

# 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 spring edition of *The Heart of the Harbour*, our seasonal community newsletter.

Rest assured, Council continues to work hard on your behalf, as we seek to bring Harbour Grace forward with the vision presented in our strategic plan. We continue to cultivate beneficial partnerships for our Town, as we look to create a viable community for generations to come. Opportunities have come forward which Council will develop for you. In the coming months, **Otterbury Schoolhouse** will undergo significant renovations to create a community space that'll greatly benefit our seniors. Thanks to the Chafe family for helping save this Municipal Heritage Site in 2010—a fine example of the work we can accomplish when we pull together. Our new **conservation areas** will provide some interesting opportunities for citizen engagement with our environmental partners. We look forward to our **Sports Hall of Fame Museum and volunteer awards** event on May 18, which will recognize contributions from our citizens. Thanks to all involved. If you are interested in volunteering with a committee, don't hesitate to contact the Town Hall for more information.

Our doors are always open—let's keep the positive momentum going!

Mayor Don Coombs



## TOWN HALL NOTICES

- The **due date for 2023 municipal taxes** is Friday, June 30. Interest will be applied to accounts after this date. This deadline includes online banking payments, which may take up to five business days for processing.
- For those who have not made arrangements with the Town Hall, **water shutoffs** are scheduled for accounts in arrears of previous years' taxes. We strongly encourage those in arrears to contact the Town Hall to make arrangements regarding payments past due.
- **Building season is upon us!** 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](http://www.townofharbourgrace.ca) or picked up at the Town Hall.
- There are several **Public Works projects starting this spring**. The LeMarchant Street Outfall Relocation project will require a temporary road closure for sections of Water Street. The final work on Harvey Street Phase V (sidewalk, curb, gutter, and paving) will be completed this spring. Check our website for notices on disruptions related to these two projects.
- **Ten-digit dialing** is now in effect in the province. Please be aware of this change when dialing the Town Hall or emergency numbers.
- **Hydrant flushing** will start in early May. Residents may experience discoloured water as a result. Check the Town's website and social media for the schedule in your area.
- **Cleanup from winter maintenance**, including sidewalk clearing, will start in early May.
- **Home is Harbour Grace—so Why Litter?** Take advantage of the warmer weather and clean up your property this spring season.
- Please remember that **household garbage** must be curbside by 5:30 a.m. for pickup.
- Council and staff have switched to a **new email server**. Please check our website for new contact details.





- **Did you know?** If you're selling your home, it's the responsibility of your lawyer to notify the municipality of any change regarding property ownership.

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

- **Earhart's 50+ Club Happy Feet walkers are back outside!** The group will meet **every Wednesday at 10 a.m. throughout May.** Check the online community calendar for location details on each walk. All welcome!
- On Thursday, May 11, the Earhart's 50+ Club will be hosting a **Gardening Session with Wendy Wagner.** \$5 admission fee. Email lona09@outlook.com to register. 2 p.m. start.
- On Saturday, May 13, the Town will be hosting an **estuary beach cleanup** at the start of Southside Rd. Meet at the first set of adirondack chairs at 10 a.m. All materials provided.
- On Thursday, May 25, Earhart's 50+ Club will host their **monthly Line Dancing Night** in the Community Centre's Multipurpose Room. 8:15 p.m. start.
- On Thursday, June 1, the Town and Birds Canada will host an **info session on citizen science and shoreline bird surveys** at Otterbury Schoolhouse. Guided bird walk at the estuary to follow. 6 p.m. start.
- The Town will host a **community cleanup** on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to drop by the Town Hall on June 3 to be provided with cleanup materials. Remember that you can dispose of your bulk garbage during regularly scheduled household garbage days.
- On Saturday June 3, the Civic Events Committee will host a **'Kettle's On' community lunch** at the HGVFB Social Building from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- The Eastern Regional Service Board will host a **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off** at the Carbonear Civic Centre on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- After some needed exterior renovations, the **Conception Bay Museum** is set for a June reopening. Check out their social media and website, conceptionbaymuseum.com, for full visitation details!

## YOUR COMMUNITY

- We've recently **added three habitat conservation areas** in our community: the Harbour Grace Estuary, Pirate's Path Coastal Area, and Bannerman Lake. Look out for some new interpretation and how to get involved with our environmental partners in the coming months.
- The **S.W. Moores Memorial Park Committee** are looking for some volunteer help! Contact Maureen at maureenrob@eastlink.ca for further information.
- The Harbour Grace Board of Culture will be bringing back the **Pirates to Pilots Festival** this summer from July 21-30, 2023. Check the Town's website and social media for a full event schedule in the coming weeks. Interested in volunteering to help with an event? Contact hgcib2020@outlook.com for more information.
- Our latest **'Business of the Week' profile is Belle View Manor Inn!** Read the full profile and Q&A on our website under 'Business of the Week.'
- Look out for some **renovations at Otterbury Schoolhouse**, Municipal Heritage Site, as part of our New Horizons for Seniors program. We'll be adding an accessible exterior washroom as part of this building's transformation into a seniors-focused multipurpose space.
- The Town is now **accepting summer job applications** for various departments. Check our website under 'Employment Opportunities' for further information. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 12.



- On Saturday, July 1, the Harbour Grace Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 15 will host a **Memorial Day Parade** starting at Taylor's Marine & Recreation.
- On Saturday, July 1, the Civic Events Committee will host **Canada Day Celebrations at St. Francis Field** from 1 - 3 p.m. Games, hot dogs and fun for everyone! Decorate your bicycles and play strollers!
- On Saturday, July 1, **Canada Day Fireworks Celebration** will take place at dark on Point of Beach.
- **Community Garden registration** begins on Monday, May 8, at 10 a.m. Email hrgracecommunitygarden@gmail.com to reserve your raised bed. Registration fee for 2023 is \$10 per box. If you wish to have the same bed as last year, we'll do our best to accommodate.
- **Community Centre Indoor Walking Track Schedule:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Did you know?** May 20, 2023, marks **110 years since the SS Kyle arrived in Newfoundland** from England on her maiden voyage. It's also 91 years since Amelia Earhart's solo transatlantic flight from Harbour Grace.



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