

**TOWN OF MILLERTOWN**

**NEWSLETTER - 2010**

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*This newsletter is compiled to inform residents about the activities of council during 2010.*

*Council is made up of elected volunteers who seriously consider the difference they can make in their community before running for municipal council. Councilor Cherry Hicks resigned in November for personal reasons. This seat was later filled by Mr. Augustus Brown.*

*List of Councillors & Portfolios:*

*Mayor Kevin Greene: (709) 852-4256*

*The mayor is the presiding officer of council and is responsible for chairing all meetings as well as the official head of the town for all ceremonial purposes and is expected to advance and promote the aims and objects of council.*

*Water/Sewer Mtce.*

*Mayor Greene is also responsible for the day to day management of the water distribution system, regular checks of lift stations and to oversee required repairs to the water/sewer system.*

*Deputy Mayor Shirley White (709) 852-4541*

*Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy*

*Deputy Mayor White is council's representative on the Central Waste Management Committee. The central site is supposed to be fully operational by 2011 and will be situated at Buchans Junction. The actual cost is not yet determined - there definitely will be an increase to residents regarding waste disposal. Please note CNWMS Info Note included. However, nothing regarding waste management is carved in stone and is subject to change.*

*Councillor Barbara Sheppard: (709) 852-6146*

*Snow Clearing/Backhoe Hiring*

*Councillor Sheppard is responsible for all snow clearing & Backhoe/Loader Hiring and is also Western Sub Zone representative on the Exploits Valley Economic Development Corporation.*

*Councillor David Newbury: (709) 852-5521*

*Waste Disposal.* *Councillor Newbury is responsible for seeing that garbage is collected and that the disposal site is kept in working condition.*

*Councillor Augustus Brown: (709) 852-2295*

*Being a new member, Councillor Brown has not been, to date, assigned a portfolio.*

**Administrative Staff: Eileen Scott, Town Clerk (709) 852-6311**

***Office hours are from 9 to 4:30 p. m. on Mondays and also the last two (2) banking days of each month. Should you need assistance during non-business hours you may contact the clerk at the above number.***

**Millertown Volunteer Fire Department**

***Fire Chief - Baxter Elliott, Jr (709) 852-6276***

***Assistant Fire Chief - Scott Elliott (709) 852 -4266***

**Fire Department Emergency Telephone Number - (709) 852-5511**

**Fire Department - (709) 852-5291**

***The members of the fire department are to be commended on their commitment to the safety of the town and its residents. On behalf of the town, council would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the fire department who give freely of their time and efforts.***

***Meanwhile the fire department is experiencing difficulty getting enough active members to participate in training & meetings. Anyone wishing to become a member of the fire department may contact Fire Chief (number already listed).***

**Financial Update:**

***The Town of Millertown was restructured under the “Debt Relief Program” in 2005. Since that date a balanced budget has been submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs each year. The cost of debt charges to the town is approximately \$18,000.00 per year - loan will be paid in full in the year 2017.***

***There is no increase in municipal taxes for the year 2011. Property owners are asked to please pay your taxes on time. The town council can only maintain its present essential services if funds are available. Property Tax is due and payable on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Water/Sewer tax is due no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month (example: Water/Sewer tax for January should be paid by February 15<sup>th</sup>).***

***You may contact the town office regarding arrangements for payments and post dated cheques will be accepted.***

**Federal Gas Tax Funding:**

***The Federal Government has committed a second round of funding for the next five years. The town will receive approximately \$46,400.16 to be paid out in eight equal installments.***

*Council has applied to The Department of Municipal Affairs - Land Use & Management Division - to have the town's boundaries extended to include all the land from the Exploits Dam to Mary March Brook - on both sides of roadway. This request is still under consideration by the department. Should the town be granted this request the federal gas tax funding will be used to have a "Municipal Plan" for the town put in place.*

*Cabin Development: proposed plan underway to have a number of cabins erected in the area between Indian Point & Millertown. Should the town's boundary be extended the cabin development would then become part of the town.*

*The ICSP (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan), one of the Government's New Deal for cities & communities is to achieve real, measurable progress towards the economic, social, environmental & cultural sustainability of Canada's cities & communities.*

*The ICSP Committee is made up of the following members: Mayor Kevin Greene, Deputy Mayor Shirley White, Councillors Cherry Hicks & Barbara Sheppard. Other members are: Dr. Mary Ricketts, Terry Sheppard, Charlie Fost & Fire Chief Baxter Elliott (Junior).*

*The ICSP Plan for the town has met the requirements for an ICSP Guide developed by the Department of Municipal Affairs. However, given that ICSP's are a long term strategic plan, council is encouraged to review, modify and amend the plan regularly to ensure that it remains relevant and useful.*

*Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to committee members, under the direction of Dr. Mary Ricketts, for compiling this "blueprint" for future development of the town.*

**Community Enhancement Program:**

*During the fall of 2010 work was started on a "Municipal Depot" for the town. Five workers were employed for 10.5 weeks. To date, the building is not completed - mainly due to limited finances for materials under this program. However, council will seek funding under a JCP to have the work completed.*

*Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Teck Resources, Osmond's Sawmill Ltd. & Firewood Enterprises for their generous contribution toward this project. Also a special thank you to Teck Resources for their generous financial donations to the town.*

*A new chlorine pump, with flow meter attached, was installed at the chlorination building during 2010 - cost of purification for the water supply has dropped considerably since installation.*

*An application has been re-submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs for funding to replace a portion of sewer line in the area of 19 - 33 Beothuck Street.*

**Waste Management:**

*Residents are asked to please dispose of garbage, other than household garbage, by using the indicator signs posted at the site.*

*All sharp objects - glass, etc., should be placed in closed containers to ensure safety.*

*There will be no bag limited put in place at this time. However, when CNWMS comes into effect there will be a bag limit - anything over the specified limit will be the responsibility of the householder. Residents are asked to consider recycling & composting to cut down on the amount of refuse - burning is also considered an option.*

**RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

*All garbage must be placed in proper garbage bags - kitchen catchers, shopping bags, boxes or loose items, bags not secured properly, bags torn open, garbage scattered by roaming animals, cardboard boxes not broken down & bagged, bags snowed in or frozen in and bags over 35 pounds in weight will not be picked up by the collector.*

*Residents are asked to keep their animals under control at all times - especially on garbage collection day !!!*

*Household garbage is collected every Wednesday starting at 10 a.m.*

*Council wishes to thank residents for their cooperation regarding waste management.*

**Red Indian Lake Heritage Society:**

*The Red Indian Lake Heritage Society, under the direction of Teresa Greene, are to be commended on their efforts in trying to preserve the town's artifacts/history.*

*The number of visitors at Indian Point and at the Lewis Miller Museum doubled from 2009.*

*The unveiling of the storyboards was a real community event.*

*Council nominated the RILHS - Beothuck Interpretation Panels at Indian Point - for the "Manning Award for Excellence in the Public Presentation of Historic Places." This award is given by the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland & Labrador. In January council was informed that the society will be presented with an award on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland. Congratulations!!!!*

*The Red Indian lake Heritage Society would like to take this opportunity to thank Firewood Enterprises ( Agustus Brown) for his generous contribution to the society.*

**The Annual General Meeting of the Red Indian Lake Heritage Society is planned for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Todd Mercer, Executive Director of Exploits Valley Economic Development Association, has been invited to attend to assist the committee in a discussion on the future of Millertown Academy.**

***Thanks to associations & organizations of the town for giving of their time and talents for the betterment of the community.***

***Community Development - council is looking for volunteers to become committee members. If you have any suggestions for future planning in our town please feel free to contact us..***

***At the Annual Senior's Christmas Party & Tree Lighting Ceremony the Town of Millertown was presented with a plaque in recognition of it's 50<sup>th</sup>, year of incorporation. The plaque was presented by Mayor Harry Hallett , President of Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador.***

***The Town of Millertown became a member of Tidy Towns - Newfoundland & Labrador in 2010. Tidy Towns strive to educate & encourage municipalities to develop environmentally sustainable plans for the betterment & enhancement of their communities. The Town of Millertown was nominated for the award for 2010 - unfortunately, we were not successful in winning. The award for 2010 went to the Town of Makkovik.***

***In light of the above, residents are asked to please help make our town as clean and tidy as possible for judging in 2011.***

***All meetings of council are open to the public, unless a meeting is held as a privileged meeting or unless a motion is passed at a public meeting to declare that meeting, or portion of it, to be privileged. (Municipal Act Section 213)***

***To our "New Residents" Welcome!!***

***We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given council their support and co-operation during this past year.***

***HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 2011!!!***