COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
March 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All residents of Miltonvale Park are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Community to be held on **Tuesday March 25, 2008** beginning at **7:30** in the lower level of the Winsloe Lions Hall. (Storm date - Wednesday March 26).

Look for information packages containing the agenda, reports, and the budget which will be available at Gates Farm Market, the Winsloe Irving, Ann-Marie's Family Hairstyling, the Milton Convenience Store, and at the Council Office, by March 18th. Most information included in the packages can also be downloaded from www.miltonvalepark.com

***At the meeting**, motions can only be made by Councillors. Residents may vote on motions regarding expenditures. Should a resident wish to address a concern, all comments should be addressed to the Chair. Residents do not vote on motions regarding the tax rate. The tax rate is established by Council, at a meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting.*

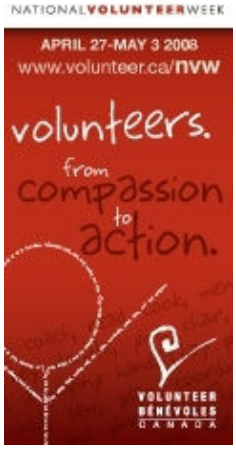
Community Council Who's Who

Council Members:

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 Board Chair, Water & Sewer Committee
George Piercey - Water & Sewer Committee

Office Staff:

Administrator – Shari MacDonald
Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 and Wednesdays 9:00 -11:00 a.m., and by chance or appointment.
Development Officer – Alfie Wakelin
Office Hours: Mondays 8:00 -1:00 p.m. April 14 – early Nov. Please call 368-3090 to confirm Alfie is in the office. Winter hours - by appointment.



Council Volunteers:

Municipal EMO Coordinator – **Gary Robbins**
Planning Board – **Charles MacKenzie, Steve Dickieson** and consultant **Kim McDermott Jay**
Parks & Recreation Committee - **Joannie MacKinnon**
Website Updates –**Nigel Cuthbertson ….**THANKS!

KEEP INFORMED!

To sign up for occasional email updates about community happenings and council events – email "subscribe" to the office at 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. A short meeting will be held after the Annual Meeting to establish the tax rate. The next meeting is **April 22, 2007**. Residents are encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on-line, *after* they have been approved at the following meeting.

COMMUNITY GARDEN –INTERESTED??

Come to a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 1st at the Community Council Office to plan to establish a Community Garden on land beside the Community Park in Sleepy Hollow. If you might be interested in planting flowers, fruits or vegetables this summer, please attend, or call the office **BEFORE** the meeting. Good gardening weather is coming!

…hmm fresh, affordable veggies … The community garden will **only** be established if adequate interest is expressed by April 1, 2008.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

All land development in the Community of Miltonvale Park is currently controlled by an Official Plan and Development Bylaw, passed under the provisions of the PEI Planning Act. This Act also requires that the Official Plan be reviewed on a regular basis, ideally every five years. There have been some delays in starting the Official Plan review, but with the help of funding assistance from the Capacity Building Fund, a comprehensive review is now underway. This funding is made possible through the New Deal for Cities and Communities agreement between the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Circumstances have changed quite significantly since the current Plan and Bylaw were prepared, and it is critical that residents and property owners in the community educate themselves about the issues and provide your input into the review process. This newsletter article is intended to be the start of that process which will extend over the next several months. The review will be addressed at the Annual Meeting; one-on-one consultations will be held with various interest groups; a much more detailed follow-up newsletter will be issued, and finally several public meetings will be held to discuss the issues and to review various drafts of the revised documents.

ISSUES

It is expected that many issues will arise in relation to the long-term development of our community as a result of the various consultations. At the outset, however, there are several key issues that have been identified by the Official Plan Review Committee.

1. **Charlottetown Special Planning Area**

At the time of municipal amalgamation in the Charlottetown Area the Provincial Government chose to impose a "Special Planning Area" encircling the three newly created municipalities of Charlottetown, Cornwall and Stratford, as well as around Summerside. These regulations have severely curtailed development and our ability to control development in our community. Discussions are currently underway to determine the future status of these regulations and the outcome of these negotiations will significantly affect our community's future and the role and effectiveness of our Official Plan.

2. **Servicing**

Those people living in the Sleepy Hollow area will be aware that there have been servicing concerns in relation to well contamination and the failure of septic and other sewage disposal systems. Other properties in the community have experienced problems to a lesser degree. The long term sustainability of our wells and on-site sewage treatment systems and the possible need for localized central systems is an issue which needs immediate attention.

3. **Right to Farm**

In all fringe communities such as ours there are inevitable conflicts between farmers and rural non-farm residents. It is critical that our Official Plan address these potential conflicts in a fair manner that addresses the established rights of the farming community to conduct their business in an unencumbered but responsible manner.

4. **Protection of Water Resources**

In recent years all Canadians have become much more aware of the need to protect groundwater and surface water resources. Control of hazardous land uses, forest management, management of riparian zones and wetland protection are all issues that need to be addressed. The protection of wildlife habitat is a complementary issue, as is the control of deep water wells.

5. **Non-Conforming Land Uses**

Land uses that are in conflict with our current zoning are termed "non-conforming uses". There are many examples in our community. In some cases, these uses represent serious conflicts with their neighbours. In other instances there are no land use conflicts and the activity may have been unreasonably curtailed. A thorough analysis of these land uses needs to be performed and detailed recommendations prepared which appropriately address the future development of these properties.

6. **Zoning**

The current land use zones in our community do not appear to be adequately meeting our needs or producing the most desirable land use patterns. A comprehensive review of these zones is overdue.

These are all significant issues and others will emerge over the next few months. We invite each of you to participate in this consultation process and offer your views, either in person or in writing. It is only with your help that we can produce a Plan that will help us achieve the best future for our community.

So….What Do YOU Think??

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.

DONATIONS FROM COUNCIL

The Community Council was pleased to give a donation in support of Tricia Affleck who represented PEI at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in Calgary in November 2007. If you are representing the area or province in an out-of-province competition, workshop or event, or other worthwhile endeavor, submit a letter to Council requesting support, at least 5 weeks before to the event.

STORM CLOSURE POLICY

The office will generally not be open for regular office hours when either provincial government offices in Charlottetown or the Bluefield family of schools is closed due to weather.

STUDENT SUMMER JOBS

Council will be hiring two students to plan and implement the recreation program at the community park this summer. If you enjoy working and playing with children, submit a letter of application and resume. Check the website or contact the office for more details and deadlines.

CANADA DAY

Reserve Tuesday July 1st for the noon-time Canada Day Celebration and Barbeque at the Community Park at 413 Sleepy Hollow Road. If you have any ideas for activities or games, or would like to help out with the fun, contact the Council Office.

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

CANADA DAY YOUTH AWARD

Council is seeking a youth (18 years or younger) to be nominated for a Canada Day Youth Award. If you, or a young neighbour, exhibits community participation, promotion of Canadian values, or sustainable development initiatives, please contact the office with reasons for nomination, before March 25th. More information can be found at www.celebratecanadapei.ca.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Miltonvale Park Annual Meeting – Tuesday, March 25th, 7:30 p.m. at the Winsloe Lions Hall.

Milton Community Hall Meeting – **Wednesday, March 26th** at the Milton Community Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Community Garden Meeting –**Tuesday, April 1**, 7:00 p.m. at Winsloe Lions Hall.

The North Milton WI is hosting a **fund-raising auction** at 8:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 8th** at the Milton Community Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the neo-natal unit of the QE Hospital. Donations are welcome! Items for sale include a night at the North Winds Motel, baked goods, household items, services....

The Milton Community Hall invites you to attend a **Bean Supper** on **Wednesday April 23** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call Shari for details at 566-2738.

Have 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.

YOU NEED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 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
- 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. A compete fee schedule is posted on the website – but for general construction, fees are $0.10/sq ft (min $25, max $1000, or max $200 for agricultural buildings) and permits for a deck are $15.

RECENT PERMITS ISSUED:

The province is 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. If you have a concern about these permits, or any building in the community, contact Alfie Wakelin at the office – 368-3090 or at develop@miltonvalepark.com.

Permit 2007-15 to Josh Robertson on October 1, 2007 for a storage building at 20 Rustico Rd.

Permit 2007-16 to Colin Rodd/Christie Countie on Nov. 7, 2007 for a Single Family dwelling on the Rustico Road, PID 281770

Permit 2007-17 to Doug Callin for an addition to a single family home on 680 Crabbe Road, Oct. 22/07.

Permit 2007-18 to Darrin/Ralph MacArthur for an accessory building to be used for storage/ private garage at 4 Old Route 2 on 22-Oct-07

Permit 2007-19 to Wheeler Enterprises to construct a Mini-home at 36 Amber Ave. on11-Dec-07

EMERGENCY MEASURES

Visit www.getprepared.ca for more information, and be prepared to look after yourself and your family for 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Remember to replenish your emergency kit after the recent ice storm, if you were without power and had to use items from your kit!

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.

Spring Clean Up

Metal - Monday, May 5
Compost - Monday, May 12
Waste - Monday, May 19

Multiple items (twigs, tent poles) must be bundled and tied. Items must be less than 75 lbs each, and 4 ft or less in length, width & height.

Do not use solid coloured or blue bags.

Keep the categories (metal, compost, waste) separate at the road.

Some items are NEVER collected curbside. The following can be taken FREE of charge to a Waste Watch Drop off Centre: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), appliances containing freon, large household furniture (sofas, mattresses, box springs), large appliances, (stoves, fridges, freezers), tires (off rims). A disposal charge may apply for propane tanks, items from businesses and hobby farms, items that don't meet other guidelines, or construction, demolition, or renovation material.

APM CENTRE

The Community of Miltonvale Park is one of the thirteen communities that owns the APM Centre.

Free Walking Track Hours – All residents of the 13 communities have free use of the walking track on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. until May 31, 2008, sponsored by the Town of Cornwall. For Special Events & General Use – call 628-8513

BUY LOCAL – Support your neighbours. Did you know that the Green Valley Farm Market sells Island meats? Check for other local businesses on www.miltonvalepark.com, and send us information on your business located in the community, for inclusion.

RURAL MAILBOXES

If you are a rural resident who lost Canada Post delivery to your mailbox in the fall, you can have your mailbox re-assessed in the spring, by calling 1-866-501-1669. There may be a better option for you than the community mailboxes… such as moving your mailbox down the road beside your neighbour. Some of the community mailbox sites are being re-evaluated in light of safety concerns brought forward to Canada Post.

How Well Do You Know Miltonvale Park?

Population – 1163 (2006 census)
Area – 35 sq. km or 8691 acres
Number of Farm Operators – 25
Number of Private Dwellings – 459
Population Density – 32.9 people/sq. km
Length of Road in the Community – 33.4 km

HERITAGE BUFFS… The province has contracted the Iris Group to study what is (and isn't!) working in the province, with respect to heritage and culture. The scope of the study includes a broad consideration of cultural and natural heritage, both tangible (such as artifacts, specimens, buildings, heritage sites and archival records); and intangible (such as folklore, oral history and customs). Share your thoughts at http://theirisgroup.ca/category/island-heritage-study/

GOOD NEIGHBOURS IN MILTONVALE PARK!

Pauline Smith wants to say "Thanks!" to the kindhearted person who cleaned out her North Milton driveway **before** 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th, so she had an easy start on her icy drive to work!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Alice Curtis**, who was recognized for **61 years perfect attendance** with the South Milton W.I. by Prov. W.I President Marie Kenny.