Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park **December 2019**

Municipal Council Who's Who

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Development Office Hours *- Regular office hours will resume in the spring. Contact the office at 902 368-3090 or develop@miltonvalepark.com to set up an appointment.*

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Front row - Deputy Mayor Tamsyn Cosh-MacKenzie, Mayor Hal Parker, Councillor Lindsey Rhynes
Back row - Councillors Spencer MacDonald, Paul Poole, Andrew Frizzell and Phil Hooper

Community Quilt

Alida Callaghan created the first section of a community quilt, featuring Hoopers' Wynfield Farms, the old Forge that was beside the hall, the Milton Community Hall, the home of John Coles & Gail Ling, the old

school house, the Harness Shop and the Lairds' Valley Dell Farm -all in North Milton. This project is part of the Passing Down Traditions project that has been funded by the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

The community plans to create other wall hangings to depict other areas of the municipality. If you would like to be involved, please contact Shari at admin@miltonvalepark.com or drop by one of the Monday crafting afternoons.

Thanks so much to Alida for her beautiful keepsake which is proudly displayed at the Milton Community Hall.

Municipal Council Meetings

Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Boardroom at the Milton Community Hall.

The next meetings are December 18 (tentative), January 15, February 19, and March 18. Residents are encouraged to attend Council meetings. Minutes are posted on-line, *after* they have been approved at the following meeting. Council may not always meet in July, August or December. Check the website or call the office to confirm these dates. All council and committee meetings are open to the public, although they may be closed for specific portions to deal with any confidential matters, as specified in the Municipal Government Act.

Council is holding a strategic planning afternoon on Saturday, January 18, 2020 and will be hosting a public meeting in February to present the draft budget and listen to feedback. If you have an idea that for programming, or capital expenses you would like to have Council consider, please send it along to the Council office.

Planning Board ordinarily meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Seniors Projects

Both the Milton Community Hall and the Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park are in the midst of a busy year with three projects receiving seniors funding. The hall purchased community garden supplies, organized two workshops on gardening, and held a Lunch & Learn on Estate Planning with resident Cody Farrell of RBC, (with three more to come!) and six technology classes with resident Brad Fitzpatrick as well as a session on pickling, with home economist Margaret Prouse. The hall also purchased twelve ukuleles and held ten classes with James Marjerrison. The hall hopes to offer ukulele again in the spring of 2020. The hall also purchased laptops and eight new tables for the hall, as part of the "Lifestyle of Growth" project. Funded in part by the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

The Municipality's project "Passing Down Traditions" involved making a community quilt, visiting local farms (Thanks to Mike and Evelyn LaFortune for the great visit to the Dexter Cattle Company!), having a jam making day, and a biscuit making workshop with Joyce Blackett and Shari MacDonald , a Christmas baking bee and a wrap up event in the next year. Margaret Prouse taught folks how to make plum jam. The folks from the Ballroom Barn taught the waltz and foxtrot in November. January will see a basket making workshop and square-dancing lessons. Sewing and crafting work bees are regularly held on Monday afternoons. Funded in part by the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

The PEI Seniors Secretariat provided funding for a project for the Milton Community Hall that included basic drawing classes, singing afternoons (on-going on Tuesdays) and a Christmas Art Party.

Some suggestions received for future funding applications include drawing for stress relief; water colour class, chair yoga or stretching exercises for seniors; writing poetry; sessions on places to volunteer, introductory to cribbage, cards, photography for Instagram, instapot classes, restorative yoga, oil painting lessons, black light theatre, monthly senior lunches, choral singing, tai chi classes, men sheds/activities, games nights/afternoons, table tennis.

Please let the Council office know if you have other suggestions.

Community Calendar

*All events will be held at **Milton Community Hall** –unless noted*

Mondays and Fridays at 9:00-10:00 a.m.–Fitness for the 50+ Folks. Drop in for exercise classes to improve balance and flexibility with certified instructor Angelie Carter. Cost $3. There is no class Friday, Dec 6, and there will be a break after the December 16 class until January 6. *Classes are cancelled if local schools are cancelled or delayed for weather reasons.*

Coffee -Get to know your neighbors each Monday and Friday from 10 -11a.m. at the Milton Community Hall. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available by donation of coin or treats!

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. –Chair yoga class takes place at the hall until December 11 and yoga resumes January 8. $4. Chairs are used for balance and some poses. *Classes are cancelled if local schools are cancelled or delayed for weather reasons. Yoga mats provided if needed*

Mondays at 1:30 – Line dancing *with Margot Postma*
$4 drop in or $30 for 10 session starting again January 6, 2020.

*On Mondays from 1-3 p.m. (upstairs) **Sewing and Craft Work Bee Sessions**. Sewing machines are available but please bring whatever you are working on, or work on the community quilt project. *No sewing over the Christmas break!*

**** Singing** – Drop in to sing on Tuesday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. Last class before the Christmas break is December 11, with the music beginning again January 7, 2020.

Friday Dec 6 - The hall is catering a Christmas supper, and is looking or **volunteer** servers, platers, or dishwashers.

Saturday, December 7 -Christmas Concert & Dance -with **Phase II and Friends,** from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm. Admission is $12 at the door.

North Milton **Women's Institute** invites local ladies to their Christmas party and very short monthly meeting - **Monday, December 9** at 7:30 pm at the home of Miriam Hooper. Call 902-368-2011 for more information.

****Friday, December 13** - 1:30 p.m. **Christmas Art Party** -Cost $20 **RSVP** by Tuesday. Dec 10. Everyone paints the same picture.

Milton Community Hall Christmas Art Party

for Residents of Miltonvale Park and Friends & Frequenters of the Milton Community Hall

Friday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Cost - $20

***Pre-register** and pay by Tuesday, December 10, 2019.*

Contact miltoncommunityhall@gmail.com or

902-566-3154

Seniors' Secretariat of Prince Edward Island

EAST COAST ART PARTY

Friday, December 13 -Kelley Mooney Christmas Concert - **St. John's Anglican Church, Milton.** 7:00 pm General Admission $15; 65+ $10; 12 and under free.

The new date for the annual **Christmas Craft Fair** is **Sat. December 14,** from **9-2:30.** Admission $2-adults. 12 & under -free. Canteen available. Hosted by the North Milton WI.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – Drop by the Milton Community Hall from approximately **6:30-6:50 p.m**. for the **North River Fire Department Santa Claus Tour.** The hall is a new stop this year for the tour! *Storm date -Dec 21.*

Saturday. December 14 –"**A Down Home Christmas**" Concert featuring **Janet McGarry & Wildwood**. 7:30 p.m. Admission $12

Wednesday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m. til noon, **Christmas Baking Bee**. RSVP by Monday, Dec 16. Come bake together - some of the goodies will be distributed to seniors in the area, and bakers can also take home some tasty treats. If you have a favourite holiday treat that is fairly easy to make and fool-proof, we would love recipe suggestions!

Sunday, December 15 - The Open Bible Baptist Church invites community members to their church Christmas Pageant at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton Community Hall. The church meets regularly at the hall on Sunday mornings and evenings and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Dec 20 - The hall has just been booked for a Christmas Concert with Kim Albert. Watch for details.

Parents and Tots – The North Milton WI is hosting a parents and tots morning at **10:30 a.m. Friday, January 10**, 2020 for parents to meet up with other parents and young children, visit and grab a coffee/tea/ juice. This may be the start of a regular group, so please let the hall know if you are interested but can't make January 10.

*__Mondays, January 13, 20 & 27 -Square Dance Classes__ – Join Christine Belanger to learn some square dancing steps from 7-8 p.m. Free for Miltonvale Park residents. $10 for all three classes for others. Pre-register at 902-368-3090 or admin@miltonvalepark.com.

***Thursday, January 16, 10 am – 3 p.m. "Biscuit Basket" Weaving** - Cost is $15 for residents; $20 for non-residents. Space is limited. Registration for non-residents begins December 10, 2019. Lunch is provided. *Storm date - Jan 23.*

Community Play - The Miltonvale Community Players have set the date for the play this year - Thurs-Sat, **Feb 13-15, 2020.** "**Some Neighbours -Episode Six: Sheep on the Lamb**" Evening performances will start at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are now available at the Milton Hall for $15 and would make a great Christmas gift!

If you would like to be involved (publicity, ticket sales, costumes, canteen...) contact miltoncommunityplayers@gmail.com.

Huge thanks to writers Ken Williams and Phil Hooper!

Municipal Council meetings are the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:30. Planning Board usually meets the 2nd Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. There may not be a meeting in December, so please check in advance.

Meet Your Neighbour Night and Pot Luck Supper– Monday, March 9, storm date March 10. 6 p.m.

Much **appreciation** is extended to residents and friends of the hall/community who have been volunteering their time and talents lately - to **James Marjerrison**, who recently led a 10 week ukulele session - lots of fun!; to **Joyce Blackett** who help lead a biscuit making workshop this fall (in case you notice more biscuits being made in the area!), to **Nancy Hooper** who has been leading a basic drawing course and to **Jill Garson** who got the Tuesday choral singing group started, and to those who helped with the music, especially **Tony Reddin**, which his trusty guitar and **Ann Andrews** and **Ruth Lacey** who have tickled the ivories!

We have also had some offers and inquiries to share. Please let Shari know at 902-368-3090 or admin@miltonvalepark.com if the following might be of interest:

Helen Garson has offered to lead a recorder class, if there is interest in learning to play.

Would there be interest in an evening drop in craft/knit/sew night?

Let the Council office know if you have any suggestions for the municipality or the hall.

Find us on: facebook

Christmas Gift Idea

Money Matters
Gas Tax Allotment

The municipality will receive $203,566 Notional Gas Tax Allotment from 2019-2024 and they approved the following Capital Investment Plan in the early fall of 2019.

$ 24,000 – Recreational Infrastructure - Community Park Revitalization (*landscaping, trees, dog park enhancements, security cameras, picnic tables, welcome sign, converting the soccer field to cricket)*
$ 7,000 - Emergency Management -Protection for Generator and Records Storage
$ 4,000 - Community Energy Systems - Two Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
$168,566 - Broadband Connectivity -Extension of wired internet to underserviced areas.

Internet

The Bell Aliant contract for stage one of the internet project was completed in December, 2018. Fibe internet is available on Rte 2 west to the Loyalist Road, the Rustico Road, and a portion of the New Glasgow Road, the Lower Malpeque Road, North York River Road and Hiddenview and Osprey Drives.

It is now expected that the Province has included the remainder of the municipality in soon-to-be-announced provincial program for internet; therefore, the Capital Investment Plan will be revised to reallocate that portion of the funding over the next few months.

Bursaries and Grants

For information on child bursaries (up to $75/year/child for extracurricular sports/culture lessons/classes/activities) and green initiative rebates (low flow replacement toilets, HE washers, low flow showerheads), visit the new Council website – www.miltonvalepark.com or drop into or call the Council Office. 902-368-3090

Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park
2019-2020 (12 months)
OPERATING

REVENUE		**(Month 7)**
Grants	**Budget**	**Oct 31**
Municipal Support Grant	25,125	14,657
Canada & Special Days/Wk Grant	750	650
Seniors Project	6,750	0
Job Funding	4,000	6,816
Taxation*	183,925	113,057
Interest	1,000	0
Misc. Income	2,000	11975
Recreation	500	220
Seniors Income from Activities	5,000	4072
Grants Total	**230,050**	**201,242**
Licenses and Permits		
Development Fees	4,000	3,388

Land rent revenue	2,000	0
Licenses and Permits Total	**6,000**	**3,388**
Expense Recovery		
Surplus from Reserves	36,050	0
GST Rebate		2,386
Total Expense Recovery	**36,050**	**2,386**
TOTAL REVENUE	**272,100**	**151,847**

Tax rates remained at 16.6 (non-commercial) and 82.6 cents (commercial) per $100 assessment.

EXPENSES **OPERATING Budget 2018-19**

Admin Expenses		
Depreciation – Community	3,550	0
Council Remuneration	9,250	4,616
Chair & Council Meeting Expenses	2,000	0
Wages Administrator +Election	32,000	19,080
MERCs	4,600	3,376
Advertising	500	0
Interest and bank charges	400	51
Insurance	5,500	0
Office	3,420	2,794
Printing	400	0
Telephone/Internet	3,420	2,110
Training	500	114
Travel	500	104
Meetings	4,000	371
Grants to organizations/individuals	1,500	400
Election	700	0
Website	2,000	3,951
Admin Expenses Total	**74,020**	**36,967**
Facilities and Public Property		
Insurance (Park Shelter)	1,060	0
Electricity	2,400	1,131
Community Park Maintenance	7,400	6,034
Sewer	745	432
Community Park Taxes	760	774
Community Hall	3,000	340
13 Communities Incorporated	4,155	4,199
Rent (Office)	6,000	3,500
Community Pasture	400	0
Depreciation -Shelter/ParkEquip	32,500	0
Facilities & Public Property Total	**58,420**	**16,410**
Fire Protection		
Fire Hydrant Fee	2,810	5,974
Fire protection	58,805	29,370
Fire Protection Total	**61,615**	35,344
Planning and Zoning		
Planning Board	1,000	450
Supplies	900	472
Planner	5,500	1,271
Bylaw	500	1,956
Development Officer	15,500	11,131
Development Officer Mileage	425	264
Emergency Measures	1,875	140
Amalgamation -Cooperation	2,000	0
Planning and Zoning Total	**27,700**	**15,685**
Community Development		
Community Beautification	4,935	3,381
Community Days - Canada Day	2,700	2,053
Seniors Project	8,500	793
Community Promotion -Newsletter	2,000	473
Economic Development	500	0
Green Initiative	400	100
Community Development Total	**19,035**	**6,801**
Professional Services & Memberships		
Accounting Fees	4,500	4,450
Federation of Can. Municipalities	380	363
Federation of PEI Municipalities	2,325	2,322
Legal Services	5,500	145
Other	155	145
Total Prof. Service & Mem'shp	**12,860**	**7,647**
Recreation and Parks		
Community Park Student Wages	6,000	10,260
Watershed	4,000	4,134
Bursaries	3,200	1,240
Recreation Programs	1,000	911
Seniors Recreation	4,000	2,242
Park Admin. & Shelter Supplies	250	291
Recreation and Parks Total	**18,450**	**19,078**
TOTAL EXPENSE	**272,100**	**137,933**
NET INCOME	**0**	**13,914**

CAPITAL BUDGET - 2019-2020

Income		
Infrastructure -MCEG in 2019	$ 160	0
Gas Tax	$32,930	49,395
	$33,090	49,395
Expenses		
Park and Playground -walking track	$8,000	0
	*$25,090	49,395

*To be transferred to Capital Reserve

EMERGENCY MEASURES

As we enter the season of wintery weather, please be sure to be prepared for emergencies.

In Emergency Measures planning, individuals and families are expected to be able to look after themselves for 72 hours.

The Milton Community Hall is equipped with a generator and when possible during a power outage can be open for a warming shelter. Almost 100 people visited the hall after post tropical storm Dorian in September 2019.

Council recently met to review and update its emergency plan. If you would be interested in helping with the Miltonvale Park EMO committee, please let the Council office know. There will soon be a **municipal survey** circulated to gather information to update the municipal records. The municipality would like to have a list of who might be a resource in the event of an emergency and of those folks who may require assistance. Items for an emergency kit may be a practical idea for a Christmas gift.

The municipality will have $500 in prizes to distribute to residents who complete the survey (paper or electronic) – so please watch for it soon and return it to be eligible to win!

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/emergency-preparedness

Welcome Joy

And if you have been around the hall lately you may have noticed a new smiling face helping out with municipal and community events. Joy MacIntyre is working with Council for several months through Special Projects Funding and we are delighted to have her here! Many thanks to the Province of Prince Edward Island for the funding.

Storm Policy

When local schools are cancelled for weather related reasons, the Council Office is closed.

Welcome Michael & Happy Retirement to Sandy

New Development Officer Michael Olubiyi (left) met with our out-going Development Officer, Sandy Foy (right) in early December for orientation to his new position.

Sandy has been with Miltonvale Park for almost ten years and will be retiring, effective Dec. 31, 2019. Sandy is organized, efficient, pleasant, and excels at record-keeping. He knows the ins and outs of the bylaw and has always acted in the best interests of Miltonvale Park. The municipality has been fortunate to have him on staff for the past decade.

Sandy tells great stories, takes beautiful photos, and occasionally treats his wife Sylvia to lunch at the Superstore! He has an impish grin and also entertains and informs many visitors to PEI as a tour guide for passengers from cruise ships.

We will miss his good nature, joie de vivre, and super work ethic. He works every holiday that falls on a Monday -and has done development work for the community from his hospital bed, and he answers ALL Shari's emails as fast as he can!! He never complains when the CAO "borrows" his stapler or his pen, or his receipt book... or when his office ends up looking like a broom closet. His files are neat, tidy and always in order, with ALL the details included.

The Development Officer position is not an easy one - because often Sandy had to tell people that the bylaws would not allow them to do what they

wanted with their property, due to the regulations that were discussed at public meetings, and approved by Planning Board and Council, and the Minister.

It has been a pleasure to have worked with Sandy over the past decade -and Council, staff and planning board members wish him a happy second retirement.

Michael Olubiyi was recently hired to be the Property Development Office. He has previous experience in a property development department in a municipality in Nigeria. Michael is currently studying for his MA in Development Leadership at UPEI and had a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Leadership from the Coady International Institute from St Francis Xavier University - Antigonish, NS, following a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Ilorin. Michael has seven years experience in customer service positions and enjoys meeting people (thought he tells us he sometime has a hard time remembering names, so please be patient!). Michael also likes volunteering, walking, volleyball, chess and swimming. We look forward to welcoming him to the municipal staff.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW

The Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park has a new Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaw and an amended Official Plan, as of July 2019. Both are available in the Planning section of the new miltonvalepark.com website or in print form, for a fee, at the Council office.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Development Officer doesn't keep regular office hours over the winter. Michael intends to keep the same Development Office hours, beginning again in the spring: Monday mornings 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m**.** For information at other times, please call the Council Office -902-368-3090 or email develop@miltonvalepark.com.

You need a development permit to

i. Change the use of a parcel, structure or building (e.*g. To change from a single family dwelling to a duplex, or to start to use your property for commercial activity);*

ii. Commence development;

iii. Construct or place a structure or building;

iv. Make structural alterations to a structure or building;

v. Make a connection to a central or municipal water supply or sewerage disposal system;

vi. Make an underground installation such as a fuel tank, foundation wall or other installation;

vii. Move or undertake the demolition of a structure or building that is:

- ***a.*** Greater than 20 m^2 (215.3 ft^2);
- ***b.*** Affixed to a foundation; or
- ***c.*** Connected to a water supply and/or sewerage disposal system.

viii. Establish or operate an excavation pit;

ix. Construct a highway;

x. Place or dump any fill or other material; or

xi. Subdivide a parcel or parcels.

A permit is NOT required for

i. Laying paving material for a patio or sidewalk;

ii. Constructing a fence 1.22 m (4 ft.) in height or less;

iii. Installing clotheslines, poles, and radio or television antennae, except satellite dishes over 0.61 m (2 ft.) in diameter;

iv. Growing a crop or preparing land for a crop;

v. Removal of vegetation for agricultural and/or forestry practices;

vi. Making landscaping improvements;

vii. Constructing an ornamental structure;

viii. Replacing a deck with a new deck of the same area, height and location;

ix. Conducting routine maintenance;

x. Erecting a tent under 11.15 m^2 (120 ft^2) for temporary, personal use; or

xii. Placing or erecting a temporary structure that is incidental to a

development that has an approved development permit shall not be interpreted as a change of use, or constructing or placing a structure or building.

Refunds for Applications- A processing fee shall be retained for permits or approvals where staff, Planning Board or Council have carried out work on the application. The minimum processing fee of $25 and with a maximum refund to be 25% of the fee paid where staff, Planning Board, or Council have acted on an application and the application was withdrawn, abandoned or otherwise discontinued. The amount of any processing fee shall be determined by Council.

Please note: Permits **are** required from the municipality for development within Meadowvale Community.

Fees are **doubled** for work which has been started before a permit has been approved.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

The province has a website called PEI Planning Decisions. There is a link on miltonvalepark.com to view all permits issued, in case residents feel an appeal is warranted. Permits are listed within a week of being issued and are posted on the main level the Milton Community Hall. There is a 21-day appeal period to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (IRAC).

If you have a concern about permits issued, or any building in the community, contact the office at 902-368-3090 or admin@miltonvalepark.com.

Cornwall and Area Watershed Group

Thomas Bruce was hired by the Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park, with financial assistance from the Canada Summer jobs program to work with the Cornwall and Area Watershed Group in the summer of 2019. Thomas is attending Holland College in the Wildlife Conservation Technician Program.

In May 2019 CAWG installed temperature loggers on the Watts Creek and North River to monitor the temperature as it has been suggested that cold spring water may be delaying salmon fry maturation. CAWG also planned to install a temperature logger on Coles Creek this fall.

Environment Canada and UPEI are monitoring stream flows in Coles Creek, so CAWG's work had to be limited in the stream above the wellfield site (near Frizzell's Autobody) to the headwaters (past Mackenzie Road on Winsloe Road.

In 2018 a pilot project was completed on the trout population. 59 brook trout from Coles Creek were pit tagged and tracked from July 18- September 7, 2018. It was found that brook trout don't appear to move much during the summer period and will use habitat from mere inches of water to the bottom of deeper pools. In addition, coarse woody debris OF ALL SIZES can provide excellent habitat for brook trout and a wide variety of salmonids. Coarse woody debris should be left in the rivers whenever possible; large-scale debris removal should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

As of early October 2019, the wellfield is operating on a 25% consumption level. UPEI is tracking any changes to surface water levels that may be a consequence of the water being pumped out. It's presumed, with enough data to prove the consumption levels are sustainable to the Cole's Creek surface waters, that they may increase the consumption to 50% and if no consequence still, to 100%. CAWG is requesting a presentation of their data on the wellfield for their 2020 AGM.

Despite not being able to provide management techniques in Coles Creek, CAWG was able to survey the entire system and compare data with the previous 2015 data. This comparison shows areas where the system is improving and areas where it's being degraded. A report is available from the Council office.

CAWG discovered beaver tracks, and in 2018 found a beaver lodge that blew out. No beaver dams were found, so there is no imposition on fish passage up Coles Creek yet.

The City of Charlottetown indicated that they have secured funding for the CAWG, as a component to their commitment to maintain river habitat integrity while consuming the groundwater underneath Cole's Creek. This funding is available via am application and project proposal. CAWG plans to request funding for a watershed model that can be used in community educational activities to educate the younger generations in hopes their early understanding will support problem-solving and ecological action for watershed issues in the future.

The CAWG summer field crew spent two weeks training in Hyde Creek watershed, then tackled Watt's Creek, in the North River watershed, from the Loyalist Road to the Colville Road. These sections of river are Atlantic Salmon habitat.

Alder management, preliminary brush matting, debris/blockage removal and raking salmon riffles were completed on six km of habitat on Watts Creek. This difficult task required four weeks of continuous work. Two beaver dams were discovered, in Hyde Creek, and in Watts Creek.

Salmon Riffle raking took precedence over the final two weeks. Salmon Redds have been surveyed and recorded in North River, Coles Creek and Watts Creek since 2014. Salmon appreciate good habitat and a riffle area when spawning. CAWG summer staff raked these riffles 2-4 times over the two-week period, ensuring the cobble and gravel are dis-embedded from the sediment, providing a favourable habitat for spawning. CAWG completed Salmon Redd surveys in December.

MILTON COMMUNITY HALL

Milton Community Hall, Inc. is made up of all adult residents in Miltonvale Park and is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, at 8:15 p.m.

Notice of Motion – Amendments to Bylaws

The Milton Community Hall Inc Board of Directors has received notification that a motion will be made at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on January 28, 2020, to amend the bylaws of Milton Community Hall Inc, as follows: (**Additions** and ~~deletions~~)

Article IV -Membership

(a) The Society shall be composed of all interested persons and members residing within the jurisdiction of the **Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park** ~~Milton Community Council~~ who are eighteen (18) years of age or older with a willingness to contribute to the further development of the Society.

(e) Every member of the Society, **or person appointed under V(a)(5)**, shall be entitled to hold any office in the Society only if elected or appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution~~. and only if the member is a resident of the community for at least six (6) months prior to the election.~~

ARTICLE V- Directors

(a) The board of Directors shall consist of:

(1) The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected at the annual general meeting;

(2) Three (3) other members at large elected at the annual general meeting;

(3) The immediate past president of the Society, if available, to serve; and

(4) ~~One (1) representative from the Women's Institute of North Milton, South Milton and Springvale if said representative is designated at the annual meeting.~~ **One (1) representative from the North Milton Women's Institute.**

(5) Two (2) representatives, appointed by the Board of Directors, who are residents of Prince Edward Island and regularly volunteer at Milton Community Hall events.

Article VII- Officers

(d) At its annual meeting, the members of the Society shall elect by majority vote a Secretary, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting. The Secretary shall have custody of the corporate

seal, shall keep the minutes of all general meetings of the Society and all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall maintain all records required by the Companies Act. The Secretary shall also be responsible for giving proper notice of all meetings of the members of the Society and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Directors. ~~No member shall hold the office of the Secretary for more than five (5) consecutive years.~~

(e) At its annual meeting, the members of the Society shall elect by majority vote a Treasurer, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting. The Treasurer shall maintain all books of the account of the Society and shall receive all monies and deposit same in the name and to the credit of the Society in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall see that the funds of the Society are disbursed as may be authorized or ordered by the Directors. The Treasurer shall render to the Directors whenever required to do so an account of all financial transactions and the financial condition of the company and shall make a financial report to the annual general meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Directors. ~~No member shall hold the office of the Treasurer for more than five (5) consecutive years.~~

Article X- Meetings

(a) The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held ~~during the month of January~~ **on or before February 28 each year.**

The current Hall Board of Directors includes President Allison MacDonald, Vice-President Philip Hooper, Secretary Gail Ling, Treasurer Shari MacDonald, Past-president George Piercey and directors Pauline Smith, Joyce Blackett, Claire Matheson, Bob Hooper, Nancy Hooper, and Ernie Coles.

How can you become involved? If you would like to volunteer to help with events or fundraising, either once in while or regularly, please contact the hall. The hall is registered with the Community Service Bursary Program, so students in grades 11 and 12 can earn money to be used towards post-secondary education through volunteering at the hall.

Check out **miltoncommunityhall.ca** or like them on Facebook to keep informed about hall events.

If you would like to help – call 902-566-3154 or email miltoncommunityhall@gmail.com

DONATIONS to Council are **tax-deductible** and can be directed to particular areas supported by the Community – like the Park or Milton Community Hall.

Help the Hall….

Tired of the hassle involved in returning refillable cans and bottles for your 5¢ refund? Drop the cleaned items at the home of Gail Ling & John Coles (597 Rustico Road) and they will sort and return them for you and donate the money to the Milton Community Hall.

CHILD BURSARY PROGRAM

All parents/guardians of children who live in the municipality of Miltonvale Park can receive up to $75 per child, per year, to reimburse costs incurred for their child(ren)'s extra-curricular cultural or sporting activities, camps, or lessons. A receipt (or acceptable copy) is required. The application form is available from miltonvalepark.com or at the Council Office. As the municipal year end has changed, the new deadline is March 15, 2020.

DONATIONS FROM COUNCIL

If you are representing the area or province in an out-of-province competition, workshop or event, or other worthwhile endeavor, please submit a letter to Council requesting support, at least five weeks before the event.

Council also annually supports the Women Institute branch in the community, and the Milton Community Hall.

St. John's Anglican Church Fundraising

Fundscrip is a fundraising project of St. John's Anglican Church in Milton. Participants purchase gift cards through the church for purchases of gas, groceries, meals at restaurants, clothing and building supplies. Each purchase nets the church anywhere from 2% to 20% depending on the retailer. There are over 75 national retailers to choose from, as well as a couple of local businesses. Because most of these cards are for weekly essentials, participants are spending no more money than they would normally spend. At the end of the year, the participant is issued a church receipt for the amount of rebate that they have earned for the church.

If anyone in the community is interested in participating in this fundraiser, please contact Connie and Allison MacDonald at 902-368-2626. Orders could be placed at Milton Hall on Fridays between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. and picked up the next Friday during the same hours.

Like to Read?

There is a bookshelf of novels in the entry at the Milton Community Hall.

Books are available to borrow, or to take by donation.

THE WALKING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Dianne Garnham who was the only resident to walk more than the mayor in the early summer challenge, which was part of Miltonvale Park's Community Better Challenge. Dianne walked an average of 30,306 steps every day, while Mayor Parker averaged 12,349. It should be noted that Hal was waiting for surgey on his knee AND spent several of those days driving to and from Toronto, via the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Meeting in Quebec City) Councillor Tamsyn Cosh-MacKenzie had the third highest total step count at an average of 12,231.

PARTICIPACTION Community Better CHALLENGE

Thanks to all who took park in the Challenge. Allison MacDonald and Laura Rix won the lobsters donated by the Mayor in a random draw. Two people attended pickleball, with eleven at Learn to Line Dance; and the regular four or five for the Tuesday walks. Other residents downloaded the app and earned individual points. The total minutes calculated for the Challenge through municipal events was 28,390 minutes.

Councillor Lindsey Rhynes won a $1000 Community Better award from ParticipACTION at the FCM conference in Quebec City, which is to be used for activities for the Community Better Challenge in June of 2020.

EMERGENCY MEASURES

The Community installed a generator in 2013 at the Milton Community Hall and it has been designated the Emergency Warming Centre for the Community. It will also serve as an Emergency Operation Centre if an emergency situation arises and was opened to almost over 70 people on the Sunday after Dorian in September, 2019.

Miltonvale Park will be looking for an Emergency Operations Center Coordinator – Is this you?

Some of the duties may involve

- Review the Miltonvale Park emergency management plan
- Establish an Emergency Operations Centre
- Create strategic relationships with stakeholders

Experience/Skills Required:

- Effective communication skills

• Ability to develop positive relationships with different stakeholders
• Strong computer skills
• Able to work under minimal supervision in stressful situations and make decisions.
• Strong office and project management skills
• Knowledge of emergency management, including processes, policies and laws. (Some training available!)
This position would receive an honorarium.

Notices to Residents in Sleepy Hollow Area:

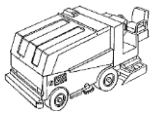
In 2012 the municipality installed infrastructure to allow residents in the Sleepy Hollow area to connect to municipal water and sewer services through the City of Charlottetown. **Residents require a permit from the Miltonvale Park** and must make arrangements with Charlottetown Sewer and Water Utility to become a customer of theirs. As of April 1, 2019, a development fee of $50, will be charged for these applications to the Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park.
Owners of homes that were identified in the 2000 agreement signed with the IWMC, on behalf of the Province, are eligible for a $700 rebate from Island Waste Management Corporation **after** they have been connected to water. There is no expiry date for this. The necessary forms for this rebate are available from the Municipal Council Office and from www.miltonvalepark.com.

Miltonvale Park residents in the serviced area will be direct customers of the City of Charlottetown Water and Sewer Utility and need to follow the water and sewer regulations of the City.

The City of Charlottetown offers its customers a Showerhead Exchange Program, LIFT Program, replacement toilet flappers, toilet tank banks and faucet aerators. Some conditions may apply. For more information visit www.BeWaterFriendly.com.

APM Centre

Communities 13 Inc. is a not-for-profit charitable organization incorporated to construct, own and operate the APM Centre multi-use recreational complex. Each resident of the 13 communities is a member of the organization, and each community has a representative on the board. Sheila Curtis is the representative for Miltonvale Park.



Since 2012, most of the 13 Communities have been contributing to a capital replacement fund, at a rate of 0.6 cents per $100 of assessment, or $4154 from Miltonvale Park annually. The APM Centre is operating on a break-even basis; however, as the building ages, it will become necessary for upgrades.
Check out what is happening at the rink/gym at http://www.apmcentre.com.

Have an ISSUE, IDEA or CONCERN?? Contact the office - admin@miltonvalepark.com or 902 368-3090. Agendas for Council meetings are usually finalized several days before regular meetings, so information (in writing) should be at the office before the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Green Initiatives - Get a $50 Rebate to replace your 13 L toilet or buy a new HE washer, or $25 to buy a low-flow showerhead.

Residents of Miltonvale Park can receive a $50 rebate for each approved low flow toilet purchased this year (maximum two per household) and installed in the community to replace a 13L toilet. Look for a WaterSense label on the High-Efficiency Toilet. These meet special criteria for exceptional performance. Look for the logo or ask a local retailer.

EPA WaterSense

You must include the original receipt for the purchase, showing it has been paid in full, along with the completed

Green Initiative Form available from the "Residents > Rebates and Forms" page of www.miltonvalepark.com or the office. The "Green Initiative" rebates also apply to low-flow shower heads ($25) and high efficiency washers ($50).

THANKS are extended to Council and Community volunteers: Sheila Curtis (and formerly **Helen Shaw)** - Communities 13 Inc. Board; Planning Board members **Steve Dickieson, Betty Pryor** and **Sheila Curtis;** and **Joanie MacKinnon** –Park, and to all who work to make the community better, whether through groups such as Women's Institute or the hall committee, or by being a good neighbour, a coach, or serving with non-profit organizations.

Nominate a Miltonvale Park Volunteer

Help Council recognize one of our community volunteers at the annual Canada Day Celebrations. Nominations are accepted throughout the year, with the deadline the first Friday in June. The nomination form is available online: https://miltonvalepark.com/for-residents/volunteer-recognition-award/ or from the Council office.

Congratulations!

Ernie Coles was named the Volunteer of the Year in 2019. Ernie has been very involved with the Milton Community Hall since moving back to North Milton after his retirement. Ernie is also on the Board of Directors at the Central Queens Funeral Co-op and is very involved with the Cornwall Pickleball group. Congratulations… and thank you, Ernie!

Construction Worker Needed:

Looking for someone for two small construction projects at the Milton Community Hall

PROJECT 1: Cage for records in the basement of the hall:

- Finished cage to be 10 feet long by 8 feet wide by 7 feet high (2 by 4 construction);
- Good quality cage material attached to the 2 by 4 framing.
- ¾ inch plywood shelving along the back and side walls (minimum 18-inch clearance between shelves)
- Access door

Note: Suppliers may quote on alternative materials based on cost and quality. Quotations should include labour and materials costed separately, with the type and quality of the materials specified

PROJECT 2: ROOF

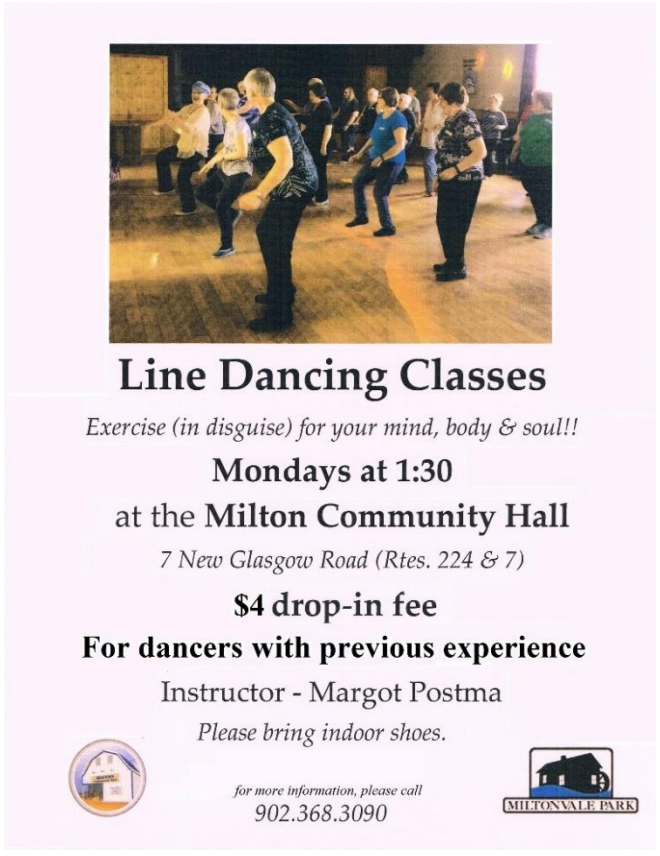
Construct a roof to shelter the generator. The generator is within a rectangular walled area that is 10 feet out from the hall and 8ft 7 inches along the hall wall. The wall parallel to the hall is on a rock wall, so there may be issues with support. The walls of the fence are currently 4'2'' tall.

Quotations should include labour and materials costed separately, with the type and quality of the materials suggested.

Please submit your proposals to the Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park, 7B New Glasgow Road -Rte 224, North Milton PE C1E 0S7, fax 902-368-1152 or admin@miltonvalepark.com by December 16. Questions may be addressed to admin@miltonvalepark.com or 902-368-3090.

Little Free Library

Thanks to the generosity of a resident who constructed a little library, it will soon be erected somewhere in the community. Any suggestions for a good location? Watch for it to be installed soon, as it will soon emerge from the hall basement.



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are becoming more popular and most EV owners are able to charge their vehicles at home during overnight hours, but charging opportunities away from home are needed to allow longer trips and increase the confidence of those considering EV purchases.

Maritime Electric has coordinated an application for Natural Resources Canada funding for the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, for over 50 Level 2 EV charging stations in municipalities across PEI. If the funds are approved, Miltonvale Park will install two Level 2 EV chargers in the rear parking lot at the Milton Community Hall. With funding from the different levels and of government and Maritime Electric, the municipality will pay less than 15% of the total cost for the project.

New Website!! Have you checked out the new municipal website at **miltonvalepark.com**? It still requires some tweaking, but we hope it will be easier to navigate and update. Feedback is most welcome. Thanks to TechnoMedia for their work and ongoing support.

New Bylaws to be Developed

The Municipality will be developing Records Retention and Disposal Bylaws and Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaws to meet the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

Former Council Chair Passes Away

George MacKenzie, aged 82, of North Milton, passed away peacefully at home on the farm he loved, surrounded by his family, in September 2019. Left to mourn and cherish his life is his beloved wife of nearly fifty-nine years, Doris (nee Dollar), his children Cindy (Alan) Crane (Springvale), Pam (Russell) Carruthers (Lower Sackville, NS), Elaine (Chris) Addison (Grand Bay – Westfield, NB), and Charles (Tamsyn) (North Milton), grandchildren Sarah, Carolyn (Hunter), Heather (Michael), Morgan, Claire, Zach and Alex, sister-in-law Joyce and by all who knew him. Predeceased by his parents Frank and Gwen MacKenzie and his only brother Wendell MacKenzie. George pursued a lifelong love of family, farming and community.

Our sympathies to the MacKenzie family. A donation in memory of the former Council Chair was made to the St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery.

Miltonvale Community Park

Thanks to Camryn Donnelly, who lives in North Milton, and Bridgette Casford for their work at the park over the summer. Camryn's position was funded through the provincial Jobs for Youth program, while Bridgette's position was partially funded through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

New security cameras are being installed at the park. This fall, Council was approached to see if the soccer field could be used for cricket. Plans for some alterations to the field are underway so it can be more appropriate for cricket.

Central Area Development Corporation

Pam Schurman Montgomery, Executive Director and Rose Leger, Special Projects, from the Central Area Development Corporation, made a presentation to Council in September. Council looks forward to working more closely with CADC and hopes to join with other municipalities impacted by the Special Planning Area regulations, which have severely restricted municipalities around Summerside, Charlottetown, Stratford and Cornwall in their ability to subdivide lots.

The Province has announced future consultations on the Planning Act, and the municipality will be working to have these regulations changed or lifted.

FPEIM - The Mayor and CAO attended the FPEIM meeting Souris on Saturday, October 26. Sessions include Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Programs, FPEIM's new procurement program, cyber security and planning.

Halloween Party

Thanks to Pauline Smith, Gail Ling, Carolyn Jessome and Councillor Tamsyn Cosh-MacKenzie for their work in hosting the municipality's Halloween Party. It looked like the little ghost and goblins had a great afternoon!

Resident Concerns

Council passed along concerns from residents on the Crabbe Road to the Province. The safety and speed limit of their road, and the persistent potholes at the community mailboxes, were some of the issues forwarded to the Province.

DON'T MISS OUT ON COMMUNITY NEWS!
The Council office sends out reminders and lists of upcoming events. If you would like to be added to the e-news updates, please email admin@miltonvalepark.com with the subject line "Subscribe".