



New Street Sign Design for Town

The Town will be sporting a new style of street signs starting this summer.

As old signs need replacement, or new streets are identified, the new signs will be installed. In addition, streets which bridge between major roads will have an additional sign to identify which road motorists have come out on.

For example, taking Bennett's Road from Thorburn Road will take you to Old Broad Cove Road, however there is usually no signage to indicate that. This proves to be problematic to visitors and people not familiar with the town.

The new signs were designed by town resident Robert Baker, with input from the Town's Public Relations, Economic Development, and Tourism committee.

The signs feature the Town Crest in its original colours, with a more attractive font for street sign lettering. The dark area and letters will be navy blue.

A second series of signs to be deployed later on will detail a notable piece of history of the road or area. These signs will be attached to the same post as the street signs, with their content researched and compiled by an independent project committee.

If you are interested in participating in such a project, please see page 2 for contact information.

Go For a Walk and Discover Aliens

This summer you could join an army of volunteers on a mission to find and report aliens...alien invasive species, that is. In April, the Mun Botanical Garden Society held a workshop to discuss invasive alien plants and animals in this province. An invasive alien species will establish itself in an ecosystem and will compete with native organisms and eventually destroy native habitats. Right now there are twelve alien plants in this province which have the potential to be invasive.

We can do something to help prevent this from happening. Visit the Mun Botanical Garden website at www.mun.ca/botgarden and look for the Eyes Across the Province link. Here, you can learn to identify the aliens and there is also an online form to report sightings of them. So, if you are an outdoors person with an interest in plants, take a notepad and record any alien plant sightings. You will be contributing to research that just may control or eradicate invasive alien plants.

Mercury Running Club hosts first Road Race/Marathon in the Town

On Sunday June 11th, at 7:15am, about 100 runners started off at the Sunshine Camp on a 15 K and Marathon Road Race around the streets of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's.

Runners from across Canada and the local area participated in the event organized by town resident Ray Will.

Thanks are extended to the volunteers who made the race possible, including the friendly people who manned the race course and water stations, the PCSP Volunteer Fire Department and Recreation Director Dawn Chaulk.

Great race, Ray!



Chris Saunders, visiting from Toronto, runs along Tolt Road

Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's wins Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Award

The Town of Portugal Cove St. Philip's won the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Award this year for community waste management.

The awards were presented by the Provincial Department of Environment, the Multi Materials Stewardship Board, and the Newfoundland and Labrador's Women's Institutes on June 6 at the Humber Valley Resort. These awards recognize outstanding environmental and conservation achievements throughout the province.

"This is a wonderful endorsement of the environmental attitude of the residents of our town" said Councillor Jon Seary when he accepted the award. "The award recognizes not just the environmental initiatives and projects of our town, but the many efforts of various individuals and groups within the Town, such as OceanNet and the Scouts."



Councillor Jon Seary accepts the award from Environment Minister Clyde Jackman



Mayor Norm Collins took time from his leave of absence to pitch in with Councillor Adrienne King at a recent beach cleanup.

Some of our Town's initiatives

- ☞ A full waste water treatment plant in St. Philip's, which uses only molasses and baking soda in its process.
- ☞ A second wastewater treatment plant in Portugal Cove due to be in operation in November.
- ☞ Curbside recycling of paper and cardboard to start in July.
- ☞ Several beach cleanups organized by OceanNet each year.
- ☞ Compost bins provided at reduced cost to residents; over 500 in use to date.
- ☞ Collection of recyclable beverage containers by several community groups, including the PCSP Scouts.
- ☞ Bulk garbage collection twice per year.
- ☞ Regular participation in the Household Hazardous Waste event, with one of the highest return rates per capita in the province.

Individuals are dedicated too

To appreciate how environmentally minded our town is, residents Wayne Ledwell and Jon Lein also received awards. For his work in the Whale Release program, Wayne Ledwell won an award in the Individual category. Jon Lien received a Lifetime Achievement award for founding the Whale Release Program and his life long commitment to conservation and preservation

In the same week, OceanNet founder and resident, Robert O'Brien won the Earth Day Canada National Hometown Hero Award.

Congratulations everyone on a job well done!



David Suzuki congratulates Robert O'Brien on his award.

