

WINTER 2023

THE HEART OF THE HARBOUR

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE NEWSLETTER



Photos by Judy Ash.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of my colleagues on Council and all residents of the historic Town of Harbour Grace, I'm proud to present the new edition of *The Heart of the Harbour*, our seasonal community newsletter.

Since the election in September 2021, Council has worked hard on your behalf to prepare for a bright future. With significant community input, we developed our ten-year strategic plan, *Let Yourself In 2032* (viewable on our new website). This plan is your vision and we will make it a reality together. Getting our financials in order remains priority, as nothing can happen without this critical piece. Some projects already accomplished under the plan include Harvey Street Phase V and upgrading the Aero Tennis clubhouse. Other projects, including waterfront developments and the revitalization of the Heritage District, are on their way to becoming a reality with our valuable government partners, both federal and provincial. We have major new businesses setting up shop in town and, hopefully, more to follow.

Let's keep the positive momentum going. Our doors are always open—Let Yourself In. "It's a great place, our Harbour Grace."

Mayor Don Coombs



TOWN HALL NOTICES

- **We have a brand-new website!** Here you can find community notices, events, resources, business directory and profiles, and the community calendar. Check out the new platform at www.townofharbourgrace.ca.
- **A discount of 4% on 2023 taxes will be offered until Tuesday, Feb. 28.** For the discount to be valid, payment must be received at the Town Hall by 5 p.m. sharp on this date. This deadline includes online banking payments, which may take up to five business days for processing. **The due date for 2023 taxes is Friday, June 30.**
- Make sure to check with the Town Hall prior to doing any work on your property—a **permit** may be required. Our permits can be downloaded online at www.townofharbourgrace.ca or picked up at the Town Hall.
- **Frozen water lines are a frequent problem for residents during the winter months.** We recommend leaving water running slowly if you are concerned about water lines freezing. Frozen water lines are the responsibility of the homeowner, and the Town **will not** dig up water lines during the winter months.
- For everyone's safety on our roads, please **stay back 50 meters from Public Works heavy equipment this winter season.** Avoid street parking during heavy snowfalls as snow clearing equipment require safe access.
- The Eastern Regional Service Board's **Waste Recovery Facility** is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 - 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Join our community email list and keep up to date!** Email thg@nf.sympatico.ca with the subject header "Request to Join Community Email" and you'll be added to the list.
- **Why Litter?** Make sure to clean up your properties and take pride in our community this winter season!
- We encourage all residents to attach **civic numbers** to their properties, which help emergency services locate your home.



YOUR COMMUNITY

- **The Harbour Grace Civic Events Committee is looking for new members!** If you are interested in joining the committee, there will be an **information session at the Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.** If you can't make this meeting, you can fill out an application form at the Town Hall.
- The Harbour Grace Board of Culture, Innovation and Business Inc is always **interested in volunteer help.** Although the Board presently has a full slate of directors, upcoming special projects will require help from the community. If you're interested in learning more about how you can get involved, contact hgcb2020@outlook.com.
- The Board is also planning to revive the annual **Pirates to Pilots Festival**, from July 23 - 30. Are you a community group, business, or resident interested in getting involved or hosting an event? If so, contact Jane Lynch, Dianne Lee, or Matthew McCarthy at hgcb2020@outlook.com or 596-3631 ext. 4.
- The S.W. Moores Memorial Park Committee is accepting orders for **engraved stones** to be placed at the Park. Order forms are available at the Town Hall.
- The Conception Bay Museum is working on a **brand-new virtual exhibit** with Digital Museums Canada, titled **"Alone Among the Stars: Aviation in Harbour Grace, 1919 - present."** Look for this virtual exhibit to be released in late fall 2023.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

- **Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., the Earhart 50+ Club's Happy Feet walking group meet at the Community Centre** for their weekly walk on the indoor track. Please wear appropriate indoor footwear. All welcome!
- **Free skate at the Community Centre** on Feb. 19, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., presented by the Town of Carbonear.
- On Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m., Brenda Hunt-Stevenson & the Earhart 50+ Club will host a **"Long Harry Wake Up Call" painting class.** Bring home your own original piece of art! Registration is \$10. Space is limited. RSVP to brenadahuntstevenson@gmail.com by Feb. 17. Brenda will be in touch to confirm your registration.
- On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m., Communities Against Violence & the Earhart 50+ Club will be hosting a **Lunch and Learn session on online scams and safety at the Community Centre.** To register, email cavoutreach@outlook.com.
- **Free swim at the Carbonear Pool** on Mar. 3, from 7 - 8 p.m., presented by the Town of Harbour Grace.
- The **Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade's Annual Steak & Eggs Breakfast** will take place on Mar. 18, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Eat-in or takeout. Tickets are \$20 and available from any member of the Brigade.
- The **Splash Centre's Winterfest** will be held from Mar. 20 - 26. Check their Facebook page for all the upcoming details (@thesplashcentre) or email splashcentre@live.ca.
- The next **Baccalieu Trail Thriving Regions Community Check-In with the CBDC and MUNL's Harris Centre** will be happening at our Community Centre on Mar. 28 at 4:30 p.m. Drop by and join the conversation about how we can better collaborate as a region!
- **Our new website features a great interactive community calendar.** Have a community event happening that you wish to promote? Contact the Town Hall and we'll make it happen!



COMMUNITY CENTRE

- **Public Skate:** Sundays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person.
- **Parents & Tots Skate:** Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Admission: \$3 per person
- **Adult Skate:** Monday - Friday, 12 - 1 p.m. Admission: \$3 per person.
- The **HGOE CeeBee Stars' schedule** can be found on Facebook and Twitter (@CeeBeeStars) or on the Avalon East Senior Hockey League (AESHL) website.
- **Indoor Walking Track Schedule:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- The **Multipurpose Room** is a great place to host your next party, work retreat, or conference! The room is open for bookings for \$30/hr. Contact Sharon Reynolds, Facility Manager, at 596-6201 for further details.
- **Business rental space is available** on the first and second floors of the facility. Contact Sharon at 596-6201 for further details or to arrange a viewing.

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