



What's Going On

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS RELEASES LONG AWAITED REPORT

As some of you are aware the report into the investigation of the affairs of the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips has been completed. The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs carried out the investigation at the request of the Town Council

The investigation and subsequent report written by Mr. Ken Kelly examined a number of key areas in the Towns operation, ranging from personality conflicts to the current committee structure for Council. A forensic audit was not included in the terms of reference for this investigation as there was no evidence to suggest this was necessary

Over the next few weeks the Town Council, in consultation with the Department of Municipal Affairs, will take time to carefully examine Mr. Kelly's report. Once this review is completed the Town will develop an action plan for implementing many of the valuable recommendations made by Mr. Kelly. The Town will also take this opportunity to provide additional information and offer some clarification on some of the issues identified in the report.

It has been suggested by the "Concerned Citizens' Steering Committee" that a forensic audit into the financial affairs of the Town was necessary. Under Provincial Legislation the Town must have a financial audit performed each year by an independent auditor.

In addition to this the Town must submit to the Department of Municipal Affairs a balanced budget by December 31st each year. Officials of that department then review both the audit and the budget.

There have never been any issues identified on the audit or budget that would suggest that the town is not acting fiscally responsible. Mr. Kelly comments on page 15 of his report that, "*there is no evidence of misappropriation of funds that would warrant further investigation.*"

The confirmation by Mr. Kelly that a Forensic Audit was not necessary has been a great vindication for the dedicated professionals working for the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. The suggestion by some that a forensic audit was necessary cast a lot of uncertainty on staff and created a feeling of animosity within the community. The Town hopes this dispels any further rumors about financial wrongdoing at the Town Office.

Your Town Council will continue to work hard to see that the Town is operated in a manner that is fiscally responsible as well as open and transparent.

A copy of Mr. Kelly's report can be obtained at:
www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2007/ma/pcsp_investigation_report_2007.pdf

Town Hall/ Council Meeting Hours

- The Town Hall is now back to regular office hours from 8:30am – 4:30pm.
- Regular Public Council Meeting hours are also back to their regular time of 7:30pm.



Get Involved – Activities in

Portugal Cove – St. Philip's

“OCEAN NET DAY 2007 TO BE CELEBRATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT PROVINCE”

Ocean Net Media Release
September 5, 2007

Friday-Sunday, September 21-23, 2007

As Ocean Net continues with events and programs to highlight its 10th anniversary year (1997-2007) planning is underway throughout the province to celebrate its third annual Ocean Net Day. In a Proclamation signed jointly on September 13, 2004 by the Premier and Environment Minister, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador declared the third Friday in September annually to be *Ocean Net Day* “to celebrate the legacy of proactive, positive environmental "education by action" initiated by Ocean Net and continued throughout the province by its board, network of volunteers and the people of the province."

During the weekend of September 21-23, 2007 environmental events throughout the province will be spearheaded by Ocean Net volunteers to celebrate the marine environment and to foster positive attitudinal change. On the Avalon Peninsula, Ocean Net volunteers will celebrate this special day on St. Philip's Beach on Friday, September 21, starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by our traditional beach BBQ.

Well-known environmentalist and musician Gayle Tapper will once again bring her team together from communities in the Bonne Bay area to clean up the shoreline of one of the most scenic and visited areas of the province, most of it within the environs of Gros Morne National Park. For the second time this year, teams of volunteers including those from the Park, Fisheries & Oceans Canada and local municipalities will come together to complete the cleanup of approximately 25 km of shoreline.

In Port Saunders/Port aux Choix, a volunteer team, under the direction of Harbor Master and Deputy Mayor Maurice Ryan recently cleaned up a total of 12 beaches in that area to celebrate “Ocean Net Day 2007” – continuing the great record set by this group over the past five years in taking action and empowering young people which sets a benchmark for other communities across the province.

Other volunteers throughout the province will take to the beaches/shorelines to cleanup in celebration of Ocean Net Day. Ocean Net's five NL Environmental Action Teams (NEAT) will also be getting in on the action! NEAT Regional Coordinators throughout the province will be mobilizing their volunteer teams to lead beach/shoreline cleanups on this, the 3rd Annual Ocean Net Day. Our goal is to educate by action, empower communities, and create change in how we see our coastal marine environment – the environment that is the backbone to our province's economy and our growing tourism industry.

Ocean Net invites people throughout the province to register and join forces to cleanup their marine environment after the summer. Call us at 753-3680, email us at info@oceannet.ca or check us out online at www.oceannet.ca where you will find all forms related to a cleanup. Once we received your completed “Inventory Form”, your group will be entered in our annual \$1000 “Milestone” draw which includes all groups undertaking a cleanup during the year.

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KILLICK COAST GAMES



The Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s hosted the 2007 Killick Coast Summer Games from August 13th – 17th. This was the first year that the Town had the opportunity to host the games and we hope that it will not be the last.

There were approximately 270 youth between the ages of 11 and 16 years participating in a week long schedule of sporting events. These events included soccer, softball, basketball, ball hockey, and cross country running. The communities involved in the games were those that lived along the Killick Coast; Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s, Torbay, Flatrock, Pouch Cove, Logy Bay, Middle Cove, Outter Cove, and Bell Island. In order to allow the youth from all communities to get involved in the games, some of the towns combined to make enough for a team. These games helped all the youth build friendships, leadership skills, teamwork abilities, spirit, and many new enjoyable memories. That is certainly what these games are all about.

These games would of not been successful without all the hard work of the volunteers, sponsors, coaches, staff, and most of all the participants. The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip’s would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the planning committee; Adele Carruther (LB/MC/OC), Marion McCarthy (Flatrock), Eugene Connors (Bauline), Joe Somerton (Bell Island), Johnny

Hanlon & Brian Rice (Soccer Convenors), Brenda Johnson & Linda Miller (Softball Convenors), Adrienne King (Cross-Country Convenor) and Dawn Chaulk & Brenda Poole (PCSP). A special thanks to all members of the summer staff and all of those individuals who took the time to coach, referee, umpire, score keep and/or work in the canteen. It is all those people that help to make the events run smoothly! It was also those businesses that gave a donation of funds and/or materials/supplies that made this event as gratifying to the participants as it was.

All the members of the planning committee would like to send out our deepest gratitude to the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation for there funding support for these games. Without this assistance, rural communities such these would not have the opportunity to participate in events as wonderful as this. We hope that you will continue with this funding for many years to come.





News and Things to do

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PAPER RECYCLING

The Town is presently in the process of seeking a better option for the recycling of paper products. There is a new buyer on the market and we are working diligently with them to complete a contract that will be suitable to both parties. Anticipated start date will be late fall.

PORTUGAL COVE FERRY TERMINAL TARGETED BY VANDALS

The Ferry terminal in Portugal Cove has become a recent target for vandalism and graffiti. Residents in the area have been noticing that there have been an increased amount of loitering in the area, resulting in spray paint graffiti, broken lights, and garbage bins with their contents strewn about. The Town has contacted the RNC, as well as the Department of Transportation and Works to request that they increase patrols of the area. The Town is encouraging residents to report any peculiar activity to the RNC.

Why You Should Pick Up After Your Pet

It's the law! Almost every Town and City has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet. Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains. This waste flows directly into our waterways and the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life and the environment. As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them. Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking care of them and the environment.

- Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet.
- Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER

**One 1994 gmc 4/4 pick up
In 'As is - Where Is' condition
Vehicle mileage 309,000 kms**

Viewing can take place Monday to Friday 8:30 and 4:30 at 1119 Thorburn Road.

Bidders are required to place their bid in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Tender For 1994 4/4 Pick Up'.

Tenders will be accepted until 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 19th, 2007 at which time the tenders will be opened.

Removal of the vehicle shall be carried out directly after closing of the tender.

The successful bidder will be responsible for removal of the vehicle.

There are no warranties intended or implied.

For further information please contact Mr. Roy Burry, Superintendent of Public Works at 895-8000 ext 228.

Highest or any tender bid not necessarily accepted.

Tendered price: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____