

# Town of Eastport

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

July/ August 2022

## Council NEWS & Information

Let's hear it for TEAMWORK!



Good  
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On Thursday, June 16th students and staff at Holy Cross School were treated to a yummy BBQ'd hotdog lunch provided by the Town of Eastport - after which, with bellies full of hotdogs and fruit, they did a school and recreation ground clean-up! We didn't get a picture of all the bags of litter collected, but it was quite a few.

We're happy to say the playground, bike park, Schoolhouse Pond Walking trail, the rink/multi-purpose court and community garden area, along with our outdoor classroom and school grounds are now clean and litter free - we'd all like to see it stay this way, so please remember to put your trash in a bin, do not throw it on the ground.

The Town would like to say a huge thank you to the students of HCS for taking pride in their school grounds and community!

### Evacuation Plan

Work is presently underway to create an evacuation plan for the Town and surrounding areas in case of emergency or natural disaster. Being prepared for adverse weather events and being able to utilize local people and resources available on the Peninsula is crucial in the planning process. If you have a specific resource or skillset that could be beneficial in a time of crisis please reach out to councilor Ben Patey. Any and all volunteers are welcome to add their name and expertise.

### Main Street Water Sewer Project

The next phase in the water sewer project for main street has begun. The successful contractor was Cougar Engineering & Construction Ltd. The estimated timeline to finish this project is mid July. Please use caution when travelling through the construction zone as safety is of utmost importance. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

### MUNICIPAL TAXES & RECOVERY PLAN

One of the functions of Town Council is to assess annual property and business tax. It is then the responsibility of council to collect those taxes annually. Property and business taxes are billed in January of each year and are due and payable when billed. All property and business taxes are required to be paid by the end of June of the tax year. Any unpaid taxes are assessed past-due charges at the rate of 1.5% per month after the end of June. Thereafter progressively stronger measures are enacted to recover any unpaid taxes such as past-due notices, phone calls, letters of demand and finally legal action that may result in the seizure of vacant properties to be sold by public auction. Property and business taxes are an important source of municipal revenues that help pay for town services such as water and sewer systems, road maintenance, fire protection services, and parks & recreation facilities. Paying taxes is a responsibility of all residents and a mark of good citizenship. The Town would like to express its appreciation for those who keep up to date on their municipal taxes.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Council members from each town met recently to discuss a variety of issues that affect the Peninsula as a whole such as fire services, tourism, crime rates, regionalization, shared services, recreation, etc. It is great to see people coming together, working together and sharing ideas to achieve common goals. The next meeting is scheduled for the Fall and the Town of Eastport looks forward to working with all the towns and local service districts on the Peninsula.

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### TOWN HALL Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9-4pm

The office will temporarily be closed on Mondays to the public until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

[Town of Eastport Regular Council Meeting minutes are available at the Town Office as well as online at \[www.eastport.ca\]\(http://www.eastport.ca\)](#)

[Monthly Public Council Meeting](#)

July 13th, 2022  
@ 7:00 pm  
Town Hall



## **Fire Safety**

Fire season is upon us once again and keeping our Town, residents and area safe is of utmost importance especially during the summer season. Please check with the Town when obtaining permits for burning brush/garbage as well as updates on local fire bans.

**LOCAL FIRE BANS are to be adhered to over and above Provincial fire restrictions that may be in place due to fluctuating local weather conditions and local forest firefighting capabilities.**

*We hope to get a Fire Index Sign placed on the Peninsula in the very near future.*

For more info and daily provincial updates please check the government website below: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/public-education/forestry/forest-fires/fire-hazard-map-forecast/>

 **Report a Wildfire:**  
**1-866-709-FIRE (3473)**

## **Friendly Reminder & Request**

The Town would like to strongly encourage and advise all residents to report any and all suspicious, illegal or criminal activity to the RCMP @ 1(709) 533-2828.

Roaming pets are also an ongoing and growing concern. Due to lack of our enforcement capability as a Town we kindly ask you to assist in this matter by contacting and reporting any incidents/sightings to the SPCA @1(709) 651-3002 and/or the RCMP.

Joint Councils have had a meeting scheduled with the RCMP to discuss concerns and learn ways to be proactive throughout our Town and Peninsula. A new initiative to look out for is a possible Neighborhood Watch Program. More details to follow soon. If you maybe interested in volunteering or learning more please contact the Town.

## **POWER INTERRUPTIONS**

The recent string of power outages affecting residents on the Peninsula have been a result of fallen trees/branches on the line due to the narrow corridor for the light poles going through Terra Nova National Park. Work is being slated to begin this summer to widen the areas affected. Residents who have had appliances or other significant damage occur in their households due to power interruptions or surges are urged to record the time and date and to contact NL Power to make them aware @ 1-800-663-2802.

## **Local Committees & Groups**

Do you have a passion for healthy living and an interest in helping others?

The Eastport Peninsula Recreation & Wellness Committee holds a monthly meeting at Sandy Cove Hall  
May: TBD

New members are welcome and encouraged to join!  
Please contact Penney Matchim for details.

## **SOCIAL DAY**

**Church of the Resurrection Sandringham**

Thursdays 9:30am - 3:30pm

Coffee and muffins are available to purchase for \$1 each.

Local craft table.

Come out to visit us!

We would love to see you!



## **The Beaches Library**

Beaches Library is now re-opened to the public. The revised hours are:  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
2-4 pm  
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm

## **Famous July BOOK SALE**

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10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Front Parking lot of Eastport Town Hall

*\*weather permitting*

\*Quality paperback books

\*Hard-cover & coffee-table books

\*Like-new pocket books

All at sinfully low prices!

\*All proceeds go to The Beaches Library

## **YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:**

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE:

**1-888-737-4668**

CHANNAL SELF HELP CENTRE:

**1-855-753-2560**

BRIDGE THE GAPP:

is an online resource designed to support mental wellness.


[www.bridgethegapp.ca](http://www.bridgethegapp.ca)

## **Recreation, Wellness & Social News**

**Pickleball nets are set up at the Eastport rink!**

**What is Pickleball?**

- 1 Pickleball is a combination of badminton and ping pong.
- 2 It's played on a badminton court with a tennis sized net.
- 3 It is played with oversized ping pong racquets and softball sized plastic balls.
- 4 The rules are simple and fun so everyone can play!



Pickleball equipment is available at the Town Hall.

## **craft Fair**

Royal Canadian Legion

Sunday July 3rd, 2022

Local Vendors

Admission: \$2.00

Food service available

Children Welcome



## **Family Fun Day**

EASTPORT BEACH

August 1st, 2022

The Town of Eastport will be hosting a family BBQ to help celebrate Come Home year 2022!

Come out a spend a fun filled day at the beach with family and friends!

\*More details to follow!

## **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

Beach volleyball is back at Eastport beach this summer! Check out the Eastport Beach Volleyball page on FB for more info! King/Queen of the court is scheduled on Thursday nights @ 7pm! Come out and give it a try!



A beach volleyball will be left at the court for public use. Have fun!



# Summer Programming 2022

The Eastport Recreation & Wellness committee is hoping to provide some summer programming during July and August for all ages and we would LOVE your help to make it a success!

The committee has hired three students to help organize and implement ongoing activities and outings throughout the summer around the Peninsula which may consist of guided nature walks, basketball games, pickleball, arts & crafts, etc.

So how can you help you might ask?

Are you a person with a particular passion or hobby that would like to share with others in our area? Perhaps you like to paint, woodwork, garden, fish, cook or are into photography, yoga or mechanics? Anything goes! We would love to offer some fun interesting sessions for the people in our area. This would be great for all involved to teach, learn, connect and have some fun! An offering could consist of a one time activity or an ongoing multi day session. The time commitment is yours to decide and completely flexible and the best part is Eastport Recreation & Wellness will help organize and facilitate the activity right along with you! If you think you may be interested in participating in our program please reach out to

Penney Matchim @693-0903 or Amanda Handcock @ 303-7030

Make sure to check out the [Eastport Peninsula Recreation and Wellness](#) Facebook page for a schedule of activities throughout the summer!



## Beaches Arts & Heritage Centre

is now open for the 2022 season

*\*Save the date for:*

### Come Home 2022 Weekend

### July 30 to Aug 1

Check out the summer program at [www.beachesheritagecentre.ca](http://www.beachesheritagecentre.ca) for a complete & up to date schedule of events & activities!!!

## New Summer EVENTS Calendar

THE ROAD TO THE BEACHES TOURISM ASSOCIATION HAS CREATED A NEW INTERACTIVE AND UP TO DATE EVENT CALENDAR SHOWCASING ALL ONGOING AND NEWLY SCHEDULED LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR AREA! CHECK IT OUT AT THEIR FB PAGE BELOW:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEROADTOTHEBEACHES](https://www.facebook.com/theroadtothebeaches)  
INTERACTIVE LINK: [RTTB COMMUNITY CALENDAR](#)



# Canada Day



## Friday July 1st, 2022

### Local Activities & Events



Friday July 1st, 2022 @ 11:00am Legion Wreath Laying Ceremony Location: Cenotaph In Eastport



\*\*\* Anyone who would like to lay a wreath in honor of a family member please contact Cindy Matchim at 677-2191 before June 28th.

### BEACHES HERITAGE CENTER

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

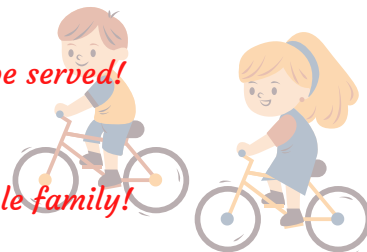
Drop by the Centre for Canada Day Celebrations with Children's activities and cake will be served!

Don't forget to bring your bike and decorate it for Canada Day! Cost: FREE

3:00 pm ~ THE SWINGING BELLES are performing!!!

The show will be packed with music, storytelling, and dancing. Fun to be had by the whole family!

Free to children; accompanying adults by donation.



### Salvage Fisherman's Museum Grand Re-opening.

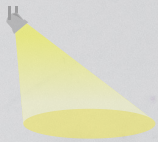
9am-12pm

The first floor will be open to visitors with new displays plus there will be refreshments and volunteers from the restoration team on hand to provide information. Cost: FREE

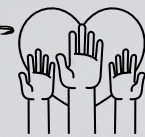
Location: Main road Salvage

\*The museum will be open until 5pm but the celebrations end at 12pm





# Local Spotlight



## Notable Notables By Councillor Ben Patey

This month in our series on Notable Citizens of Eastport we are featuring William (Bill) Seymour. For several generations the Seymours had lived on Flat Island in Bonavista Bay. In 1955 when Bill was ten years old his family resettled to Eastport. As a young man, like many young Newfoundlanders, Bill followed his ancestors into the military, in his case the Royal Canadian Airforce, where he served for twenty-five years as an aircraft technician. Bill was transferred to Gander Air Base and finished out his military career there, whereupon he retired in Eastport. Prior to that while serving at CFB Greenwood, NS he married a young Nova Scotia girl named Margaret Johnson from Kentville, NS. Bill and Margaret have one daughter and five

grandchildren. After his military career Bill spent some time as security officer at Terra Nova National Park. He later went to trade school and became a welder after which he worked at Collins Aluminum in Glovertown. Bill had become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion while serving in Nova Scotia and has maintained his membership for over fifty years and has been awarded a lifetime membership. Bill has dedicated his time and talents to the Eastport Branch 41 of the legion by setting up and rearranging the memorial walls at the legion hall. As a committed legionnaire he maintained the Eastport Legion Cenotaph during the 1980's. He took on this task again in 2022 and has refurbished the cenotaph and its viewing area. It is not unusual to see him there doing what needs to be taken care of.

Bill is one of the founding members of Eastport Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. He served as the squadron's training officer and also two terms as Squadron Commander holding the rank of Captain. He also served at the Air Cadet Summer camp at CFB Greenwood, NS for five Summers.

The Eastport Legion Cenotaph was originally setup on Flat Island in 1920 by the Women's Patriotic Association (WPA) to commemorate the communities war dead of WW1. Because so many of the Flat Island residents had moved to Eastport the cenotaph was dismantled and relocated to Eastport in 1962 where a plaque was added to commemorate Eastport's war dead. We salute you Bill and thank you for your dedicated service to your legion and our community.

*\*Please note that the legion encourages visitors to enter through the gate to have an up close look of the cenotaph and read the names of those it honors. The only ask is that you please be respectful and close the gate when you leave.*

*A wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph will take place @ 11:00am on July 1st, 2022.*

