

Just imagine!





The Tickle Newsletter March - April 2017

Reason for the Rink (Photo Upper Right: Councilor Johnny Hanlon, Todd Churchill & Councilor Aaron Facey)

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's are proud sponsors of Todd Churchill's Reason for the Rink. We would like to thank everyone in their support and congratulate Todd again this year for raising over \$42,000 for Easter Seals NL, Rainbow Riders Therapeutic Riding NL, and Mazol Shriners this year. To date, over \$265,000 has been raised in five years and 100 per cent of those funds are used to help some very special children to achieve their full potential, like Todd's own son Carter. On February 12, 2017 we saw another faceoff between the Killick Coast and Paradise in the third annual Charity Challenge Cup, supporting Reason for the Rink. Paradise retained their title of champion, but we're looking forward to a rematch next year!

Beachy Cove Boys Win Gold in Provincial Basketball



Congratulations to the Grade 5 boys of Beachy Cove Elementary who won gold in the Basketball Provincials. Great job guys! Team members include, from left to right: Dawson Finlay, Adam Pennell, Colby Ryan, Alex Boland, Zach Pope, Kenny Brown, Gabe Matthews, Cole Gerhardt, Rhoan Dillon, Logan Carter-Furlong, Jack Downey, Issac Budgell, Riley Tucker, and Jayden Penton.

Happy Retirement Judy!



Ms. Judy Squires has been a valued employee for the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's for more than 26 years, as an Accounts Receivable Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and most recently, Town Clerk. A consummate professional, Judy's exemplary service in every role has been a model of efficiency and a true asset to the Town and its residents. Her employment legacy has helped to shape this organization and town from two separate communities to one inclusive and vibrant one. On behalf of the members

of Council, Town staff and the residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, we thank you for your tireless efforts, supreme dedication and endless professionalism over the past 26 years of service to our community. We wish you nothing but happiness, success and good health. Your adventure awaits.

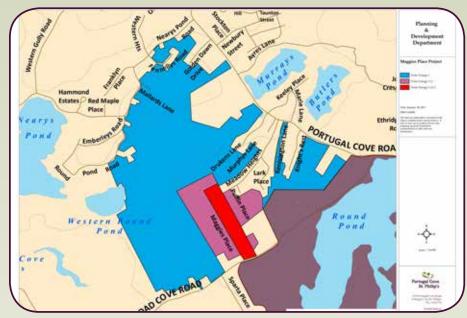
Maggies Place Development Plan Project

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

As a result of the Town purchasing a piece of land on Maggies Place, for the primary purpose of a Town Depot, water and sewer services will now be brought in through Meadow Heights to service this land. As servicing will now be available to landowners in a large area of previously undeveloped land, it is an opportune time to consider the entire area and work with the community and landowners to determine how best to develop it in the future.

This development plan is primarily a planning process that is meant to make recommendations on zoning and road networks for the entire area. It will also give recommendations for the Town owned land that was purchased for the purpose of a Town Depot. There are three individual work packages encompassing three overlapping parcels of land in the Maggies Place area. Please visit the website to view the project charter that summarizes the deliverables for each work package and to get a more in-depth look at what this project is all about.

To date there have been two meetings to introduce the project, with much more opportunity for input to come. Information on the two previous meetings can be found on our website. The project is planned to be completed by this September.



WHERE IS IT?

The area being considered takes in a large area of land west of Portugal Cove Road, north of Old Broad Cove Road and south of Nearys Pond Road and Round Pond Road. The map can be found here, but may be more easily viewed on our website.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This is a large area of land that has been undevelopable for some time. In addition to not being serviced, much of it was also designated as Agriculture land by the Province. This designation has been removed. Today, it remains municipally zoned agriculture, at the Provinces request, until Council reviews the zoning of the area, to determine the best use of the land. This is a part of that process.

WHEN are THE NEXT MEETINGS?

Thursday, March 9

Public WorkshopTime:7:00 pm – 9:00 pmLocation:Murrays Country and Fishing Club

Thursday, March 16

Landowners and Stakeholders Meetings Time: Various times to be scheduled Call Jeff to register at 895-8000 ext 222

Thursday, March 23

Public Presentation of Proposed PlanTime:7:00 pm – 9:00 pmLocation:Murrays Country and Fishing Club

Working together with the public will allow us to determine what the best use of the land is. How can it benefit our residents? How can it benefit our businesses? Working together with the landowners gives us the opportunity to help support them with their plans and to ensure that the objectives, confirmed through the public engagement process, are well considered and incorporated into the overall plan, helping to maximize landowners' value and opportunity. We are committed to comprehensive engagement throughout this process with a great deal of open public consultation. If you have any questions or comments please contact Jeff Lawlor, Director, Economic Development Marketing and Communications at jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext 222.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior to the next public meeting an information package will be sent to residents and landowners. You can also view the website for this package, pcsp.ca.

ICE SAFETY in PORTUGAL COVE – ST. PHILIP'S



The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is fortunate to have a number of bodies of water that certainly enhance our community year round. While they add greatly to our community ambiance and leisure, they also bring a level of inherent risk when our citizens use them.

In wintertime, many of Canada's millions of lakes and ponds call many adventurers to come out and play. Frozen bodies of water offer great opportunities for sports such as skating, ice fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Because no ice surface is without some risk, you need to become ice aware and take all necessary precautions before you venture out. If not, you could literally find yourself on thin ice!



THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM DEPTH FOR ACTIVITIES ON NEW, CLEAR, HARD ICE IS:



Your fire department is equipped and trained to respond to ice and water emergencies throughout the year, although this does not mean that we can respond timely enough to assist a person in distress.

For more information on ice safety, and outdoor safety throughout the year go to **www.adventuresmart.ca**

IF **YOU** BREAK THROUGH:

- Do not panic. Your clothing will trap air and keep you buoyant.
- Turn towards the direction you came from and place your hands and arms flat on the unbroken surface.
- Kick your feet and try to push yourself up on top of the unbroken ice on your stomach, like a seal.
- Once you are lying on the ice, don't stand up. Roll away from the break until you are on solid ice.

IF **YOUR BUDDY** BREAKS THROUGH:

- Call 911 immediately
- Stay calm and think out a solution.
- Don't run up to the hole. You might break through and then you'll both need help.
- Use an item to throw or extend to your friend to pull them out of the water – if you don't have a rope, improvise with items such as clothing, a tree branch, jumper cables, skis, etc. Use something to extend your reach.

Sin Volume Facilities / Water & Wastewater / Street & Waste Management

2017 Bulk Collection Services

Below you will find the calendar showing in yellow which dates are available for bulk collection service appointments between the months of May through November. These dates are subject to change and are based on resource availability and weather (early onset of winter). Appointments are required and need to be made in advance through the Public Works office by calling 895-8000 x228. Bulk collection service is intended for those items that do not fit in your regular household garbage and there is a limit of 5 items per appointment; however, additional space may be available depending on the number of appointments booked per day. Bulk Collection Services Guidelines are available at www.pcsp.ca under the Garbage & Recycling tab.

There are NO designated drop off areas within the Town. All items are collected directly from the resident's property.









Important Winter Notices

SNOW CLEARING

Please be advised that homeowners, tenants, and/or contractor(s) hired to remove snow from properties are NOT permitted to shovel, plow, or blow snow or ice from a driveway or parking lot unto any street within the Town. It has been reported to the Public Works office that this action is continuing to happen throughout the Town. This is a violation of the Town's Snow Removal Regulations and violators should be reported to the Public Works office. Residents are kindly asked to cease this action as it impedes the snow clearing operations of the Town.

VEHICLES PARKING ON ROADWAYS

Residents are reminded to please NOT park vehicles on roadways when snow removal operations are ongoing. Operators cannot effectively clear or widen roadways if vehicles are obstructing the area. While the Public Works Department works very diligently with residents to quickly resolve these matters, it is not always possible and therefore we are required to dispatch the RNC to take action in this regard. Illegally parked vehicles or vehicles parked in contradiction to the Snow Removal Regulations are subject to fines and/or having the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

JULY 2017						
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Ballicatter

Ballicatter is a community-based, non-profit after school program. The children enjoy participating in all kinds of activities, including a community garden this spring. This licensed center is run by certified ECEs for just \$14/day (\$30/PD day). If you are interested or know someone who may be, contact Ballicatter through Facebook, <u>ballicatterasp@gmail.com</u> or call 685-0295. We are now taking registration for September.



Programming

YOGA (12 weeks) January 16 - April 6

Time:6:30pm - 7:30pm Monday and ThursdayLocation:Recreation CentreControl6120 for some loss (model (Marcon Thursday))

Cost: \$120 for one class/week (Mon. or Thurs.) \$216 for two classes/week (Mon. and Thurs.) \$10 drop in fee

MOMS DA BOMB FITNESS (12 weeks) January 17 - April 6

Time: Tuesday and Thursday 10:30am - 11:30am Location: Recreation Centre

Cost: \$90 for one class / week \$160 for two classes / week \$10 drop in fee

MOMS N TOTS PROGRAM (13 weeks) January 11 - April 5

Time:10:00am - 12:00noon Every WednesdayLocation:Recreation CentreCost:\$2 drop in fee

A great way for kids to develop social skills and parents to interact. There's a bouncy castle, lots of toys and a snack too!

Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Lions Club

Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. New members welcome! Starts at 7:30pm at Voiseys Brook Chalet

CARDIO KICKBOXING

(10 week session)

Time:	
Registration: Cost: Instructor:	

Wednesday, March 1st to Wednesday May 3rd 8:30pm February 14th \$100 Michael Stone

Please call Mike to register 895-8000 ext 265 or 895-5671

- If you own boxing gloves please bring them (We only have medium/smaller sizes)
- Will learn basic techniques; punches, kicks, knees and elbows.

Are you looking for some stress relief? Some Cardio? Or just want to throw on the gloves and hit something? Join Mike Stone for some Cardio kickboxing. Mike is an A class Amateur Muay Thai fighter and has fought all over the world. Classes will consist of stretching, drills, pad work, speed work and combinations. Men and women of every skill level can join as we all work at our own pace, but spaces are limited. Must be 16+



Coffee, tea, dessert and entertainment.

Registration opens Monday, March 6th.

Contact Mike Stone in the Recreation & Community Services Department at 895-5671

Rainbow 50+ Club

Cards and darts every Friday from 2-4pm at the Recreation Centre. Come along and bring a friend. ALL new members welcome.

March 18

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Cards, Darts and Dance C&M Kennedy will be providing music.

April 22 Anniversary Dinner (No cards / darts) Catered Meal Fred Lee will be providing music.

For more information, call Paula 739-1303, Viola 895-2577, Rebecca 895-2343, or any member of the 50+ Club.

St. Lawrence Parish

ACW Card Game Tuesday March 21 Time: 8pm Cost: \$5 Bring your own cards ACW Card Game Tuesday April 18 Time: 8pm Cost: \$5 Bring your own cards

Afternoon Cards & Fellowship Every Wednesday from 2-4pm: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 19, and 26. ACW Spring Sale Saturday, April 8



April 27th to May 18th Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:30pm Sobeys on Kelsey Drive

\$20 per person

Learn healthy eating habits, tips on preparing nutritious meals, and a chance to socialize.

To find out more, contact Mike Stone at 895-5671.



Saturday April 8th, 2017 Beachy Cove Elementary 9:00am-11:00am

Crafts, egg hunt, games, freshements and a special visit from the Easter Bunny ! Tickets \$5 each (on sale Monday March 27th) To register login into eServices

Pre-registration is required for this event.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 895-5677 or email nicole.clark@pcsp.ca

PCSP Minor Soccer



2017 Summer Registration

Online registration begins March 1st. For more details, please go to www.pcspminorsoccer.ca

Call for Interest: Community Inclusion Committee

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Recreation & Community Services Department is looking for residents of the community who would like to volunteer to be a part of a Community Inclusion Committee. The main focus of the group will be to provide Town staff and Council with information and recommendations on how to best provide programs and services that are inclusive of all members of the community, regardless of physical or mental ability, and economic status. The direction of this new committee is determined by its members in cooperation with the Recreation & Community Services Department staff. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dawn Sharpe at dawn.sharpe@pcsp.ca or call 895-5662.

Our Library is Re-Opening Soon!

With a whole new look and exciting new activities and events. The renovations are just about complete and we are getting close to announcing an official re-opening date. Keep an eye on the Town website and social media pages for the good news.



PCSP Sports Equipment Giveaway/Swap

Date:	Sunday, May 7 2017
Time:	8:30am - 3:30pm
Location:	PCSP Recreation Center



Drop by and trade in or donate any sports equipment that your children have outgrown or no longer have any use for. If you don't have any equipment to trade in, that's ok, you are still able to drop by and pick up free equipment too. This is a great way for you to donate your outgrown gear and maybe find some new gear in your size.

We are accepting all kinds of sports equipment, all sizes and all brands. Any gear left over will be donated to appropriate sports organizations. Please see www.pcsp.ca for full poster.

If you have any questions contact: Nick Miller Sports Coordinator 895-5661 nick.miller@pcsp.ca





Are you a local entertainer? The Town wants to hear from you! Throughout the year there are many events and programs in need of musical, children's, and all kinds of various entertainment. Contact Nicole Clark at 895-5677 or email nicole.clark@pcsp.ca

Pre-Teen Bunny Hop Dance

Coming in April... Check pcsp.ca for more information soon!



MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo PCSP Minor Soccer Online	 Yoga Adult Fitness Zumba Moms Da Bomb 	 Rainbow 50+ Club Oral History Interview Day 	 PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club
			Registration Begins Moms N Tots	2	3	4
	 Yoga Adult Fitness 	 Zumba Moms Da Bomb 	 Moms N Tots St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 	 Yoga Adult Fitness Zumba Maggies Place 	Rainbow 50+ Club	 PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club
5	6	7	8	Maggies Place Public Workshop 9	10	11
	 Yoga Adult Fitness 	 Lions Club Public Council Meeting Moms Da Bomb 	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 	 Yoga Adult Fitness Maggies Place Stakeholders 	 St. Patrick's Day Seniors Social Rainbow 50+ Club 	 PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club Rainbow 50+ St. Patrick's Day
12	13	14	• Moms N Tots 15	Moms Da Bomb 16	17	Dinner 18
	 Yoga Adult Fitness 	 St. Lawrence ACW Card Game Moms Da Bomb 	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 	 Yoga Adult Fitness Maggies Place Public Presentation 	 Rainbow 50+ Club Legion Open Mic Night 	 PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club Legion Blind Draw Darts
19	20	21	• Moms N Tots 22	• Moms Da Bomb 23	24	25
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26	27	28	Legion Bingo Moms N Tots 29	30	31	

APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	• Yoga	 Moms Da Bomb 	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 	 Yoga Moms Da Bomb 	 Rainbow 50+ Club Tickle Newsletter Submission Deadline 	 PCSP Hiking/Walking Club St. Lawrence ACW Spring Sale PCSP Factor Party
2	3	4	• Moms N Tots 5	6	7	PCSP Easter Party Legion Men's Dart Tournament 8
	• Yoga	 Lions Club Public Council Meeting 	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 		• Rainbow 50+ Club	PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		St. Lawrence ACW Card Game	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 		Rainbow 50+ Club	 PCSP Hiking/Walking Club Rainbow 50+ Anniversary Dinner Legion Women's Dart
16	17	18	19	20	21	Tournament PCSP Environmental Fair 22
		 Lions Club Public Council Meeting 	 Cardio Kickboxing St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship Legion Bingo 	 Sobeys Seniors Program 	 Rainbow 50+ Club Legion Open Mic Night 	 PCSP Hiking/ Walking Club
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

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MEMORY MUG UP

The Memory Mug Up that was held on February 10th was a lovely success and a great way to celebrate Heritage Week. Participants helped us map some local place names and told stories about PCSP to The Heritage Foundation and MUN Folklore students. Participants will be back to record interviews with the MUN students.

Date:Friday, March 3Time:10 - 11am and 11am - 12noonLocation:PCSP Recreation Center 1119 Thorburn Road

To register contact Julie Pomeroy at 895-5657 or julie-pomery@pcsp.ca.







GETTING OLDER IN PORTUGAL COVE-ST. PHILIP'S? Want to talk about it? We are setting up a discussion with peers to

discuss the realities of aging in our community. Join us for a good conversation, tea and a light snack.

Date:Tuesday, March 21Time:2:00-3:00pmLocation:Recreation Centre

For more information contact Wendy Reid Fairhurst at 691-2890

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ENVIRONMENT FAIR

The 2nd Annual Environment Fair will be held on

Date: Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) Time: 10am -2pm

Location: St. Lawrence Anglican Church Hall, Portugal Cove Road (Across from the Post Office)

Come out and see lots of environmental alternatives!

Idle-Free PCSP

Idle Free PCSP is a new environmental initiative by the Town. We ask that residents be mindful of leaving their vehicles running and make an effort to limit their idle time and hazardous emissions.

Keep your eyes open for new Idle Free signs at many of the businesses in our community



and if you have a window cling for your vehicle you will be reminding others to do the same.

We have partnered with the Environmental Agents at Beachy Cove Elementary who will be handing out a window cling to all students in the school.

SafePCSP

Calling all residents of Tuckers Hill and Beachy Cove Road! As you may or may not know, SafePCSP has been studying pedestrian safety issues around Beachy Cove Elementary through a funding grant from Parachute Canada called the "Safe School Zone" project. One of the key priorities we are focussing on in this study is potential ways to provide safe walking and biking routes to the school, within the 1.6kms that are deemed by the province to be outside the scope of their bussing service.

The grant funding has allowed us to work with a registered landscape designer to create design options that will provide this increased safety and still suit the rural character of our community. We would like to start a dialogue with the residents of Tuckers Hill and Beachy Cove Road to determine what the best approach is to building a safe pedestrian infrastructure, so that the final proposed solution is one that comes from the residents themselves. In order to facilitate this discussion, we have started a closed Facebook group. Please contact us at **safePCSP@gmail.com** to be added to the group.

Thanks from the SafePCSP board!



March - April 2017



Branch 10, Portugal Cove Legion Happenings... 895-6521

THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

The message of Vimy Ridge is one of bravery and sacrifice. The battle, which took place on April 9, 1917, is commonly highlighted as a turning point in Canadian history, where the four Canadian divisions fought together as a unified fighting force for the first time.

NEW DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR VIMY 100 IN FRANCE

2017

For all those planning to attend the 100th anniversary ceremony at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France, it is mandatory to register with Veterans Affairs Canada. Note: they have announced a new deadline of **February 17, 2017**

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON WW1 SOLDIER FROM PORTUGAL COVE

On 1 July 1916 there were 6 citizens from Portugal Cove who were in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. One was severely wounded and returned home unable to serve anymore - Daniel Churchill. Two were killed in action: 1574 Matthew Greeley, and 250 Michael Joseph Ross and one answered the roll call the next day as part of the 68.

1573 Pte George Greeley born 16 Sept 1890 possibly died in Quebec, 16 Feb 1942 **Here is what we know about George:**

Born in Portugal Cove, George married on Dec 5th 1916, his wife's maiden name was Agnes Robertson- who is from Ayres, Scotland and was in service herself. Agnes was from 61 Annebank Ayrshire, Scotland, and had a child Thomas, -Father- Thomas Greeley: as of Oct 1918 was living in Verdun Montreal, 1206 Gertrude Street. George's brother Jacob Greeley served in the Navy WW1. George's other brother Walter "served @ front with Canadians", and was killed in battle. Agnes applied for passage to NL in 1919, and was in Montreal at the above address as of September 1919.

We are right now seeking information on **1573 George Greeley**. We are collecting any information, pictures, and stories on all of our veterans.

If you have information to share, please contact Michael Pretty, at cariboutrail@nl.rogers.com or by phone 895-6080. We are not looking for artifacts or personal belongings but stories of their life, when they came home, written and verbal, and electronic pictures. We will come to you and make copies of the pictures and record your stories.

Open Mic Night (19 and over)

Friday, March 24 Doors Open at 8:00pm Come out and sing a song, play an instrument, and have some fun. Cost: \$5.00 at the door

Blind Draw Darts

Saturday, March 25 Time: 10:00am start For more details contact Mary Burt 437-1356

Men's Dart Tournament

Saturday, April 8 Time: 10:00am start For more details contact Mary Burt 437-1356

Womens Dart Tournament

Saturday, April 22nd 10:00am start For more details contact Mary Burt 437-1356

Open Mic Night (19 and over) Friday, April 28

Doors Open at 8:00pm Come out and sing a song, play an instrument, and have some fun. Cost: \$5.00 at the door

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.

Reminder

First Sunday in May is the Batttle of the Atlantic Ceremony Time: Approx 12:30pm Portugal Cove Wharf

Old Fashioned BINGO!

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! Please bring your friends to enjoy the fun

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

Book your function at the Royal Canadian Legion! Great Rates - Great Hall - Great Fun! The hall has A/C and and an outdoor deck. Call 895-6521 for more information. Monday-Friday: Open at 4:00pm Saturday: Open at 12:00noon Sunday: Open at 2:00pm

Legion Representative Contacts

Len Collins, *President*: 895-6521 Micheal Pretty, *Service Officer*: 727-4674 Provincial Command: 753-6290



From the Mayor's Desk

As we look forward to Spring, the season of growth & rebirth, we also learn from the new Census data, our population has increased in the last five years from 7366 to 8147. PCSP is now the eighth largest municipality in the province. This is due, for the most part, to the quality of life our residents enjoy, which makes it a very desirable place to live. However, growth brings challenges and your Council is challenged to maintain what makes PCSP such a special place to live. Therefore, it is important to ensure effective planning is implemented to avoid adversely impacting our transportation network, green spaces trails & the environment. While at the same time meeting the increased need for essential services. Presently only 1/3 of households are connected to the water & sewer system. We need expansion of our water & sewer infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water supply and firefighting improvements. We have two of the best sewage treatment plants in NL, which meet or exceeds the Fed. & Prov. regulations, yet they are operating at less than half their capacity. Sidewalks are essential, especially in the 1.6 km radius of the two schools, to provide safe walking for students. We currently have excellent recreation facilities, programs and services. To assist the Town in meeting these challenges and achieve the implementation of a comprehensive development planning program, your Council has been engaging residents and will continue to seek the input of our residents to help shape our future growth. The comprehensive development planning exercise currently happening in the

Maggies Place area is an example of the Council's collaborative process to seek the input of residents. I encourage you all to become involved in the process. I am delighted to advise you that the Town now has a new website that gives greater access, than ever before, for residents to acquire information directly in addition to the "PCSP Connects" system will be launched in March.

PCSP is one of six municipalities in the "Killick Coast Region" that have been collaborating on finding more effective and economical ways to provide services on a regional basis. Your Council has recently adopted a "Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Agreement" with Torbay and Pouch Cove to provide assistance to each other on an as needed basis. We've also developed a shared By-Law and Regulation Enforcement Service with Torbay that will come into effect this Spring. By cooperating with our neighboring Municipalities we are able to provide services efficiently, effectively and economically, which on our own we may not be able to provide. We foresee great opportunities for more similar services being developed in the near future.

As always, as your Mayor, I am open for your input and feedback. Have a wonderful Spring.

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Rainbow Gully Community Field to Expand

With the support of ACOA and their investment of \$100,250 from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, we are pleased to announce that the Rainbow Gully Community Field will be expanding an additional nine metres. This will enable us to host provincial and national competitions and give even more users the opportunity to play in PCSP. The field is adjacent to the new school currently being constructed and will provide the students a state of the art facility to use. This project is set to commence as soon as the weather permits. We expect the field to reopen in July, however, the end date for the project could always be impacted by weather or unforeseen circumstances. If you have any concerns about booking of the field please contact Nick Miller, Sports Coordinator, 895-5661 or nick.miller@pcsp.ca.





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 submissions for the May - June 2017 edition is 4:30pm Friday, April 7, 2017. Contact Jeff Lawlor at jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext 222.