish of Portugal Cove was held in the Parish Hall. Approximately 70 people from the Town, and beyond, came out to the event. It was an evening of fun and fellowship with some great food and some lively music. One of the highlights of the occasion was the crowning of the Senior King and Queen.

Below we have the Senior King, Roy Dicks and the rather young Senior Queen, Gale Goodyear posing for the camera just before the Royal Dance where the King and Queen Danced.

Summer Employment

The Recreation Department is now accepting resumes from students for the following summer positions: **Day Camp Councillors, Kinderskills Councillors, 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 2010 Day Camp Councillors should have leadership qualities, communication abilities and experience with children 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 for your application.

Send resumes to:

Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's
Attention: Dawn Sharpe, Recreation Director
1119 Thorburn Road
Portugal Cove—St. Philip's, NL A1M 1T6

Deadline for applications is Friday, May 21st, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Mark you calendars! June 10th from 4:30-6:30pm Summer Day Camp registration at the Town Hall. More information on our summer day camp program will be available in the June newsletter. For more camp information please our summer camp coordinators Meghan Rodgers at 895-8000.

OVERVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE OLD ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH May 11, 2010

On December 7, 2009, the Town received a letter from St. Philip's Anglican Parish requesting a demolition permit for the old church. Members of the Town Council met several times with members of the Church Vestry, and members of the Church by the Sea Committee, both singly and together, to try and reach a resolution.

A letter from the lawyer for the Parish to Council on February 4, 2010, with respect to their understanding that permission for the permit would be deferred, stated: "*We would also advise that Council may expose itself to liability by acting outside its jurisdiction and lawful authority. Furthermore, individual Councilors who act outside the jurisdiction granted to Council may also be exposing themselves to personal liability.*" In light of this, Council very carefully considered its legislation and in consultation with its legal consultant, the legal consultant wrote: "*In the present circumstances, the Town is well within its authority (not only to defer, but) to refuse the demolition permit.*"

A letter from the lawyer for the Parish on March 9, 2010 stated "*.. if a decision is not rendered by Council eight (8) weeks from the date of our February 4, 2010 correspondence, the Anglican Parish of St. Philip will deem the Application for demolition of the subject property to have been refused and will take the necessary legal steps to proceed further.*"

The Town then requested the Parish to submit a formal application form for a demolition permit and brought this to Council on March 30 which was rejected by a vote of 6-1. This was a difficult decision for Council. They hoped there could be a resolution that would see no costs to the Parish, yet preserve the historic building. There was no deliberate attempt to move against the Parish. The Town Plan directs Council to "*encourage the preservation of older buildings within the Heritage community.*" The Plan further states: "*The preservation of older buildings, structures, and sites that form an important part of the Town's historical and cultural legacy, and their visual appearance, shall be a priority.*" In addition to the visual appearance and location of the building, it was this church that was standing in 1905 when Rev. Canon Smith renamed Broad Cove as St. Philip's, after the church. Those voting to reject demolition, believed there must be some way to preserve the historic building in the best interests of all and believed that more time would help. The proposal to the Parish by the Church by the Sea Committee indicated they would take "*full responsibility (financial and otherwise) for the building for a 3 to 4 year trial period with the intention of perpetual responsibility.*" Council agreed with the

Committee's understanding that this was in keeping with the Bishop's letter at the time of building the new church, to "dispose" of the old one - not necessarily to demolish it.

That very same night and/or next morning person/s sawed through the steeple and pulled it down. The Parish or Diocese would not direct the RNC to investigate. Therefore, Council feared this was the beginning of more vandalism and next day passed a motion declaring the church a heritage building in accordance with the authority under Section 200 (1) and 414 (dd) of the Municipalities Act. This would have the effect of leaving the building intact as much as possible until further discussions could be held. Council provided security for the weekend which was then passed over to volunteers from the Church by the Sea Committee. A \$500 reward for knowledge of those vandalizing the church was also offered. Later, volunteers agreed to pay this money.

Because neither the Parish nor the Diocese would direct the RNC to investigate, Council requested an injunction which would give Council the authority to ask the RNC to investigate in case of further vandalism. The judge requested that all parties further discuss the situation towards a resolution. If the parish or diocese had directed the RNC to investigate, there would be no need of any injunction.

Correspondence from the Diocese of April 15 was received from the Town's legal consultant on April 16, However, before Council could respond to that, on the evening of April 17, pews were removed from the church. The RNC were called and these pews had to be returned. The security provided by the Church by the Sea Committee was questioned by the Parish. In consultation with a majority of Council, the mayor wrote a note approving this security. The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada recommend protecting such designations from vandalism. The Church by the Sea Committee continued to provide security but on April 19 were told by Parish officials they must leave the property. This time, a letter was received by Council from the Diocese lawyer stating: "Therefore we wish to advise you that, pursuant to the Defamation Act, the Diocesan Synod formally requests a public apology and a retraction of the letter which purports to authorize the Church by the Sea Committee to arrange security for the Synod's property. Should this apology and retraction not be received in a timely manner, we reserve the right to pursue all available rights and remedies available to our client under the law." The security were then advised to monitor from the public road. In response to calls for the dismissal of a councilor involved in removing pews, this was investigated through Municipal Affairs who indicated there was no basis for any action to be taken.

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