



# The Tickle Newsletter March - April 2014

### Raising a Rainbow of Support

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's is showing its support for the LGBT community not only in Russia, but from every country, and for our athletes competing in the Sochi Olympics. Recent anti-gay legislation passed in Russia has cast a shadow over the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. We joined St. John's, Gander, Mount Pearl, Corner Brook, and many more communities across the province to show support



for not only the LGBT community but for every person's basic human rights. The rainbow flag proudly flew over the Town Hall for the duration of the games.

### All for a Great Cause

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's has been a major supporter of Todd Churchill's Reason for the Rink since its inception. The rink is a 1/4 NHL scale hockey rink built to help raise funds for Easter Seals NL, Rainbow Riders, and the Mazol Shriners Hospital for Children. This year is no different, the Town recently sponsored \$1000 to this great cause. Council and staff members also plan to help raise funds by donning their helmets and lacing up their skates for a Winter Classic hockey game on the rink in early March. Council members and staff will take on provincial MHAs, skate to skate, and

donations are welcome anytime. Come cheer on your Town! You can also check out the game on the live action webcam, visit the rink site **www.reasonfortherink.com** 



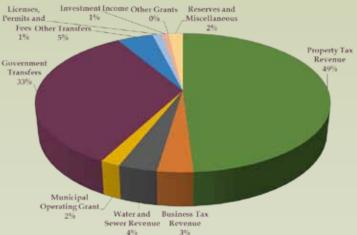
## The Blackout of 2014

After a series of rolling blackouts were capped off with heavy winds and a major Atlantic blizzard, tens of thousands of homes across Newfoundland were plunged into darkness, and into the cold, many of those were located in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's. Early January was to say the least, a little less than a happy new year for many. True to our roots, the people of PCSP rallied to ensure family, friends and neighbours were taken care of; volunteers and staff of the Town set up a warming center and offered residents in need a warm place to stay and a hot meal. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy, to the employees of NL Power who not only worked tirelessly to restore power but also donated supplies and water to the warming center, and thanks to the residents of the Town for your support and patience in a very trying time.

Mother Nature always has her own plans, so stay prepared with emergency supplies on hand, have a 72 hour supply kit ready to go. For some great information on what to include please visit **www.getprepared.ca**. For emergency notifications, call 895-7474.

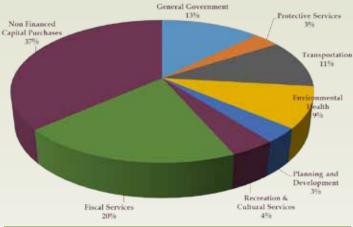
## 2014 Budget Overview

#### Revenue



78.79	27.14
Property Tax Revenue	\$6,492,959
Business Tax Revenue	\$443,306
Water and Sewer Revenue	\$480,860
Municipal Operating Cost	\$242,596
Government Transfers	\$4,453,574
Other Transfers	\$612,068
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$160,000
Investment Income	\$110,000
Other Grants	\$5,600
Reserves and Miscellaneous	\$344,000
Total Budget Revenue	\$13,344,953

#### **Expenditures**



General Government	\$1,682,794
Protective Services	\$444,765
Transportation	\$1,454,357
Environment Health	\$1,238,748
Planning and Development	\$439,500
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$540,778
Fiscal Services	\$2,671,186
Non Financed Capital Purchases	\$4,872,835
Total Expenditures	\$13,344,963

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **PRIORITIES 2014**

#### **New Equipment**

To enhance the Town's waste management operations, two new garbage compactors and a recycling compactor will be introduced to the Town's fleet in 2014. Upon the arrival of both garbage compactors, the Town's existing compactor will be retired from the fleet as it is an aged asset. The introduction of a recycling compactor is a first for the Town, supporting the waste diversion efforts of residents. As part of the Town's ongoing fleet replacement program, a new salt/sand dump truck will be acquired to replace a similar aged asset within the fleet. 2014 will also see the acquisition of a road sweeper to assist in the maintenance of Town roads.

#### **Regulations Review**

Our priority for 2014 will be a review of the Town's Snow Clearing, Garbage Collection, Water and Sewer and Animal Control Regulations to ensure the guidelines in place are clear and effective in balancing community needs and operational efficiency.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS 2013**

2013 saw the acquisition of a new Backhoe to replace an aged asset. This piece of equipment is integral to the Town's snow clearing and water and sewer operations.

Since the introduction of the Town's recycling program in the latter part of 2012, over 170 tonnes of waste has been diverted from the landfill. In 2013 alone, approximately 135 tonnes of recycling was collected, representing a diversion rate of 8.5 per cent for the year.

## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### **PRIORITIES 2014**

#### **New Programs and Events**

The Town is excited to develop and offer new programs and events to residents. This year will see a new Easter Camp for children, the summer of 2014 will see a two week Youth Camp (ages 13 – 15) with a focus on Adventure and Creativity. This budget also includes Senior's events to take place throughout the summer. Also included will be the Town's Summer Programs: Day Camp and Kinderskills, yearlong fitness and Health Programs, Winter Carnival, Canada Day, The Annual Regatta Festival and numerous other events.

#### Voisey's Brook Park

Plans and funding are being finalized and construction of our newest major community park is expected to start in the spring. The finished park will include a 100 acres conservation park with approximately 5 kms of trails, new recreation facilities, including a full soccer pitch and a half pitch, a full sized softball field with lighting and a mini softball field, a multipurpose hut, a dog park and a seniors fitness area.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013**

Last year saw a huge increase in our recreation facilities and programs. Early in the year we opened the new Rainbow Gully Park, which included the new artificial turf soccer field with lights, trails, multipurpose building, skateboard park, playground, softball field and open space. The department introduced Spring and Summer Outdoor Bootcamp, CBC Sports Day in Canada, Jersey Day, National Senior's Day Celebration, with record attendance at our Canada Day Celebrations. Our Biggest Loser Participants throughout 2013 had a total weight loss of over one TONNE (2000lbs)!

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#### **HIGHLIGHTS 2013**

#### **Total Number of Permits**

Year 2013: Total permits issued five hundred and thirteen (513) Year 2012: Total permits issued four hundred and sixty five (465)

The Planning Department experienced a 10.3 % increase in the number of Total Permits issued from 2012-2013.

#### **Total Number Dwelling Permits**

Year 2013: Total permits issued seventy three (73) Year 2012: Total permits issued sixty seven (67)

The Planning Department experienced a 9% increase in the number of dwelling Permits issued from 2012-2013

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### **PRIORITIES 2014**

#### Communications

The Town will be launching a social media campaign early in the year and is increasing its focus on getting feedback from residents through a number of different ways. The website will see significant upgrades as well which will give residents increased accessibility to the Town Hall.

#### **Community Profile**

The Community Profile and Business Directory are being launched early in the year. The profile will reposition the Town and its brand and encourage business growth.

#### **Planning**

A strategic plan is being undertaken to create a vision, with the help of residents, on how the Town should develop and grow in the future. There is also going to be a lot of work surrounding the branding of the town and the tourism products that we promote and offer in the community.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013**

The first full year of the department saw the development of a Heritage Strategic Plan and other strategic plans including the St. Philip's Beachfront Development Plan which is almost complete. A number of new parks were opened in the community including West Point Cemetery Heritage Site and Emma Dawson Churchill Seniors Memorial Park. A new emergency line was launched 895-7474 for residents looking to get information and the Newsletter was enhanced and rebranded as the Tickle.

#### CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT UPDATES

- 2011 Road and Bridge Upgrade
  - Includes upgrades to Town portion of Thorburn Road, Hanlon's Lane, Loop Drive, Hardings Hill, North Point Road, Knight's Rest, portion of Anglican Cemetery Road, Rainbow Gully Road, a new Rainbow Gully Parking lot and replacement of the Hardings Hill Bridge has gone to tender and is expected to start in early spring.
- Thorburn Road Sanitary Sewer and Mini-storm Sewer
   Sanitary between Dogberry Hill Road and Tolt Road and storm sewer
   in a few hundred feet of Dogberry Hill Road, is waiting and expecting
   provincial government approval to go to tender at any time.
- Dogberry Hill Road Bridge Replacement
   This project also includes the culvert replacement and river crossings for
   the sanitary and water service stubs on Drover's Heights is waiting and
   expecting provincial government approval to go to tender at any time.
- Voisey's Brook Park expansion and upgrades
   Waiting to be granted a meeting and opportunity to present the project details to the provincial government so that we can get the approval to start construction on the project.
- 2014-2017 Multiyear capital works
   Application for council's project choices was sent in Fall of 2013. We are waiting to hear the results of the application.

## TOWN OF PORTUGAL COVE-ST. PHILIP'S 2014 TAX STRUCTURE

#### PROPERTY TAX:

7 Mils with a minimum tax of \$20.00 for all Property Tax.

#### **DISCOUNT - APPLICABLE TO PROPERTY TAX ONLY:**

5% discount on current property tax, if payment of all outstanding debts (current and prior, including current water/sewer and all debts, taxes or otherwise) is received and paid in full by discount date of March 31, 2014, with the following additional condition: To qualify for the 5% discount – Property Tax payments from any Financial Institutions (electronic or otherwise) must be received by the Town no later than March 15, 2014 for processing.

#### OTHER DISCOUNT:

Residential Property owners in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) may be eligible for a 20% Property Tax reduction on the Property Tax portion of the invoice for their principal place of residence in the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. A mandatory application providing proof of eligibility by way of an entitlement letter from Service Canada confirming receipt of GIS is required. The calculation for the 20% reduction will be applied prior to the additional 5% early payment discount (if applicable) or when calculating payment plans. Note: this discount <u>does not apply</u> to any vacant lands or summer residences. Property owners who qualify for this option, may avail of any of the payment options.

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**Discount:** Payment in full by discount date of March 31, 2014 (\*Note Condition on Financial Institution Payments as specified above)

Interest Free: Payment Plan for payment in full interest free with post-dated cheques or credit card payments <u>submitted in January</u> for a choice of <u>either</u>: 6 equal monthly payments (January to June inclusive) OR 8 equal monthly payments (January to August inclusive) OR 12 equal monthly payments by Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank/financial institution (January to December ). No discount available with this option. The interest free option is valid only if all cheques/payments are made good. Interest will be reinstated if any cheques are returned by the bank.

Visa, MasterCard, Interac, and Electronic payment services available.

#### **INTEREST:**

Charged at the rate of 1 % per month simple interest on the unpaid balance of all outstanding invoices at the end of each month commencing January 2014. Exception: Interest not applicable to 2014 invoices paid by the discount date or having interest free plans in place.

All invoices are due and payable as of the invoice date.

#### **BUSINESS TAX:**

#### FOR BUSINESS TAX BASED ON ASSESSMENT:

General Business	8.5 Mils
includes all categories except the following and their applicable rates	:
Farms	5 Mils
Daycare & Bed & Breakfasts	5.5 Mils
Golf Courses	8.5 Mils
Nursing/Retirement Homes	8.5 Mils
Non-Profit Organizations	8.5 Mils
Professional Services	12.5 Mils
Medical/Dental/Pharmacy	12.5 Mils
Bank/Financial Institutions	45 Mils
(Minimum tax \$200.00 on all the above including General Business)	

#### FOR BUSINESS TAX BASED ON GROSS REVENUE:

No Fixed Place Of Business1% of Gross Annual Revenue (Minimum \$ 200.00) Home Based0. 6% of Gross Annual Revenue (Minimum \$ 200.00)

UTILITIES AND CABLE TELEVISION 2.5% Gross Revenue as per Taxation of Utilities and

Cable Televisions Companies Act

#### WATER & SEWER TAX:

## RESIDENTIAL WATER/SEWER TAXES: Water Only \$205.00 Yearly Per Unit Sewer Only \$175.00 Yearly Per Unit

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COMMERCIAL WATER/SEWER TAXES:	
Water Only	\$235.00 Yearly Per Unit
Sewer Only	\$235.00 Yearly Per Unit
Water & Sewer	\$470.00 Yearly Per Unit
Fish Plant Water & Sewer	\$150.00 per month
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For a full tax structure and schedule of fees check the Town's website.

### Branch 10, Portugal Cove

Legion Happenings...

## 2014 THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR ONE

(\*2013- was the 60th Anniversary of the Ending of the War in Korea 1950-1953\*)

We honour all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in all of the Wars, Conflicts and Peacekeeping Missions of our time past, present and future. Please join the Royal Canadian Legion on parade in 2014 to honour them in Rememberance and Gratitude. Details will appear in future newsletters.

#### **War Memorial**

If there is anyone in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's who believes there are names from their family that should be put on the War Memorial, now is the time to get the information to the Legion.

Please contact Jo-Anne Power at **895 1047** (please leave a message stating War Memorial) or email **jdgpower@yahoo.** ca or mail to The War Memorial Committee, c/o 5 Legion Road, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, NL A1M 2R5

Have you considered donating the cost of a bench, a plaque or even a bush in your family's name? Tax receipts available. **All donations welcomed.** 

The War Memorial in Portugal Cove-St Philip's has a stone each for WWI and WWII with the names of those who sacrificed their all in the war. There is also a stone for those who have served, came home and have since passed on. It is very important to get these names to the War Memorial Committe as soon as possible if they are not already on the stones, as the War Memorial has already begun its refurbishment stages.

Anyone who served in Korea from Portugal Cove-St Philip's, please send along your information as there is a plaque for Korea in the plans for the War Memorial. Due to privacy laws we are unable to obtain these names from the Korea War Associations. Please note that the War Memorial is scheduled to be refurbished in the spring of 2014. If enough funds become available, additional plaques will be added for other conflicts, if not, there will be a Phase 2.

## Having a Birthday, Wedding, Banquet, Shower, or Family Reunion?

Book your function at the Royal Canadian Legion! Great Rates - Great Hall - Great Fun! Call 895-6521 for more information. Monday - Friday: Open at 4:00pm Saturday: Open at 12:00 noon

#### **Old Fashioned BINGO!**

Sunday: Open at 2:00pm

#### **Every Wednesday Night at 8:00pm**

Yes, we still have the old fashioned hard cards: PickaBingo, Early Bird, Lucky 7, and Satellite. Includes a Jackpot Game (Hard Cards). Plus Nevada Tickets and Fun! Come join us!

#### **Mixed Dart Tournament**

#### April 5 at 10:00am

4 Players per team: 2 men 2 women \$40.00 per team: max 12 teams Registration: 9:30am Call Tina **895-0181** or Rita **895 6137** Lunch will be available to purchase

#### 3 Man Dart Tournament

#### April 19 at 10:00am

For more details contact Mary Burt 437-1356

#### **Congratulations**

To **Richard Thorne** and **Florence Tucker**, our King and Queen of the Legions Annual Christmas Seniors Dinner.

Thank you to all who made the dinner possible and to all who attended.

#### **Legion Representative Contacts**

Len Collins, *Legion President*: 895-6521 James Kenne*dy, District Commander*: 689-9241 Ken Gatehouse, *Executive Director*: 753-6666

#### **Scent Free Building**

Due to extreme Health Issues, please note that the Legion is a designated Scent Free Building. These are life threatening health issues so we respectfully request your cooperation.



# PORTUGAL COVE — ST. PHILIP'S VOLUNTEER FAIR Saturday April 5, 2014

St. Philip's Anglican Church Parish Hall from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

The Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer week 2014 is from April  $6^{th}$  – April 12. This year's volunteer week has been named "For the Health of it!" To celebrate Volunteer Week the Town is planning a Volunteer Fair for Saturday April 5.

Come out and help us celebrate Volunteer Week, we will be hosting our second Volunteer Fair! At the Fair you can find out about different groups and organizations that you, your children and/or your whole family could be a part of right here in PCSP.

If you would like to host a booth at the Fair please contact us to book a table.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

Who do you think has made a big difference in the community over the last year? Maybe you know a volunteer who has inspired the community or an organization that supports it? This is your time to recognize an individual or organization by nominating them for a PCSP Volunteer Appreciation Award.

#### THERE ARE THREE AWARD CATEGORIES:

- Overall Volunteer of the Year
- Senior Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Volunteer of the Year

Nomination Forms available at www.pcsp.ca, or pick up at the Town Hall.

Deadline for applications is Monday, March 24, 2014

# **SUMMER** EMPLOYMENT

The Recreation Department is now accepting resumes from students for the following summer positions:

Summer Programs Coordinator, Day Camp Councillors, Kinderskills Programmers, and Recreation - Facilities Laborer. (All positions are subject to funding approval)

#### **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 2014. Day Camp Councillors should have leadership qualities, and strong communication skills. Experience with children would be an asset.

Employment information, job descriptions and applications can be found in the Employment Booklet located at the Town Hall, or online at www.pcsp.ca.

Only those successful in receiving an interview will be contacted. We would like to thank-you in advance for your application.

#### **SEND RESUMES TO:**

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Nicole Clancey Recreation Programs and Special Events Coordinator 1119 Thorburn Road Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, NL A1M 1T6 nicole.clancey@pcsp.ca 895-8000 ext 233

#### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm

# Kid's Easter PARTY

Saturday, April 12, 2014

11:00am - 1:00pm

**Community Recreation Centre Easter craft, games, food and refreshments** 

Register: Don't forget to register to attend this event by calling the office at 895-8000 ext. 4 or 233 Children must be accompanied by an adult

You're invited to an Easter EGGStravaganza

so get ready to hop on over....





# 4 Week Program Sundays January 12 - February 2

**Location:** Recreation Centre

**Time:** Ages 4-7 at 2:30 - 3:30pm

Ages 8-12 at 3:30 - 4:30pm

Cost: \$40 per participant (NO DROP IN)

Preregistration is required and an information package will be provided.

To register call Robin Wight at **895-8000 ext 233** or email **robin.wight@pcsp.ca** (no online registration).





**Zumba** combines Latin and International music with a fun and effective workout system. With classes and instructors worldwide, anyone can join the Party! These sessions will include two different classes of Zumba a week. Come out and try them!

## 8 Week Program March 4 - April 26

To register call Robin Wight at 895-8000 ext 233 or email robin.wight@pcsp.ca (No online registration).

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#### **TUESDAYS - TONING**

Recreation Centre 8:15 - 9:15pm

#### THURSDAY - ZUMBA

Beachy Cove Elementary 8:15 - 9:15pm

#### **SATURDAYS**

Recreation Centre (pending registration numbers) 9:30 - 10:30am

#### COST:

\$64 one class \$128 two classes \$184 three classes



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY SENIOR'S SOCIAL THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Murray's Pond Country Club, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT BY BLACKY O' LEARY
TEA AND DESSERTS
REGISTRATION REQUIRED, CALL 895-8000 EXT 4 OR 233

(LIMITED SPACES, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE)

TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED (VARIOUS PICK UP LOCATIONS)

## **March 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	Zumba Fitness 4     Toning 8:15pm     St. Lawrence Parish     Pancake Supper     5pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 6 8:15pm	7	• Zumba Fitness 8 9:30am
9	10	• Zumba Fitness 11 Toning 8:15pm • Lion's Club 7:30pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• PCSP St. Patrick's Day Seniors Social 2pm • Zumba Fitness 8:15pm	14	• Rainbow 50+ Dinner/Cards/ Darts/Dance • Zumba Fitness 9:30am
16	17	• St. Lawrence 18 Parish ACW Card Game 8pm • Zumba Fitness Toning 8:15pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 20 8:15pm	21	• St. Lawrence Parish Paddy's Day Stew and Scoff 7pm • Zumba Fitness 9:30am
23	24	• Zumba Fitness 25 Toning 8:15pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and	• Zumba Fitness 27 8:15pm	28	• Zumba Fitness 29 9:30am
30	31	• Lion's Club 7:30pm	Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm			

## **April 2014**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		• Zumba Fitness Toning 8:15pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 3 8:15pm	4	St. Lawrence Parish 5 ACW Spring Sale 11am Legion Mixed Dart Tournament 10am PCSP Volunteer Fair 12pm Zumba Fitness 9:30am
6	7	• Zumba Fitness Toning 8:15pm • Lion's Club 7:30pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 10 8:15pm	11	PCSP Kid's Easter 12     Party 11am     Rainbow 50+ Dinner/     Cards/Darts/Dance     Zumba Fitness     9:30am
13	14	• Zumba Fitness -15 Toning 8:15pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 17 8:15pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Good Friday – Fish N' Brewis 2pm	• Legion 3 Mens Dart Tournament 10am • Zumba Fitness 9:30am
20	21	• St. Lawrence 22 Parish ACW Card Game 8pm • Zumba Fitness Toning 8:15pm • Lion's Club 7:30pm	• St. Lawrence Parish Seniors Fellowship and Cards, 2pm • Legion Bingo, 8pm	• Zumba Fitness 24 8:15pm	25	26
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Walk in Registration: Saturday, May 3rd 10:00AM - 12:00PM Rainbow Gully Park

Online registration begins March 3rd.
For more details on our summer
program please visit
www.pcspminorsoccer.ca

#### Rainbow 50's + Club

All events take place at the **Community Centre** behind the Town Hall. **Every Friday** afternoon from **2:00-4:00pm** cards and darts

Dates for upcoming events are:

March 15 - Dinner/Cards/Darts/Dance

April 12 - Dinner/Cards/Darts/Dance

May 10 - Mother's Day Dinner and Dance

Please Contact Sheila King at **895-3374** for information & details

# Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Lions Club

Meetings every **second** and **fourth Tuesday** of the month.

**New Members welcome!** 

Starts at 7:30 pm at the Holy Rosary Community Centre

# **Broad Cove Village Residents' Committee**

After the "St. Philip's Beachfront Development Consultation" by NEAREDB in November 2013, a group of residents, directly impacted by any possible future development of the area in question, spontaneously came together to form a concerned citizens' group. We intend to focus our attention on the area designated 'Traditional Community' in the town plan, because this is where we live.

We would like to offer the cooperation of the citizens' committee in helping to preserve the area's tremendous value as a 'traditional community' while it continues to develop in ways that are compatible with its designation and, most importantly, our lives.

We are a friendly group and would like to encourage residents from the area designated "Traditional Community" to join us at one of our meetings to help develop a vision of how we would like to see the community in and around the cove evolve tomorrow, in five and in ten years from now. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Rainbow Gully Field House at 7:30 pm. www.broadcove.weebly.com

#### St. Lawrence Parish

Seniors Fellowship and Cards

Every Wednesday at 2pm

March 4 March 22 April 18
Pancake Supper Paddy's Day Good Friday
5 - 6:30pm Stew and Scoff Fish N' Brewis
Parish Hall 7pm 2pm

March 18 April 5 April 22 ACW Card Game ACW Spring Sale ACW Card Game

8pm 11 – 1pm 8pm \$5 cover Usual Tables \$5 cover Refreshments Brunch Refreshments will be served will be served

# Snow Clearing Reminders NO PARKING ON THE STREET

Snow Clearing Regulations are in effect and residents are not permitted to park vehicles on the road. Vehicles parked on the road will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

## DO NOT PLOW/BLOW/SHOVEL SNOW ONTO THE STREET

Residents are not permitted to plow/blow/shovel snow onto a street or into ditches. Doing so is in violation of the Town's Snow Clearing Regulations and residents can be fined.

## Pedestrian Safety Survey Response Your input matters to us!

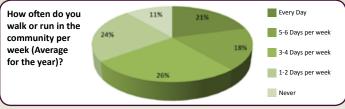
As part of our first step in engaging the community to help build a plan of action to improve the safety of our roads for all users, we recently asked for your feedback in our Pedestrian Safety Survey. The response was fantastic! Thank you to the more than 170 residents who responded with their information, praise and concerns, we appreciate it

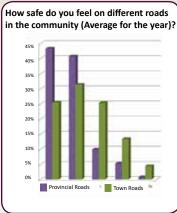
The respondents were a great cross section in terms of demographics that reflected the distribution in the community very well.

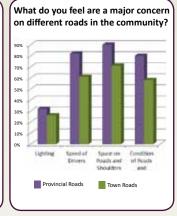
Healthy living is one of the key principles in our ever growing community, with more and more residents becoming more and more physically active, including walking, jogging, and cycling. The largest percentage of respondents reported walking or running more than 3 times per week!

When we reviewed the feedback on how safe you feel using Town roads as compared to Provincial roads, it is clear that while the Town is making strides in the right direction with safety in mind, we have a long way to go to improve these conditions. And again, there need to be even greater strides made toward improving safety on the provincially maintained roads. It is also clear that the biggest concern for most residents on both Town and Provincial roads is the lack of space on the road and on the shoulders.

The complete results of the survey can be found on the website. We would again like to thank everyone for taking part, especially those 31 individuals who have put their name forward to join a committee with safety as its mandate. It will certainly guide us in development and policy. We would also encourage those residents who are concerned with provincial roads to voice your concerns to the provincial government. The Department of Transportation can be contacted at tw@gov.nl.ca







#### PCSP Development Survey

Fill out our next survey starting March 1 How do you want to live in PCSP?

You will get to have input with questions around affordable housing, recreation, seniors living and more! We need to hear from you!

# Take a weekly 'walking tour' around Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

#### BY ANGIE BARRINGTON

Portugal Cove-St. Philip's has a rich history, but too many of us are too busy to make time to recognize it in our daily lives. The volunteer-organized Walking/Hiking Club is a great way to get to know your neighbours and your backyard, and to celebrate what makes our town so unique.

The group began in fall 2010 when Sheilah and John Lukins wanted some motivation to get outside and exercise. Since then, they have met with a group of hikers nearly every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for an informal hike. Sometimes other volunteers plan it, some people might bring their dogs, and the participants change from week to week.

"A lot of the trails are traditional trails—like the Miner's trail between St. Philip's and Portugal Cove, for example—and many of them have grown over and don't exist anymore. We're still looking for a trail that goes out Longmarsh Road and up Beachy Cove Hill," Sheilah said. "That's sort of the fun part of it. Hiking is nice, but the fun part is the social part and finding new trails."

The group is extremely social and will get coffee after the hikes, dress up as mummers in the Town's Santa Claus parade, go carolling, and plan an annual clean-up hike.

"We've got some very wonderful people that know about foliage and flowers and rock formations and animal tracks and if anybody knows stuff like that they usually contribute," said Sheilah. "If we don't have any of those people on the hike, or they don't see anything interesting, we tend to talk about anything under the sun... John has been here for 25 years and he's met a whole world of really friendly, nice people."

The group meets all year, but does take the weather into account when planning and might switch to a shorter, easier trail if it would be unsafe to stick to the plan. Regardless, hikers will need a good pair of hiking boots and/or snowshoes that can stand up to the terrain in Newfoundland's woods.

"With Newfoundland trails—especially rough trails, unfinished trails—there's going to be bog, there's going to be water, and that can be a pain," said Sheilah.

She says trails around Oliver's Pond, Windsor Heights, and Northeast Pond are great in the winter because bog and mud are frozen over, and fields are not in use, so there's less of a concern about disrupting anything along the way. Longer hikes, such as the hike to Brock Falls, are a little more challenging for the avid hiker.

Not familiar with those trails? Unfortunately there aren't many known maps to look for them, but everyone is invited to sign up. Email nicole.clancey@pcsp.ca or robin.wight@pcsp.ca to receive a weekly email with all the info on the upcoming hike from where to meet, to what you'll need to bring, and make sure to stick a story or two in your back pocket!







# WASTE Management

### You Name It!

2014 will see the PCSP roll out some shiny new waste management trucks, all just waiting for a cool and catchy paint job, and we need your ideas for a new waste management logo and tag line. You could see your cool idea rolling around all over Town! For more information on contest details visit pcsp.ca. The deadline for submissions is March 21, 2014.

# Helpful GARBAGE TIPS

#### from our Collectors

 Please ensure your garbage is placed to the curb before 8:00am.

At times we do switch our approach to routes and cannot guarantee your garbage will be collected at the same time each week. If your garbage is not placed on the roadside upon our arrival, we cannot return to collect it. Residents will be responsible for holding it until the following week or delivering it to the regional waste management facilities.

- Do not place your garbage outside the night before as it can attract rodents.
- If you use a garbage box, please ensure regular cleaning to avoid rodent attraction and infestation. Rodent infestation causes health and safety hazards for us and we will not be able to collect garbage from boxes infested with rodents.

# Helpful RECYCLING TIPS

### from our Collectors

Below are some of the commonly observed issues encountered by our Collectors when collecting your recyclables. Please help us ensure we can collect your recycling by taking note of the following helpful tips.

- Please do not put glass of any kind in your recycling we cannot take it. It is a safety hazard for us and for the workers at the regional waste management facility.
- Milk containers belong in your <u>container</u> recycling bag, not with your cardboard and paper. We cannot take your recycling when the recycling is not separated correctly.
- Recycling has to be in the blue recycling bags. Do not place
  your recyclables in plastic grocery bags. Please do not place
  plastic grocery bags inside the blue recycling bags. We will not
  collect them as they cannot be accepted at the regional waste
  management facility.
- Cardboard has to <u>bundled</u> no bigger than 2'x2'x1' or broken down and placed in the blue recycling bags. Larger size cardboard is not accepted at the regional waste management facility and will not be collected.
- If you have large amounts of paper for recycling, please place them in the blue recycling bags in <u>manageable loads</u>. Bags of heavy weight are difficult to manage and often break open.
   Bags should not exceed 50 pounds in weight.
- Please clean your recyclable containers before placing them in the blue recycling bag. Dirty containers and/or materials will be rejected at the regional waste management facility.



We want to hear from you! Send in your pictures, community events or any information you would like to see in the newsletter. Deadline for submission for the May - June edition is April 4, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Contact Jeff Lawlor at jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext 222.