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At the behest of the Municipality of Cumberland County, the Rural and Small Town Programme at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB conducted a study and review of previous studies in the summer of 2010 to look at Pugwash and area and then produce a development plan. This was completed last fall and presented to the community at a public meeting in November, 2010. Funding was provided by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

The Pugwash and Area Community Master Plan, based on the input of citizens gathered at public meetings, focused discussions, informal gatherings and key informant interviews, identified four priority areas to pursue in Pugwash and area including: infrastructure; communication and collaboration; a multi-purpose centre; and tourism.

There is now a Steering Committee, with representation from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Village of Pugwash, the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association and the Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce, which is in the process of establishing its mandate and identifying the roles and responsibilities for the various Action Teams that will be tasked with tackling the priority areas identified in the Community Master Plan. Action Teams will be established to focus on community infrastructure, community planning and collaboration and the multi-purpose community centre. Particular projects or developments, such as the sidewalks, library or marina, will be included within these Action Teams.

Public involvement will be crucial to the successful implementation of the various priority areas and it is anticipated that each of the Action Teams will include community representatives.

People interested in sitting on one of the Action Teams should leave their name and contact information with the Clerk Treasurer for the Village of Pugwash.

For further information contact:
 Lisa Betts, Clerk Treasurer, Pugwash Village 243-2946
 Al Gillis, Councillor District 4 - al.gillis@ns.sympatico.ca
 Email: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com



Photo: Pugwash HarbourFest 2010
Lisa Betts

Lee Trenholm will be sorely missed



We lost a quiet, kind soul when Lee Trenholm, maintenance and grounds keeper for the Village of Pugwash, died in a house fire at his home in Pleasure Cove, Pugwash on March 1st. Lee worked for the Village Commission for several years, quietly going about his duties with never a word of complaint or fuss.

He tended the flowers in the hanging baskets, mowed the lawns, tended the Cenotaph and did what he could to stop the old train station from crumbling around the librarians and historians. He worked with patience and hidden pleasure with other helpers from Communities in Bloom and Sunset Residential Centre - keeping the flowers blooming, the garbage around the Village gathered up and the picnic tables back where they are supposed to be.

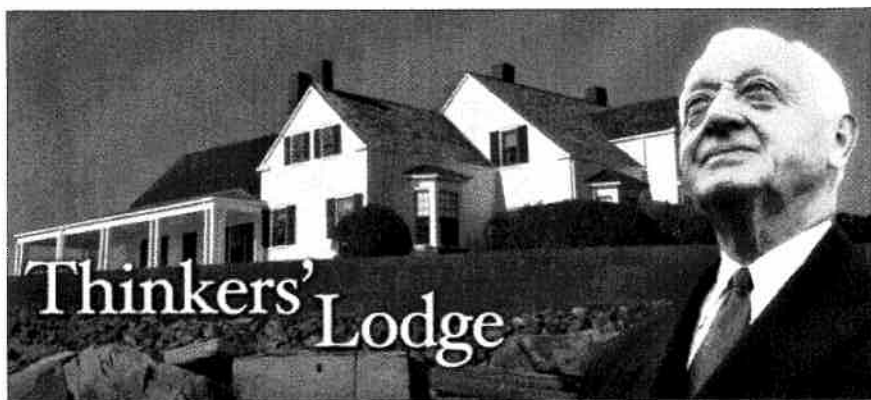
When we think of Lee, it is Eaton Park that immediately also comes to mind. He loved the park so much, that when he was done mowing it he would take his breaks there too. He would sit under the trees and look out to the Harbour, sometimes alone but often with friends, children, dogs or any lost soul who needed help or direction. He was generous to a fault with all around him, except himself.

This Spring Lee's family and friends will meet in the park to celebrate his life. A memorial park bench will be installed in the park for the benefit of anyone - friends of Lee's or visitors passing by - to enjoy the beauty of the park and Harbour as much as he did.

Lisa Betts,
Clerk for the Village of Pugwash

Thinkers' Lodge Restoration

Plans for the future include and embrace local groups and participation



Paolo Brencialia reports:

I had the privilege of attending a full day think tank session on March 16th. Present were the advisory committee, several Pugwash residents, two Municipal Councillors, Nova Scotia educators, Village Commission representative, members of the steering committees for the project and consultants.

Restoration of the Lodge

As a result of a guided visit that morning it was seen that the interior restoration of the Lodge is progressing well, it will be finished and available for visits/meetings around the beginning of the summer. The next priority is the dining room. In this case the situation is more complex, it requires an engineering study, and additional funding. The work will consist of: Dismantling the roof for replacement, raising the building by three to four feet, and adding two washroom facilities and up-grading the kitchen. The Staff House restoration would come after the dining hall in priority.

Purpose for the think tank was to feed into the development of the Master Interpretive Plan. Here the attendants were polled by the consultants to arrive at usage parameters. A lot of good ideas came forward, particularly addressing use by the Pugwash community, Conferences activities, use for accommodations and guided tours of the complex. The consultants were pleased with the amount of feedback they were able to gather from the group at this initial encounter.

Programs for the summer of 2011 look towards some conferences, tourism activities, and use by the community for visits, meetings, etc. It was emphasized to the consultants the importance of working on community use, access and participation in the development of the project.

I strongly recommend readers browse the new website for up to date information of various activities at www.thinkerslodge.org

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MEALS-ON-WHEELS PUGWASH

Is a service organized and operated by a Volunteer program committee under the sponsorship of the Pugwash Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 60.

Further information about the service can be obtained by calling the Legion at:

243 2123
from 2pm to 6pm
Monday to Saturday



Pugwash C@P Site
Open Mon—Fri
9am to noon
1pm to 4 pm
Village Hall
124 Water Street
ph: 243 2088



Communities in Bloom announces Community Pride in Action program

By Helen Matheson

Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) is pleased to announce a new appreciation program for residents of the area. Titled Community Pride in Action will start in May, and continue through the summer. The purpose of this effort is to encourage residents to take pride in their community by recognizing the small efforts people take to improve their surroundings. Each week one resident or business owner will be thanked publicly for making a difference in the community.

“Too often we recognize big efforts or large projects and we fail to recognize those people who do little things every day that make our community a better place to live.” says John Mills, Chairperson of the Pugwash CIB. “With this program, we hope to say thank you to people who might not always get the recognition they deserve. Using the criteria set by CIB, we want to find, reward, and publicize the people who make a difference.”

Suggestions for recipients could include those who make an effort to keep their property tidy, or help someone else to do that; someone could be working on preserving our heritage; someone taking action on the environment, someone who has made a difference by planting a tree, or a meadow, or an edible garden. We also would like to thank people or businesses who have made a difference by planting flowers or who contribute to the community in some other ways.

Celebrating its 17th year in 2011, Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement .

The criteria set out by Communities in Bloom are: tidiness, heritage conservation, environmental action, landscape, urban forestry, turf & ground-covers, floral displays, community involvement.

The Pugwash CIB committee will welcome public input. Please send your suggestions of a worthy candidate with reasons for your suggestion: drop off at the Village Hall at 124 Water Street. Pugwash , email: cib.pugwash@yahoo.ca or mail to CIB c/o Mary Maron,, PO Box 253, Wallace B0K 1Y0

C@P Site Offers New Free Service

By Daryl Fawcett

Beginning March 1, there will be no charge for computer sessions of 30 minutes or less at the Pugwash C@P Site. Fees for longer visits remain unchanged at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Annual memberships are available for \$15, \$7.50 for students and \$25 for families. Printing and fax services are also available at the site, located in the Village Hall.

A beginner computer course has been offered this winter, in conjunction with the Cumberland Regional Library, and eight participants have taken advantage of this opportunity. The next course starts April 5th. Call 243 3331 to register.

The C@P site has been operating continuously for eleven years, with volunteers overseeing the program and providing daily supervision. Support has been received from all levels of government, including the Municipality of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash, and membership and user fees help to update equipment and software as needed.

Thinkers' Lodge Advisory Committee

By Ron Robinson, CREDA

A broad-based Advisory Committee has been established to oversee the restoration and development of Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site in Pugwash. The sub-committee of the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (CREDA) is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Phase 2 development process which includes completing the restoration of Thinkers' Lodge and detailed architectural, engineering and cost estimates for the Lobster Factory (dining hall) restoration. Other aspects of the project include an interpretive master plan, a comprehensive site development and landscaping plan, a business/operational/programming plan, and a marketing strategy for the long-term branding and promotion as well as communications for the site.

The Thinkers' Lodge Advisory Committee is co-chaired by Larry Latta and Gerald Read, both members of the CREDA Board of Directors. Other members include District 4 Councillor Al Gillis, representing the Municipality of the County of Cumberland; Vivian Godfree, North Cumberland Historical Society; Rod Benjamin, Chair of the Pugwash Village Commission; John Eaton and Giovanni Brenciaglia, representing the Pugwash Park Commission; Alexa McDonough, Canadian Pugwash/University Outreach; Sandra Butcher, Pugwash International; Darlene Stevenson, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA); and Neal Conrad, Bob Book and Paul Collins, representing Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism and the Culture Division.

Four Action Teams have been formed to tackle various tasks related to Site Development and the Interpretive Master Plan; Business/Operational Plan Development; Educational Programming including site-specific events, activities and conferences; and the development and implementation of communications and marketing strategies.

Meanwhile, Form Media of Dartmouth has been selected to develop the Master Interpretive Plan for Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site. The Interpretive Plan will address the long-term vision for the site and the requirement for interpretive media to support this vision, along with budgets, phasing, partnerships, research and curatorial recommendations. The plan will also inform the design and development stage with regards to themes, overall vision for visitor experiences, and media selections. The design and development stage will also address Stage 1 interpretive media needs for Thinkers' Lodge and site, specifically with regard to short-term media opportunities that can be implemented for the 2011 season.

The consultation process will include extensive research, individual interviews with key stakeholders and facilitated group workshops. Last month, Form Media facilitated a one-day creative workshop with the Advisory Board and invited participants in Pugwash to explore ideas and opportunities for visitor experiences for Thinkers' Lodge.



Restoration work on the Lodge itself is nearing completion and this winter has focused on new mechanical systems (heating, plumbing and electrical) and plaster restoration, along with other key historic details, such as storm windows and window repair.



CUMBERLAND REGIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION

New Village banners ready for spring!



The Village of Pugwash will proudly displaying 20 new banners throughout the Village this spring and summer. These fabulous new banners were produced with the assistance from Communities in Bloom, CREDA and the Department of Culture and Tourism.

The banner was designed by Bruce Hudson of Malagash.

Look out for the new banners as being a true sign of spring!

Looking for something to do in Pugwash?

Listed below are just some of the groups and organizations in the area. Everyone is looking for members, helpers and volunteers. Do you see something here that interests you?

- Gathering of the Clans
- HarbourFest
- Communities in Bloom
- Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department
- Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pugwash District Ground Search and Rescue
- North Cumberland Curling Club
- North Cumberland Historical Society
- Pugwash Peace Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion
- C@P site
- Margaret King School Society
- LA Animal Shelter
- Pugwash Co-op Board
- Farmers Market
- Meals on Wheels
- Pugwash Food Bank
- Camp Pagweak
- Friends of Pugwash Library
- Friends of Pugwash Estuary
- Earth Angels
- North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
- Gospel in the Park
- Pugwash and Area Community Health Board
- Sunset Residential Home Board
- Pugwash Yacht Club
- Pugwash Harbour Authority

Friends of the Margaret King School

By Bob Tuttle

Friends of The Margaret King School Society recognizes the value of that great school and it is our purpose to keep the memory alive, and where it has died, to rekindle it. We wish to assure readers that we continue to be active in our pursuits.

By a very modest estimate, Margaret King School of Pugwash Junction, had between one thousand and twelve hundred desks occupied by students from grades I to XII, from it's opening in 1930 until it's closure in 1960. Many of these young people received their entire formal schooling at the Margaret King, while others graduated with good grounding for post secondary education.

During the early years this consolidated school took in high school students from the surrounding communities of Conn Mills, Pugwash River, Pugwash, Wallace Bay, Wallace, Wallace Station, Malagash, Malagash Station, Richmond, Fountain Road, Hartford, The Middleboros, and other points from which high school students came to board.

This, and the increasing interest in local tourism, has motivated the formation of our Society, the initial aim of which is to install a worthy cairn or monument, to be located on the site where The Margaret King once proudly stood overlooking the surrounding farm fields and the small community of Pugwash Junction .

Early Society membership consisted of a few former students but soon expanded to more alumni, as well as others, who became interested in the preservation of this important piece of history of Pugwash Junction and surrounding area. Our membership now numbers 33 and they support us with a modest \$5.00 per year membership.

Some funding in the form of grants, for which we are most grateful, have been received from Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

A suitable memorial, land acquisition, site preparation, and display of artifacts pertaining to the School, is projected cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000. Thus, we are anxious to expand our membership in order to meet these costs and achieve this initial goal, and to eventually have a place where visitors may experience times past though the monument and information panels, and thereby come to know something of how it was to spend one's childhood in this **Rural Palace** called The Margaret King School.

Our connection with activities of the Village of Pugwash is the fact that the Margaret King was a gift bestowed upon the community of Pugwash Junction and area, by Mr. Cyrus Eaton. Cyrus Eaton did so much for this part of Cumberland that we believe that he should never be forgotten.

The Society is making progress, property is being investigated, configuration and cost of a monument is underway, and efforts to increase our membership are ongoing.

For membership details contact Patricia Briggins at 902 243 3346 or e-mail patriciabriggins@gmail.com

Pugwash Library

Winter hours

Monday and Tuesday: 11am to 4pm
 Wednesday and Thursday: 2pm to 7pm
 Friday: noon to 5pm
 Saturday: 10am to 1pm
 Sunday: Closed

New Seawall and Boardwalk Weather First Winter Well



Tidal surges in December and consistent storms in January and February could not disturb the new seawall along Pugwash Harbour in Eaton Park.

The seawall and board walk were ready for Gathering of the Clans and HarbourFest last summer. The lights were not installed until late August, delayed due to problems with the paint and then damage in transit. The lights are programmed to come on at dusk. Half stay on until dawn and the other, alternate lights turn off around 11pm.

Residents and visitors started using the boardwalk as soon as it was ready and all feedback is positive in their renewed appreciation of the Harbour and park. The Village Commission will be replacing damaged picnic tables and adding a very special bench to the park this summer (see: Lee Trenholm, page 2).

Users are reminded that there is no snow removal on the boardwalk and to take care when the boardwalk is wet, icy or snow covered. Dog owners should abide by the County bylaws regarding dogs and be sure to keep their dog on a leash and to keep a small garbage bag on hand to deal with doggy deposits!

**Communities in Bloom and
Municipality of Cumberland County**

Community Clean up day

April 16th starting at 9am
Meet at The Chatterbox Café for
supplies and to be allocated your route.



Gathering of the Clans 60th Anniversary

Céad míle fáilte

The Gathering of the Clans and Fisherman's Regatta has been an annual event in Pugwash since 1951. Originally introduced to raise funds for a local hospital, it not only continues as a fund raiser for the hospital Auxiliary, but for many other non profit organizations as well. It is also a lot of fun! Our Scottish heritage is celebrated with bagpipes, Highland dancers, heavy-weight Highland games and plenty of tartan.

Registration forms are already coming in for Highland Dance and for the Pipe and Drum competitions. We are hoping the Scottish Clan tents will be back this year.

There is also the Grand Parade, food and artisan vendors, the midway, music in Eaton Park all afternoon and evening all finished off with fabulous fireworks at dusk.

There is still a tremendous amount of work ahead to prepare and execute the plans for the big day. A meeting of volunteers is planned for Thursday April 29th at 7pm at the Village Hall. Returning volunteers and new volunteers are all welcome.

We are always open to hearing any ideas and suggestions, new or old, to make it even better than it has been over the past 60 years.

Slàinte!!

Lisa Betts
Festival Coordinator
243 2946 or at pugwashgoc@gmail.com



The old fire hall

Last year the Pugwash Fire Department moved into a beautiful new fire station at 11057 Route 6 just east of the Village. The Village of Pugwash still owns the old fire hall at 10260 Durham Street and has advertised a Request for Proposals to help decide what to do with the property. As a Municipal building, the old fire hall cannot be sold or given away for anything less than it's actual retail value.

The deadline for proposals is April 4th



WANTED:

Be a part of history and get involved with the 60th Gathering of the Clans Festival!

Lisa Betts, Village Clerk and Festival Coordinator, is looking for volunteers to help mount this year's 60th Gathering of the Clans. You will have fun while preparing for the largest festival in Northern Nova Scotia.

You can help out with the vendors, the parade, entertainers, the pipes and drums competition or the highland dancing competition and much more...

Volunteers' meeting
29th April at 7pm at the
Village Hall

For more information contact:
Lisa Betts
243 2946
pugwashgoc@gmail.com

It Takes a Village
Newsletter is published quarterly in March, June, September, December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 10, 2011**. Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and readability. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Send articles by email to:

villagecommission@
pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:

243 2946

Pugwash and Area Community Health Board Members review "Better Care Sooner"

By Peter Lewis

New Pugwash and Community Health Board (CHB) members, Pat Briggins, Angela Trenholm and Sherry Arkens, take a look at *Better Care Sooner*, the Government's response to the *Ross Report*



On January 19th, the Pugwash CHB chair, Peter Lewis, as well as members of the Pugwash Village Commission and County Councilors representing our area met with the Minister of Health, Maureen MacDonald, in Springhill. Municipal leaders from other areas of the County were also present. The Meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the response of Government to Dr. John Ross's Report on Emergency Rooms in the Province. The Government Response is titled *Better Care Sooner*. This document and Dr. Ross's Report can be seen on the Department of Health website www.gov.ns.ca/health

The Minister said it is not possible to contract health care but, considering our aging demographics, it will have to change. The Minister stated that we have to use our resources to see more people. Many of those present indicated that a well developed education program is needed to explain these changes and how they will better serve the citizens of our area.

Recent local concerns regarding the cost of ambulance services is discussed in the report. The current rates of transport by ambulance are available from Emergency Medical Care Inc. by mail from EMC, 239 Brownlow Ave, Suite 300, Dartmouth, NS B3B 2B2; by telephone 1-888-832-8333 or by e-mail at info@emci.ca.

Northumberland Community Curling Club

By Hazel Felderhof

The curling season at NCCC came to an abrupt halt when the chiller (a component in our ice-making plant) malfunctioned. Consultations with CIMCO, our ice plant supplier from Moncton, and our insurance supplier verified that our only option was a replacement component. The time factor for shipment and installation of this left no choice but to end the season three weeks early, to the disappointment of our 200 curlers. Our closing barbeque on April 3 will, however, give curlers a chance to say good bye to each other and the season.

On March 3, 4, 5, and 6 NCCC hosted the Under 18 Provincial Juvenile boys and girls championship. Twenty-five teams converged in Pugwash from all over Nova Scotia. NCCC was closed for regular play by members but there was an excellent turn out of spectators who dropped in to see fantastic live curling. Bleachers were built by our capable volunteers so that as many as 60 spectators could comfortably view the on-ice action. Coaches, officials, participating teams and their families were loud in their praise of the facility and the hospitality of Pugwash.

March 2, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. NCCC played host to the McLellan Cup. This historical competition has seen male curlers vie for a sterling silver trophy cup that has been in circulation since 1879. If you dropped in on that day you would have seen some excellent curling plus had the opportunity to view this unique cup.

For the 200 area curlers that keep NCCC hopping, the winter flew by with healthy activity and camaraderie. On Feb. 25 and 26 the club staged a Country & Western Funspiel with a prize for the best costumes. Jeans and cowboy hats were the order of the evening with a few surprises thrown in. Biscuits, baked beans, ham and sweets were provided by the members.

The NCCC Little Rocks participated in a tournament on March 18, 19, 20 at CFB Halifax. A girls team and a boys team, ably coached by Lou and Prudy White proudly represented Pugwash. They played well and looked excellent in their team hoodies sporting the NCCC crest and letters.

Our Sunset curlers were also introduced to out of community competition in March when players from Pictou were hosted at NCCC. The day was packed with fun and activity.

On Sat. Feb. 19th a Nova Scotia Curling Association sponsored curling clinic was held on the premises for new and nearly new curlers. Next October watch for more clinics and the annual Open House with free clinics. You can be a part of the fun.



Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are on the third Monday of the month at
7pm

Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in
YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local
organizations and groups, the RCMP or
Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation,
call the Clerk at 243 2946 or email
villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

**Next Regular
Meeting
April 18th**

7pm

**Presentation
Communities
in Bloom**

MP for Cumberland Colchester Mus-
quodoboit Valley
Scott Armstrong
1 888 752 0552

MLA for Cumberland North
Brian Skabar
667 9812

Councillor for District 4
Allison Gillis
243 3313

Application to the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board (UARB) to Dissolve the Village

Last March, the UARB refused an application under Section 447 of the Municipal Government Act to reduce the size of the Village.

Shortly after this, a new petition was circulated around the Village to make an application under Section 448 of the Municipal Government Act to the UARB to dissolve the Village of Pugwash entirely. Should the application result in the dissolution of the Village, it is not possible to form the Village again in the future.

The Village of Pugwash has filed an objection to this application and, in the event of a hearing, requested a plebiscite. The UARB asked for submissions for a preliminary hearing to determine when a (deferred) hearing should be held. The applicants have made their submission to go straight to a hearing. The Village has engaged legal counsel who will respond to the latest submission from the applicants and request from the UARB.

All communications to and from the UARB are available on the UARB website at www.nsuarb.ca

Visit the Pugwash Village website at
www.pugwashvillage.com

Listings include local businesses and contacts, history of the Village and now an Events page.

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and be willing to give up a lot of time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Elections are held every June for one or two positions that are for three years.

Rod Benjamin (243 3629) is the Commission chair. Rod lives on Water Street and is also past Commodore of the Pugwash Yacht Club.

Jim Whitman is Commission Vice Chair and lives on Queen Street (243 3647). Jim is also District Commander of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Linda Langille (243 2669) lives on Russell Street and an active defender for animal rights.

Dave Farley (243 3284) is a member of many organizations and is currently director at large for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.

Danny Brooks (243 3253) lives in Pleasure Cove, Pugwash and also a member of the Pugwash Fire Department and Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue.

Village of Pugwash Update

Back by popular demand, "It Takes a Village" is back! It has been a busy year since the last newsletter. Some of the highlights in the past year, not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter :

- The **Farmers Market** has moved into what had been the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) with great success. Look out for their big reopening for the season in May!
- The VIC will be replaced with an **Visitor Kiosk** which will be available 24/7 to newcomers to the area. We have some more ideas to help direct tourists and would love to hear your ideas too!
- Village owned **street lights** have been added or changed in the Municipal parking lots on the waterfront and at the old train station.
- Three **multi sorter garbage/recycling bins** have been installed in Eaton Park and two "pole huggers" on Church Street. We hope to replace more of the Village garbage receptacles this year.
- The Eaton Park **flag poles** have new, very sturdy stainless steel bases and the poles have been painted.
- Thanks to Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue who looked after the village **Christmas tree** at the old train station.
- Thanks to volunteers and members of the Fire Department, the tennis court at Russell and Prince Albert was used for an **ice rink** this winter. The weather didn't cooperate, but there are plans for an even better rink for next winter!
- The **Village Hall** has been busy with bookings for classes or meetings. Keep an eye out for posters advertising the next courses planned including safe food handling and emergency first aid.

Other Village events included:

- **HarbourFest** flew high with helicopters and made a big splash with the dragon boats in July.
- **Bethlehem Live** was a reenactment of the Christmas story told along Water Street for two evenings in mid December.
- **Christmas-by-the Sea** involved businesses all through the Village.