COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
June 2008

Miltonvale Park CANADA DAY Celebration and BBQ at the Community Park!

413 Sleepy Hollow Rd.

Noon - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1st

Opening Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

This year the community is saluting **Farmers** and **Fishers**.

The menu includes barbequed hot dogs, hamburgers, baked potatoes, beverages, ice cream & Canada Day cake.

Entertainment by Peter Lamont.

Fun and Games for the children.

Wear Red and White!

Prizes will be awarded to those who dress with the most Canada Day Spirit!

You may want to bring lawn chairs and outdoor games (kites, softball, croquet....)

CHILDREN and **YOUTH**

Posters, Limericks or Colouring Sheets!

Colouring sheets will be available at Gates Farm Market on Hwy 2, from Jessica at the Community Park, or downloaded at www.miltonvalepark.com OR grab your pencil, markers and art supplies to make a poster (any size) or write a limerick supporting local farmers and fishers.

*Entries will not be judged (random prize draw), so youth can enter the category of their choice.

Bring your art to the Canada Day Celebration by 1:00 p.m. to be eligible to win prizes and celebrate our country's birthday!

The Canada Day Celebration is funded by the Community of Miltonvale Park and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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Municipal Achievement Award

Finance Chair Gail Ling accepted the Municipal Achievement Award on behalf of the Community of Miltonvale Park from Irene Dawson at the FPEIM (Federation of PEI Municipalities) Annual Meeting. The citation read as follows:

The Community of Miltonvale Park has certainly worked hard to enhance the quality of life for its citizens over the past few years. They have increased their office hours and hired a part-time development officer.

Financial support from the Capacity Building Fund has enabled the community to begin to develop a more user-friendly official plan, and also to carry out an extensive water and wastewater feasibility study.

A new shelter was built in the community park for the 2007 season, and it was a popular place to hold both community and private events. Council is in the process of establishing a community garden next to the community park. They have also allotted funding in the 2008 budget to promote green initiatives. The municipality also has had a bursary program for a number of years and recently adopted a gift and donation policy to help fund community groups and individuals attending out of province competitions.

Council keeps in contact with its residents through a community newsletter distributed 2-3 times per year and a community website. Miltonvale Park has been able to bring about many positive changes in the community over the recent years.

Park Staff and Summer Program

Student Jessica MacKinnon is returning for her third summer as Summer Recreation Director for the Community of Miltonvale Park. Council received partial funding from Canada Summer Jobs program for this position. Jessica will be at the park from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with a lunch break from 12:30 -1:00 daily, during which time she will **NOT** be supervising children, and the shelter will close. Council also plans to hire someone as soon as possible to provide supervision at the park during evenings 'til dusk and during some weekend hours. Park hours will be posted at the shelter and on the website when a second staff person is hired.

Park Program -What it is -and what it isn't!

· Is for school aged children.
· Is so parents can let children go to the park knowing that there is a responsible person keeping an eye out for the children.
· Is a drop in program (i.e. NOT all day!)

The park program is NOT a babysitting service.

· Jessica and the other park staff **cannot** be responsible for pre-school children - they should be accompanied by a caregiver.
· Does not provide snacks or meals.

Parents -

· Please send children with sunscreen.
· Please encourage children to be respectful to staff and other park users!
· Ensure your children have a safe way home when the park is closed for lunch or the evening.
· Fill out a registration form, so staff are aware if there are allergies or issues, and leave emergency contact numbers, for **every** time your child is at the park in the event you are needed.

If you have toys or games that your children no longer enjoy playing with, please check with Jessica at the park to see if they might be of use.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – NEXT YEAR??

There was not enough interest to go ahead with the plans for a community garden in the community pasture land this year. It is hoped that the summer recreation program will see a small garden started with the youth who attend.

COMMUNITY PARK - The Cornwall and Area Minor Baseball Association rents the ball field on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings to run their program. If your team or league would like to reserve the ball field on any of the other nights, contact the Council office or Joannie MacKinnon at 368-2365. A small fee is charged to adult teams and to youth teams from outside the community.

The complete "Park Use" policy is found on the web site (or call or drop in to the office to pick up a copy). The community requests that the fields and buildings are left in an acceptable condition after use.

People are welcome to drop in to the shelter when it is open for the recreation program (advance notice would be appreciated for large groups), and can reserve the shelter for private use at other times. Miltonvale Park residents can use it for free, but must pay a damage deposit. Non-residents may use the park shelter for a fee of $50 for half day or $75 for full day. A damage deposit of $200 in cash is also required, and the user would be responsible for any damages above that amount.

A recent addition to the park is a baby barn to store the community's barbeque and larger equipment.

The phone number of the shelter is 368-7587. Bookings are done through Joannie MacKinnon, at 368-2365.

Park Reminders:

Residents are reminded

✓ to treat the community park and staff with respect.
✓ to put garbage in the containers provided.
✓ the park is closed from dusk to dawn.
✓ dog owners are requested to keep your dogs on a leash and to please "pooper-scoop" after your pets! ✓

The water is presently under a "Boil Water" order for the presence of coli form, so users are advised to drink the bottled water Council will continue to provide. A new well will be dug as soon as possible.

DONATIONS

The Community of Miltonvale Park donated $500 to Central Queens Elementary School Playground. Miltonvale Park resident, and dad of Madeline and Tristan, Basil Dickson is chairing the fundraising committee for the new playground to be built in Hunter River. Many of the children of the community attend this school for their first six years of education, and Council was pleased to support this worthwhile project. It is hoped that encouraging active children will help them grow to active, healthy adults.

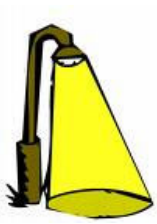
Council also recently made a small monetary donation to Danielle Stewart to assist with costs of attending national synchronized swimming competitions in Alberta in early June. If you are representing the region or province at a national event, check the donation and gift policy on the "Council Information/ Policy" section of the website. Council has also made $100 donations to the South Milton and Springvale WIs to help with local projects and the purchase of flowers, and has donated $1200 to the Milton Community Hall towards a new roof.

MONEY MATTERS

Council has received word of two unexpected changes in income since the community's budget was passed. The Municipal Support Grant, which is "equalization" for municipalities from the province, has been increased to $12,400 from $5634 in 2007. The province also announced that it will no longer be collecting a tax administration fee to collect and remit the municipal portion of property tax; this will represent a savings to the community of $4900.

YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE!

Council has approved the installation of several streetlights for the community as a pilot project for a one year trial period. Two lights will soon be installed where the Sleepy Hollow Road intersects with Heather Drive and with Royalty Road.



COMMUNITY MAILBOXES

Word has been received from Canada Post that due to safety concerns, the locations of the community mailboxes near Terpstras on the Rustico Road and on the North York River Road are being reviewed. The phone number to call with any concerns you may have regarding the community mailboxes, or to have your mailbox site reviewed, if it was "rejected" in the fall and you wish to move it to a more acceptable location is 1-866-501-1669 (Rural Mailbox Safety Assessment Information Line).

HAPPENINGS:

St. John's Anglican Church in Milton is hosting a **Land and Sea Festival** on Wednesday, **June 25th** featuring an evening of Chowder, Mussels and Music, with Janet McGarry & Serge Bernard, "Just for Fun" band, Ruth Pickles, Ken Williams, and Perry Neatley. Tickets are $12 and can be obtained from Miriam Hooper, 368-2011. Tickets are available for the music only for $6.

Card Parties - are held every **Thursday** night at the Milton Community Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $3. Light lunch served. Proceeds are to help pay for the new hall roof.

Coles Reunion – Pre-Reunion Gathering. The big reunion is in 2009, but Coles descendants are invited to the Milton Community Hall 2:00 – 5:00ish on **July 12th**. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring photos and genealogy information! Call 368-2629 for more details.

Strawberry Social - **Tuesday July 22**, 2008 at the Milton Community Hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Hosted by the North Milton WI. Donations of strawberries, cakes, biscuits or other desserts would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY SIGNS - **Thanks** are extended to Dr. Shawn McKenna and family for agreeing to "host" a "Welcome to the Community of Miltonvale Park" sign at the entrance to the community on the Lower Malpeque Road. The other new sign will be displayed on the Rte 2, as traffic leaves Winsloe. Thank you to the other landowners who also agreed to host signs. As new signs are purchased, they will be erected at other entrances to the municipality.

SPECIAL PLANNING AREA REGULATIONS - Council has applied, as the lead community, for funding under the New Deal for Cities and Communities (Gas Tax) Infrastructure program, along with the other communities in the Special Planning Areas around Cornwall, Stratford and Charlottetown. We hope to investigate the effects of the special planning areas, educate the affected communities about these restrictions to subdivision, and after public and stakeholder consultations, recommend a new model to the Department of Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour.

WATER AND SEWER STUDY - Thank you to all residents who took the time to complete 125 surveys of the 635 mailed out by Engineering Technologies Canada. They are the consultants who were chosen to provide the community with a comprehensive study regarding the feasibility of water and sewer options for the community (also funded by the New Deal for Cities and Communities). The draw for the two residents who will win the $50 cash prizes will take place at Canada Day. Council voted to extend the deadline to July 1st for receipt of the survey, so **it is not too late** to return your survey to the Council office, (or bring it to Canada Day) as the more information that is provided, the more accurate the results.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-three residents and Councillors attended the community's March annual meeting, which saw the circulated budget adopted. Council, at a special meeting immediately following the annual meeting, voted to maintain the municipal tax rate at $.14/$100 for residential assessment and $.80/$100 for commercial assessment. Residents raised concern regarding the water situation in Sleepy Hollow, and the lack of street lights. The draft minutes of the meeting are available on the "on-line documents" section of the Council Information page on the website. http://www.miltonvalepark.com/files/DRAFT%20AGM%202008Minutes.pdf

KEEP INFORMED!

To sign up for occasional email updates about community happenings and council events – email "subscribe" to the office at admin@miltonvalepark.com.

BUY LOCAL

Council passed a motion at the May council meeting that "all purchases of Council for the community be made locally, firstly within the community, then the province. It shall be a policy of council to support local businesses, PEI merchants and Canadian owned companies." To check out businesses in Miltonvale Park, browse the "Business" section of the website. To add a business, send information to admin@miltonvalepark.com.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Winsloe Lions Hall; however, the next meeting is planned for **September 23rd**. Residents are encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on-line, *after* they have been approved at the following meeting.

CHILD BURSARY PROGRAM

All parents/guardians of children who live in the Community of Miltonvale Park can receive up to $50 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) must be included with the application form which is available from the office or www.miltonvalepark.com. (council information/on-line documents).

NEED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

YES - If you are planning to …

- construct a new building,
- locate or change the location of any building or structure on a lot,
- locate a mobile home on a lot,
- make any structural alterations that will change the exterior dimensions of any building, including decks.
- build a swimming pool,
- change the use of any building or land
- intensify any non-conforming use,
- construct a fence taller than six feet,
- or erect a satellite dish.

Permit fees will be **doubled** for construction that has started without the necessary permits.

Development Officer Alfie Wakelin works for Miltonvale Park on Monday mornings, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please allow time for your permit to be approved **before** you plan to start construction, and call ahead to ensure he is in the office when you want to meet with him, as he is often visiting properties.

Permits Approved and Pending

Permit **2008-1** on March 18, 2008 on PID 453076 for a private storage building/ garage at 1257 Loyalist Rd.
Permit **2008-2** on March 24, 2008 on PID 281329for a storage building/garage at 1288 Loyalist Rd.
Permit **2008-3** on March 28, 2008 on PID 444232 for a mini-home at 79 Dawn Drive.
Permit **2008-4** on April 14, 2008 on PID 608091for a private storage building at 20 Sleepy Hollow Road.
Permit **2008-5** on April 21, 2008 on PID 912261 for a green house at 18070 Rte 2.
Permit - **2008-6** –on June 24, 2008 on PID 283325 for an auto body addition at 16960 Rte 2.
Permit **2008-7** on June 16, 2008 on PID 843292 for a house addition/accessory building at 171 Glasgow Road.
Permit **2008-8** on June 16, 2008 on PID 694703 for an 8x12 accessory bldg. at 413 Sleepy Hollow.
Permit **2008-10** on June 23, 2008 on PID 283093 for a 24'x28' non-commercial garage at 17227 Malpeque Road.
Permit **2008-11** on June 23, 2008 on PID 478412 at 73 Heather Drive for a mini-home addition.
PENDING 2008-9P at PID 456632 to replace existing home at 954 Lower Malpeque Rd.

Please note there is a 21 day time limit to appeal any permits. Contact the Development Officer Alfie Wakelin at the Council Office at 368-3090 as soon as possible if you have any concerns.

The province is still developing a website to publicize all permits to aid the public if an appeal is warranted. Miltonvale Park also posts permits on our website and at the Council Office.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT

- as of June 24, 2008

New Building or Structure, Addition to, or Relocation of existing building or structure fees - $0.10 per sq.ft., with a minimum fee of $25 and a maximum of $1000.
Accessory buildings for agricultural purposes will have a maximum permit fee of $200
Change of use of existing bldg./structure - $100
Deck Fee - $15
Subdivision Fee -Up to 5 lots - $150 per lot, with each additional lot incurring $100 additional fee
Lot Consolidation Fee -$100
Lot Revision Fee - $100
Additional fees would be levied if official plan amendments or rezoning changes are required, at actual cost (minimum $300, for publicity, public meeting, planning, and administration time.)
Development applications can be downloaded from the website, or obtained from the office.

Policy for cancellations or withdrawn applications: A processing fee will be retained for permits where Staff, Planning Board or Council have carried out work on the file with a minimum processing fee of $25 and with a maximum refund to be 25% of the fee paid where Planning Board or Council have acted on a file and the applicant either withdraws the permit or wants to cancel the process. June 24/08

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE – The plan is somewhat "stalled" while we wait for results of the Special Planning Area and Water and Sewer projects.

Got a Community Event to Announce?

Send information to admin@miltonvalepark.com or call 368-3090 to have it posted on the website or call George Piercey at 368-2903 to rent the sign on the Milton Community Hall.

WEBSITE – Send information on community events, businesses, news, or photos to admin@miltonvalepark.com to be included on the website. Check out the new event calendar!

Have an ISSUE, IDEA or CONCERN??

Contact the office - admin@miltonvalepark.com or 368-3090. Agendas are finalized one week before regular meetings, so information (in writing) should be at the office before the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

DITCHES

The province has put a freeze on ditch infilling, and for the time being, it will no longer be permitted. The Department of Transportation and Public Works hopes it will once again be permitted within a few weeks. To find out more, residents can call Darren Chaisson, Queens Regional Engineer at (902) 368-6195.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the recent graduates. Best of luck in the future!

Fighting Mold — The Homeowners' Guide

(a brief summary, after the wet spring!) –Call the office to get the complete article or visit **www.cmhc.ca**

Why are molds a concern? Damage to materials, fabrics, and even wood rot) is a concern. When molds are growing inside the home, there may be health concerns. Molds release chemicals and spores, whose health effects range from being insignificant to causing allergic reactions and illness.

Pregnant women, infants, the elderly and those with health problems, such as respiratory disease or a weakened immune system, are more at risk when exposed to mold. Consult your family physician if you believe there is someone who may be at risk.

Is there a mold problem?

Molds are always found in the air outside and in all buildings. They come into the home in many ways — through open windows or doors, on clothing, pets, food or furniture. The problem starts when mold grows inside the home. The presence of mold is a sign that there is too much moisture in your home — a situation which must be corrected. Inspect the home to find the extent of the mold.

How can you tell if it is mold?

Discoloration - Discoloration is a sign of mold. However, all discoloration is not due to mold (eg. outdoor pollution entering the home, burning candles or cigarettes). Mold may be any colour. Dab a drop of household bleach onto a suspected spot. If the stain loses its colour or disappears, it may be mold. If there is no change, it probably isn't mold.

Smell/Odour - Sometimes molds are hidden and cannot be seen. A musty or earthy smell often indicates the presence of molds. But a smell may not be present for all molds. Even when you don't notice a smell, wet spots, dampness or evidence of a water leak are indications of moisture problems and mold may follow.

How much mold is growing?

Mold is considered to cover a "small area" if the patch is no larger than a square meter. There should be no more than three patches, each patch smaller than a square meter. Clean up small areas yourself using a detergent solution, household rubber gloves and a dust mask for protection. Small moldy areas in homes may become larger over time, if ignored, so it's important to clean up and remove even small patches of mold. Use safety glasses or goggles; a disposable dust mask (3M 8210 or equivalent); and household rubber gloves. Bleach is NOT recommended.

The presence of organic materials, the pH (acidity/ alkalinity) of the water, the surface material and contact time affect the effectiveness of bleach for disinfection. Since these factors are not generally controlled, bleach cannot be relied upon for disinfection. The most compelling reason for advising against bleach is that fumes are harmful but in addition, overuse of bleach will result in increased releases of chlorinated effluents which can be harmful to the environment. Infants and other family members with asthma, allergies or other health problems should not be in the work area or adjacent room during the cleaning.

Washable surfaces:

Scrub with an unscented detergent solution; then sponge with a clean, wet rag and dry quickly. Using an unscented detergent will make it easier for you to detect residual moldy odours.

Moldy drywall: Clean the surface with a damp rag using baking soda or a bit of detergent. Do not allow the drywall to get too wet.

Mold that comes back after cleaning is usually an indication that a source of moisture has not been removed. Seek professional help.

The mold area is considered **"moderate"** if there are more than three patches, each smaller than a square meter, or there is one or more isolated patches larger than a square meter but smaller the size of a sheet of plywood. Assessment by a professional is recommended. You can clean up moderate amounts of mold but you must follow the proper procedures and use the proper protective equipment.

A mold area is considered **"extensive"** if a single patch of mold is larger in area than a sheet of plywood. Being exposed to this much mold is not a good idea. Do **not** attempt to clean up large areas of mold yourself. You need professional help to determine why the mold is there in the first place and how to clean it up.

Seek professional help if there is a lot of mold, if the home is very damp and moist, if mold comes back after repeated cleaning or if a family member suffers from asthma or respiratory problems or other health problems that appear to be aggravated inside the home. **For more information - Contact your local CMHC office at 566-7336 or call council, 368-3090 to get the entire article.**

Community Council Who's Who

Chair Don Aitken - Chair of Water & Sewer & ex-officio member of all committees
Vice-Chair Brian Andrew - Finance Committee
Gail Ling - Finance Chair, Personnel Committee
Sheila MacKinnon - Parks and Recreation Chair, Planning Board, Personnel Committee
Joe Murphy - Planning Board member
Betty Pryor - Planning Bd. Chair, Water & Sewer
George Piercey - Water & Sewer Committee

Office Staff:

Administrator – Shari MacDonald
Office Hours: Tues 4:30-6:30 and Wed. 9:00 -11:00 and by chance or appointment.
Development Officer – Alfie Wakelin
Office Hours: Mondays 8:00 -12:00 noon. Please call 368-3090 to confirm Alfie is in the office.

Council Volunteers:

Municipal EMO Coordinator – Gary Robbins
Planning Board – Charles MacKenzie, Steve Dickieson and consultant Kim McDermott Jay
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