

The Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter

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Avalon East District - Bell Island Detachment
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Please note that this would normally be the April, 2005 edition of our newsletter. A reader suggested we change the date to reflect the month the newsletter is distributed and we agree!

From the Corporal's Desk

Drugs are not really the issue!

In today's society despite all the media hype and discussion, drugs are not the real problem. Sometimes we don't see this fact clearly!. Drug usage is often singled out as an issue in itself when in reality the bigger problem fuelling the drug usage is ignored. This is the same as claiming loudly that you have no money for food when you just spent it all in the

gambling machines. The root cause should be the focus here not the result.

Then in another bout of wisdom we start blaming all the drug dealers for the state of our youth when in reality they wouldn't exist without people begging them for the product. Don't get me wrong here I am not defending the lazy blood sucking bottom dwellers who sell drugs I am merely pointing out that if there was no demand there would be no supply. We are great to jump to lay blame but terrible at working out and seeing what is really going on.

So what do we do. Well first off we need to start taking responsibility for the state of today's youth. Yes we made them, we taught them, we ignored them, we didn't discipline them, we encouraged them to be brought up on TV and videos and movies with no morals and then we

complained about them being lazy. We got them to believe it was the teacher's fault, the government's fault, the police's fault, the estranged parent's fault.....and when we started noticing them drinking or smoking tobacco or cannabis, we blamed again.....everyone but ourselves because it is easier then accepting the fact that we failed. Shame! Well that's not good enough anymore!

If we want a safe and secure home and community we cannot allow ourselves to ignore our youth. We cannot believe for a minute that kids who see stealing and sauciness will not soon feel these things are normal. You learn what you live syndrome. If we want to be a community we have got to act like one. How often have we heard we don't see anyone around Christmas anymore? Or how there is

no one visits for no reason like they used to? People can't visit if they are stuck in their computers or stuck to a TV. We are building a group of houses where everyone lives in their own little communities rather than building larger communities. How many volunteer to some group in the community? How many kids see their parents volunteer for anything? You don't just get good kids....you have to build them.

Drugs and the drug world are really created by loneliness, sadness and despair. These things are learned from others. From those close to us. What are you teaching your kids? In reality no one can be surprised when their kids are found using drugs. It has been something coming for a long time before. The term family is the most important term in our existence. Re-visit it, study it but don't blame others. You did it. Drugs are not going away but your child's need for them will....if you don't open your eyes.

**Submitted by: E.B. MERRILL, Cpl.
Bell Island RCMPolice**

I Had a Life Time Ahead of Me.....

I had a life time ahead of me, a life time of dreams.

I wanted to graduate and party with all my good friends, I wanted to grow old.

I had so many years left of four wheeling with my Dad, brother, little sister and all my friends.

I had so much to do with my brother and sister.

I looked forward to camping and hunting trips with my brother.

I wanted to be there to help him with any problems that would arise.

I wanted to stand up for my brother at his wedding and him at mine. The brotherly advice we would have shared with each other as we got older and wiser.

I had years to watch over my little sister, making sure no boy or man ever harmed her or broke her heart. There were many

brother/sister fights and many hugs and "I'm sorry" to follow. I will not see my sister walk down the aisle on her wedding day. I will not be there to wish her well.

There were many more days I could have spent with my Mamma, listening to her stories, raiding her refrigerator, hugging her and gently kissing her cheek.

I will not get the chance to take my Mamma for her groceries as I so often talked about as one of the things I would do when I got my driver's license.

No more will I cut her grass, change her light bulbs or help her with things around the house.

No more are the dreams of having a small repair shop with my Dad and brother.

No more hunting or fishing trips with them, there were many but still so very few.

No more are the days of walking through the school halls talking to my friends and making plans for the week-ends.

No more excitement to get to school because I knew I would have my music class with Mr. "A". Man, what a great guy!

I loved my drumming. I loved being in a band with my lifetime friends, Brando, Brady, Tom; we were "The Broken Angels".

It's hard to believe I will never play music again.

It's hard to believe there is so much to the name of the band, how ironic.

No more camping trips with all my friends in the summer, the kids I grew up with since kindergarten. Wow, we had good times.

How many times I have driven up and down the dirt road near my house to go down to the Taylor's. Four-wheeling in the pit with Calvin countless times, yet still so many more rides to share.

I will never get the chance to tell all my friends and their families how much they meant to me or thank them for welcoming me into their homes like I was one of their own.

There are the countless days my Mom and I would have together talking, laughing and sharing many special moments. She won't get to hold me or comfort me over heartaches or life's harsh lessons. Nor will I get the chance to do the same for her now.

My Mom and I had a special bond; a bond that we thought could never be broken. I will miss the drives together because that is when I opened up the most to my Mom. She was always willing to listen, no matter what the conversation, whether it be music, friends, girls, parties or my dreams and ambitions. She always listened.

I don't get to celebrate holidays with my family or friends anymore.

I will not have the chance to have children of my own and see the joy in my parents' eyes.

I will not get the chance to care for my aging parents and give them the love and care they gave me. There were many things my Dad still had to teach me. We had big plans for

restoring my truck and getting it ready for the road.

No more will I get the chance to hear my Dad's stories of being a teenager while working on the truck or my dirt bike.

My Dad and I still had so much to do together.

My Dad was more than just a Dad, he was my friend.

I wish I could ease the pain of my family and of Allen, Brandon and Robert but I cannot.

I cannot do any of these things because "I am Dead"

**Killed by a
Drunk Driver!!!**

**Andrew Trudeau - Aug
05/88 - Oct 05/03**

Please call your local police if you see a DRUNK DRIVER!!!!!!

**Written by Ray and Gina
Trudeau - Andrew's
parents - Published in
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***Bell Island Minor
Hockey***

As Easter approaches quickly each year, Minor Hockey players prepare for a tournament throughout the province.

This year the Bantam players were very lucky to be able to host their tournament in their own community on Bell Island, and what a show these (Bantam) boys put on, as the "Home Team."

They worked together and with tremendous effort these boys won the Silver Medal. With true sportsmanship they played, right to the end and with a two - nothing (2-0) loss. It goes to show....what a game it really was!

There was so much support and excitement for the Bantam Team. They played their very best, and as coaches, parents, and fans - who were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to watch the game, would strongly agree that the Bell

Island Bantam Players are truly #1.

My sincere congratulations goes out to "all" the Bantam Players who are:

Justin Hunt, Brandon Brown, Shaun Butt, Evan Kent, Brian Hurley, David Hurley, Corey Rees, Patrick Brazil, Heather Benoit, Thomas Whittle, Matthew Camp, Kyle Hall, Ryan Roule, Jeff Pretty, and Matthew Kelloway.

"YOUR SIMPLY THE BEST"....WAY TO GO!

There are also other Bell Island Minor Hockey Players that were quite busy during the Easter Holidays, and we would like to take a moment to congratulate them for their wonderful accomplishments, as well.

Congratulations to the Pee Wee Players - they won the Bronze Medal at the Easter Tournament held in Lewisporte.

The Pee Wee Players are as follows:

Jordon Murphy, Zachery Mitchell, Justin Smith, Jamie Kelloway, Matt Rees, Paul Murphy, Louis

Carbage, Brandon Lewis, Rodney Curnew, Coady Penney, Craig Saunders, Kyle Neil, Alex White, Andrew Spurrell, Brandon Fallow, Cody McTavish and James Butt.

Congratulations to the Atom Players - they won the Silver Medal at the Easter Tournament held in Trepassey.

The Atom Players are as follows:

Colin Taylor, Darren Hunt, Reilly Mitchell, Bradley Butler, Stephen Brown, Shawn Carroll, Maddison Hallingham, Brandon Hynes, Coady Greeley, Nicholas Bickford, Brandon Alyward, Brandon Lewis, Mark O'Keefe.

Congratulations to the Tim Bits - they won the Gold Medal at the Tournament held in C.B.R. (Keligrews)

The Tim Bits Players are as follows:

Maddison Bursey, Logan Hurley, Cameron Clarke, Kiana Clarke, Gregory Coates, Kyle Nolan, Cody Besso, Jordan Pitts, Jared Brazil, Bradley Gosine,

Cameron Warren, and Logan Carbage.

Way to go Bell Island ...What a super job!!!

The Bell Island Minor Hockey Executive would also like to send a great BIG Thank-You to all the businesses who supported our Easter Tournament Booklet, our arena staff, referees, linesmen, time keepers, players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and any others who helped in any way to make this 2004-2005 Hockey Season a great success.

.....and also to Bill Ford, the arena Manager who is retiring this year....we're gonna to miss you Billy! XOXO

Submitted by: Connie Kelloway

Weight Watcher's

The Weight Watcher's Community Program is here on Bell Island!

Want to shed those extra pounds? Interested in

joining Weight Watcher's? Please call me for further information about joining:

Marilyn Shea
After 5:30 p.m. 488-2846

Bell Island Ferry Users Committee

Minutes of Public Meeting

Annual meeting and election of officers
April 11, 2005

MEETING CONVENED:

The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm.

Quorum present:
A quorum of current executive members were present including:

Chair:
David Brazil-

Treasurer:
Keith Kent

Vice Chair:
Mayor Gary Gosine

Secretary:
Dr. Alexa Laurie

Member:
Cpl. Boyd Merrill

Member:
Tony Power

Consultant:
Ed Kent

MHA-Minister's Office:
Myrle Vokey

Election co-coordinator:
Peter Kent

General Public attendees:
Approximately 12 others attended as well.

1. Agenda

The agenda was tabled and Chairperson Brazil opened the Meeting.

2. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson David Brazil presented an overview of the many meetings, discussions, correspondence, petitions in 2004-2005. The Committee had to deal with the stress of a one month ferry strike and a 2004 Budget which had targeted Bell Island's schedule, rates and quality of service and yielded disappointment and dismay.

Having survived the strike, the Committee was not able to have the ferry rate commitment not to increase rates honoured.

We were troubled that Bell Island had been singled out as the only service of 16 services to be targeted to have service and schedule cuts. The Chairperson was happy to report that after a monumental effort and the support of our MHA that the reductions in service were abandoned and full funding for the 2-vessel service restored in Budget 2005.

Regrettably the hoped for replacement of the Hamilton Sound was not achieved and the Government committed only \$500,000 for further ferry vessel studies in 2005. Despite having had sections of our docks condemned, only \$1,000,000 was allocated in Budget 2005 for dock repairs for 32 ferry docks in the Province- a sad state of affairs. On a minor but happy note the electronic signs were finally activated.

The Committee presented an extensive Pre-Budget

brief to the Minister of Finance on ferry service initiatives, which included opposition to any moves that might be under consideration towards privatization.

GOALS FOR 2005

The Chairperson set out targeted goals for 2005:

FERRY RATES: Seek as a minimum, a rate freeze for 2006 and a fair application of rate rounding with the aim to have rates rolled back as promised to the equivalent cost of road travel.

FERRY STRIKES: Secure a commitment to have ferry strikes outlawed and replaced with binding arbitration.

NEW VESSELS: To renew the struggle to have vessel replacement start in 2005 using lease financing if necessary to have the unsafe and inadequate fleet upgraded.

DOCK SAFETY AND REHABILITATION: To secure funding to rehabilitate and make safe our ferry docks

MANDATORY ADVANCE TICKET: To secure approval to introduce a mandatory commuter advance purchase ticket

EXTRA SERVICE FOR COME HOME YEAR: To ensure an extra level of ferry service to support the 2005 Come Home Year.

2005 ROADS ALLOCATION TO BE SOUGHT TO WIDEN ROAD IN COVE FERRY LINE-UP AREA AND ADDRESS SAFETY:

3. Mandatory Commuter Ticket

The benefits of having an advanced mandatory ticket for commuters, including the speeding up of the ferry boarding were promoted. It was felt the use of the ticket should be expanded through the use of an education program. (Perhaps as well the electronic sign system could be of assistance in getting the message out.)

It was felt that the Transportation Department should revisit the advance ticket and promote its use

as an efficiency measure and cost saving measure. Revenues were being lost and the service was being slowed.

Continuing support was offered to the use of the advance ticket made mandatory which could be a condition of access to the lower rate not unlike a Metro Bus Pass where the discounted rate is not available for single use purchase.

Lower pricing is available industry wide in transportation sector for those who buy tickets in advance or in bulk or as a benefit or incentive to seniors, handicapped or unemployed people. The ferry service should be no different for commuter rates.

Those who do not purchase in advance the discounted commuter ticket should have to pay the regular single rate and there should be no single rate for commuter, just the discounted bulk purchase rate.

It was agreed that the Committee would actively

pursue the re-implementation of the advanced ticket

4. Commuter rules distribution and finalizing management rules:

As was the position at the February meeting it was agreed that the commuter rules should be posted on the Bell Island web site and copies be appended to the next issue of the Community newsletter.

It was noted that the Committee was working with Manager Hammett on a set of management guidelines to support the rules governing ferry line-ups and access and to address several oddities etc that had recently emerged.

It was suggested that the Manager be asked to move the completion forward as a priority.

5. Treasurer's report tabled and approved.

Treasurer Keith Kent tabled the 2004 /2005 report which showed expenditures of \$378.00 and a balance carried forward of \$2,008.00.

6. Vessel availability and refits for 2005

Manager Hammett has reported that the Transportation Department is still proceeding with plans for the Flanders and Beaumont Hamel to be refitted in the Fall, after the peak Come Home Year celebrations. The Fogo Ferry refit is to be deferred until the Fall ensuring that the Beaumont Hamel would not be withdrawn and deployed to Fogo Island.

7. No ferry strike legislation

Renewed efforts were approved to be taken to have ferry service declared strike free, ensuring no repeats of the 2004 travesty caused by the 2004 Marine Workers Strike that hijacked Bell Island's economy and users. The union would be provided with binding arbitration. Government has just sought the same arrangement from the Federal Government for the Marine Atlantic service.

**8. Come Home Year:
Extra service needs**

Mr. Vokey conveyed the view he received from Transportation officials of their full support for the month long Come Home Year celebrations by providing the best service possible.

The Come Home Year Committee was to be encouraged to get their schedule finished and events likely needing extra service to be identified so that advanced planning could occur to support the event with adequate ferry service.

It was suggested that the vessels should be scheduled on LOAD AND GO SERVICE as just one improvement thus allowing for several more daily trips. Assignment of a shore based ticket seller in the Cove terminal would be an asset and as needed the evening schedule of the Flanders could be extended on an as needed basis. It was recognized that several major evening events requiring late night vessels would necessitate sacrificing some of the early

morning commuter trips. A proposal would be forthcoming.

**9. Fuelling of the ferries
measure:**

It was noted that the fuelling of the ferries on Bell Island was disrupting the ferry capacity and schedule. Even more so it was costing the Government a reported extra 6 cents a litre for the fuel truck to travel to Bell Island.

It was recommended that the Beaumont Hamel should be scheduled for fuel-ups in the Cove following the completion of the 8:20 am trip each weekday morning from Bell Island. It was also recommended that the Flanders should be fuelled at noontime in the Cove.

**10. MHA Minister's
Office Report**

Mr. Myrle Vokey brought the Minister's regrets that she was unable to be in attendance.

He noted that there had been frequent communication with the

Committee and the Minister's Office given all the turmoil in 2004.

The strike had been very disruptive.

We were advised that while the small allocation of \$1,000,000 for dock repairs was minimal given the many needs, there was active engineering work ongoing and hope that Bell Island would be given a significant portion to start to address the dock safety and rehabilitation.

(Those in attendance expressed grave concern that the sums allocated were grossly inadequate and that safety issues had to be addressed).

Mr. Vokey reported that achieving full funding approval to support the current schedule was a major effort and accomplishment. He advised that there had been consideration of cutting out a vessel altogether. (Those in attendance while appreciative of the result expressed their frustration that Government bureaucrats in particular were singling out Bell Island as the only service

of 16 that was being served up for cuts and that this should not be acceptable to the Minister)

He reported that the Minister would continue to lobby to secure rate relief and in the end honouring of commitments in the Blue Book to lower rates to the equivalent cost of road travel. Notwithstanding the outcome, he reported a commitment from the Transportation Department that at the end of the 4 years of planned increases, the overall increase would not exceed the original 25% approved by Cabinet.

It was noted that the Minister was disappointed that the new ferry construction program did not get a full green light in the Budget but was optimistic that the construction program would soon become a reality. (Those in attendance expressed continuing frustration noting that there was a desperate need and that even if approval came now it would be 2007 before the first vessel could be completed. It was observed that the 3 swing vessels had not been

available to any service in the past 6 months and that if another vessel went out of service one or more communities and their economies would be in chaos. It was suggested that the vessel construction program be revisited with a goal to start construction in 2005.)

Mr. Vokey expressed the position and view of the Minister's Office that Bell Island had a viable economic future and that the foundation to growing the economy and sustaining jobs was to build on the foundation of an efficient and affordable ferry service. (Over 450 working commuters rely on the service).

Mr. Vokey noted that the Minister was working towards a plan to improve the amenities offered in the terminal buildings to make the rooms and services more acceptable and attractive for the travelling public.

11. Miscellaneous rate matters.

a. A view was put forward that the rates for seniors

should be set at 55 years and that the discount should be consistent Province wide at 50%.

b. A request was put forward that a case be made, as exists in other Provincial services, for regular frequent users to be allowed to purchase frequent user books of tickets at discount rates.

c. It was generally agreed that rates should be based on the equivalent cost of road travel (35 to 50 cents a kilometre) and that the 2003 Blue Book Commitment to lower rates to that level be phased in as promised over 5 years. For example the current cost of a family of 4 to travel the short 5 km trip to Bell Island is \$14.50 or \$1.45 a kilometre and is restrictive especially to the many on low incomes.

12. Election of Officers:

Town Manager Peter Kent assumed the chairperson's position and commenced the process of overseeing the election of officers.

Following appropriate rules of order, calls were

made for nominations for the respective officer and member positions leading towards the filling of all available posts.

The new executive of the Bell Island Ferry Users Committee for 2005-2006 are:

Committee Members:
(Name: Position)

David Brazil: Chairperson

Mayor Gary Gosine: Vice chairperson

Ed Kent: Consultant

Dr. Laurie: Secretary-Town Rep)

Keith Kent: Treasurer

Corp. Boyd Merrill: Member

Tony Power: Member

Donna Kubik: Member (student rep)

13. Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Submitted by: Ed Kent

News from the Town of Wabana

WOOD CUTTING -
Council wishes to advise residents that the cutting of wood is not permitted, especially at the West Dam, No. 5 Area, and Scotia Pier area of town. The amount of wood cut this past winter should be a major concern to everyone. We need the wood to remain in order to preserve our water supply. Requests have been made to the Dept. of Forestry to have their officials make periodic checks on our island and charge the persons responsible for the destruction to our woods.

CLEAN-UP - The month of May will be the time for residents to clean up their properties. Please make a special effort this year (Come Home Year) to dress up, paint up and make your properties look more pleasant and clean for all our visitors and tourists. Car wrecks on your properties have to be removed. They are an eyesore and are not permitted. Some unknown persons are dumping garbage around the back roads around town, if you see anyone engaged in this

illegal activity, please report it immediately to the RCMP.

COME HOME YEAR -
The Come Home Year Committee have held many meetings and more groups and individuals are now getting involved. A calendar of events will be posted early in May. The next meeting for the Come Home Year Committee will be held at the Wabana Complex at 7:30pm, May 2, 2005. Please contact the council office if you have an event that you wish included on the calendar of events.

FERRY USER COMMITTEE-Council thanks the members of the Ferry Users Committee for accepting for another year a position on this committee. Also best wishes to a new member, Donna Kubic, to the committee. The ferry service is our lifeline to all aspects of our daily living, everything on our island depends on the ferry service. The Ferry Users Committee deserve all the support and encouragement you can offer to them in their

efforts for improvements to the ferry service.

Submitted by Diane Butler

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Parish

Dear Friends:

We are all waiting anxiously for the warmth of the summer months to arrive and to begin the many tasks of the regular summer work around our property.

The summer months for our town are to be very exciting and busy with the Homecoming celebrations and other events. For our parish, we will be busy beautifying our church and cemetery property and to anticipate the wonderful events of our annual dinner theatre and cemetery masses. This year our Dinner Theatre will honour and remember the musical memories of the late Harry Hibbs and Ray Mclean. It is our hope that we can celebrate their achievement and to remember our own. Further information concerning the ticket purchase will be

available during the month of June. The date for the theatre will be: **Saturday, July 23rd** at the parish hall.

The dates for our cemetery masses will be: **Sunday, July 24th at 2 : 30 p.m.** for the Front and **Sunday, August 7th at 2:30 p.m.** for the cemetery in Lance Cove. All are encouraged to attend.

We have completed our parish census and we have 1720 parishioners that are registered. When the census was recorded, we recorded all members within each household. For example, if there was one Roman Catholic (married or other) to a person of another faith, we did record all members of the household in our census. Therefore, we estimate there are approximately 1600 Roman Catholics in our parish census. I sincerely thank all who assisted in this work and the many who were generous in participating in the census.

During the weekend of May 7th and 8th, we will celebrate Mother's Day. I invite all Moms to attend church and during the

liturgy we will present a "Life" pin to all as a sign of respect for Mother's. Also, I will read the well know book: "I Love You Forever" as a reflection of how loving and precious our Moms are.

I encourage all parishioners to make a special effort during the coming months to visit the resting places of your loved ones in our cemeteries and begin the task of cleaning up the property. It is the policy of our parish that no fences be erected around any grave site in the future. If any fence is in poor condition, we ask you to remove it or else we will notify you about the matter and we will have it removed. We have no animals roaming on the Island and therefore it is not necessary to have fences .

I wish you and your family the blessings of the summer months and I look forward to celebrating the many events of the Homecoming .

**God Bless
Father Wayne**

Wabana Boys and Girls Club "Every Kid Has Potential"

The winter programs are winding down with all the play offs and finals starting in early May. I know with the weather getting nicer and the evening getting longer, that the members tend to stay outside rather than come inside for their games, so we ask that you the parents, encourage your children to attend their games. Without the members showing for their games, we cannot complete the season.

On **Sunday May 29th at 2:30 p.m.**, we will be having our 49th annual awards day. This is a very important day for the members of our club. It is the day that we acknowledge the achievements of our young people for the year 2004. There will be over 300 awards presented to our members on this day. The members that will be receiving awards will be called in advance. We ask the people of our community, especially the parents of our members to

give 2 hours of your time and come out on this day and applaud the youth for what they have accomplished in 2004.

Congratulations to the Boy & Girl of the month for February: **Mikey Lahey & Amanda Arnold** and the Boy & Girl of the month for March: **Robert Carbage & Nicole Rees**. These four individuals have helped our younger members with different programs the past couple months. Thank you and keep up the good work.

On the weekend of April 15-17 the Volunteer Firemen in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club held their annual Floor Hockey Tournament. This year we had 9 teams in the tournament, the most teams in 6 years. We thank the members of our volunteer fire department for taking the time and helping with this tournament. Also, thanks to the people who took the time to put together a team for this worth while cause. It was a great tournament again this year, with Dick's Dirt Devils recapturing the title from the Greeners by beating them 9-5 in the

championship game. Thanks to our referees who volunteered their time for the weekend, especially Paul Neary and Todd Tobin. You took a lot of work off our shoulders. Members of the winning team are: Chris Durdle, Craig Kent, Jeff Pendergast, Gavin McCarthy, Frankie Jones, Geoff Ash, Allan Noseworthy, Gregory Kent, Craig Mercer, and Ricky Ash. We also gave out some individual awards for most sportsmanship to Craig Mercer, Jason Mercer, John Houlihin, David Brown, Josh Rees, Scott Clarke, Paul Lewis, Kevin Power, and Hayward Boone. Chris Durdle and Jeff Pendergast were co-winners of two prestigious awards that are awarded each year, it's not for MVP, ask them what it was for.

Events to remember for our 50th Anniversary:

Friday July 22nd @ 7:00pm--- Meet and greet at the club, opening ceremonies, fireworks, and refreshments. (Firemen Street Dance to follow)

Saturday July 23rd ----
Larry Dunn Memorial Softball Tournament in aid Boys & Girls Club, sponsored by Mens Slowpitch League. Adult dance at the Arena.

Sunday July 24th ---- Bell Island Garden Party at the Sports Field, Softball Playoffs for Larry Dunn Memorial tournament, and Town Barn Dance at the Arena.

Monday July 25th ----
9:00am: Mini Olympics at the Sports Field, prizes and lunch provided.

7:00pm – 8:30pm: Kiddies Dance at the club for 5-12 years of age (games, refreshments, & prizes free).

9:00pm – Midnight: Teen Dance at the club for ages 13-18, free.

Tuesday July 26th ----
Club Family Cookout starting at 10:00am at the Sports Field. The cost is 50 cents for 2 hotdogs, 1 snack, and a drink.

Wednesday July 27th ----
starting at **10:00am**, there will a family bike & hike, it

will start at the club, stop at the town hall, and end at the club. Prizes and refreshments will be given out. There will be a Jr. Blues dance at the Arena the same night starting at **10:00pm**.

Thursday July 28th ----
Kids Softball & Soccer skills competitions, starting at **10:00am**. Prizes and refreshments will be given out.

Club family BBQ starting at **4:00pm and ending at 7:00pm**. There will be Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and drinks and live entertainment. There will a Big Bingo at the club starting at **8:30pm**, the \$1000.00 will be split.

Friday July 29th ----
Breakfast at the club, starting at **9:00am** – cost will be \$3.00 for adults & \$2.00 for children. Gala Banquet, starting at **8:00pm** at St. Michael's School. This will be a formal event. The tickets will be \$30.00 single and music will be provided by BILLY and the BRUSERS. There will only be 400 tickets printed, and they will go on sale **May 1st** and they can be picked up

at the club. Only 4 tickets per person, no holding tickets.

Saturday July 30th ---
Sports Day events conclude on the Sports Field. Sports Hall of Fame Banquet at St. Michael's School.

Sunday July 31st --- Boys & Girls Club Garden Party, starting at **2:00pm** on the sports field. Call the club to register your booths. **CLOSING CEREMONIES** to follow.

As you can see from the dates above there will be many activities for everyone to help celebrate the 50 years that the Boys & Girls Club served the youth of Bell Island. Starting in May we will have tickets out for our annual summer ticket draw. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The first prize is \$1,000.00 and the second prize is \$500.00. If you are interested in purchasing or selling some tickets please call the club at 488-3801 or 2288.

Submitted by: Joe Somerton

***AN INVITATION TO
BELL ISLANDERS
AT HOME AND
ABROAD TO BE
PART OF THE
REVITALIZATION
OF YOUR CO-OP
AND YOUR
COMMUNITY!***

The Bell Island Community Development Cooperative (The Co-op) is pleased to announce the expansion of both its membership and loan capital programs to coincide with Bell Island's "Come Home Year" planned for the summer of 2005 and a celebration of our co-op's 25th anniversary! All current members will be contacted in the coming weeks as we work on updating our membership lists.

The Co-op was formed at a public meeting in December of 1984 and subsequently incorporated on January 21, 1985. Initially its major business thrust was the "Rolling Pin Bakery". This was followed by the "Seniors Complex". Both businesses were conceived and developed by your co-op working to light a spark of hope and

development in our community following the loss of the mines and our economic base. Both the bakery and the senior's complex operate and provide employment and services to our citizens. Both enterprises stand as a testament to the employees, and the volunteers who have given so much of their time over the years to first, complete these two businesses, then to reach the operating stage, and over the years to keep them both strong and competitive despite some very difficult times when our volunteer Board and employees had to be extremely creative to keep our bakery open! I'm sure that Pat Rose, Carol Bennett, Marie Cummings and others could write a book on how to keep a small business operating in a community such as ours! Today our bakery has a strong customer base and two of the finest staff producing excellent product and keeping our "Rolling Pin Bakery" a proud part of the business community of Bell Island.

The Co-op now has a dedicated new Board of Directors and in one of our

first acts as a Board, we have decided that the time is right to revitalize YOUR co-op, to increase our membership base and to make our "Loan Capital" program available to those Bell Islanders who are no longer living "home" but who still have family here or otherwise have a strong attachment to this old rock!

Membership in the Co-op is available to anyone currently living on Bell Island. This allows you to have a strong say in how the co-op is run and develops here on the island. A single membership costs **\$10.00**, and you can purchase one for your child or anyone else in your family currently residing on Bell Island. Membership forms will be available in early May at the bakery, and we encourage you to drop by and pick up an application form – as well as some of the most delicious baked goods you'll find anywhere! All new members are confirmed at the monthly meeting of the Board, at which time your Membership Certificates will be issued. From all

new members each month, we will draw for a special prize, so by becoming members you'll be supporting your community and you may even win a prize! Watch for the next RCMP Bulletin to find out who the lucky winner is for May 2005. It could be YOU!

Loan Capital is available only to "non-voting" members i.e. those not living on Bell Island. This is a way for people who wish to support the ideals of the Coop to be part of our Loan Capital program. So, if you're living anywhere from St. John's to Singapore, we welcome your support through this program! Our goal is to raise **\$5000 in 2005**, with a minimum capital commitment of \$25.00. This basically means that we need **200** non-voting members to take up this offer in order for us to reach our goal for 2005. Of course, we hope to exceed this goal with your support! We're designing new numbered Loan Capital certificates; these will be issued to everyone who becomes part of this initiative. This certificate

will make a great reminder of your commitment to the future of Bell Island! Be one of the first 200 to sign up!

Interested in participating either as a voting member or by participating in our Loan Capital Program? Contact our Board Secretary Kay Coxworthy at kari@thezone.net or 488-2271 or leave your name and number at the Bakery and one of the Board members will be in touch!

Your Coop Board for 2005 is as follows:

Ken Kavanagh
Pat Rose
Kay Coxworthy
Carol Bennett
Boyd Merrill
Keith Kent
Geraldine Fitzgerald
Wayne Flight
Patricia King
Mary Murphy
Marie Cummings
Ned Bowdring

We invite you to be part of the excitement as we work to revitalize our Co-op and our community! The Board meets on the second Sunday of each month. If you have

any issues you'd like to see on the Agenda for discussion, please contact Secretary Kay Coxworthy prior to the meeting. Remember – this is YOUR Co-op, and your involvement is a vital ingredient in its success!

Submitted by:
Kay Coxworthy,
Secretary
Bell Island Community
Development
Cooperative

Attention Hunters

Hunters in Newfoundland and Labrador are still extremely interested in going a field each year to participate in traditions most likely passed down from family members or friends. Whether you hunt big game, small game, coyotes or waterfowl it is worth your while to refresh yourself about the type of the paperwork you need to take with you on a hunting trip. This is especially true if it keeps you from having a trip spoiled because you "forgot" something or "didn't know". Unfortunately, a judge doesn't often accept these

kinds of answers. So to help current and prospective hunters understand what they need, please review the following information. If this doesn't help in answering your questions write down these two telephone numbers, **1-800-731-4000 and 1-709-637-2006.**

The first number (1 800 731 4000) is the Canada Firearms Center. This federal government office, is responsible for information on Canada's firearms laws. Because you'll likely use a firearm to go hunting they can provide you with information you need to know about owning a gun. In a nutshell, to own non-restricted firearms, shotgun and rifles generally used for hunting and sporting purposes, you'll need a gun licence, either a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or a Possession Only Licence (POL). Both types of licences have to be renewed every five years. Similar to a driver's licence, the PAL or POL is a plastic card with your picture on it and has an expiry date indicated on the front of the card. The main difference

between the two is that the PAL allows you to buy guns, the POL doesn't. Both allow you to buy ammunition and borrow guns in the same class. ie other hunting shotguns or rifles. To get a PAL, you need to complete the Canada Firearm Safety Course before you can apply and yes you only need to complete the course once. In this province the Canada Firearms Safety Course is called Part A of the Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Program, read on and you'll see why. Gun registration is also something that is required by gun owners. Each and every firearm you own must be registered. When you buy a gun at a gun shop this happens automatically. If you buy a gun(s) or receive one as a gift from another individual then you'll need to contact the 800 number to get more help.

The second telephone number (1 709 637 2025) is the provincial Inland Fish and Wildlife Division office in Corner Brook. It's the new headquarters office and is where information on hunters and hunting licences is kept. All

qualified resident hunters are issued a paper Outdoor Identification Card (OIC). This card identifies that you have completed a recognized provincial/state hunter training course. In Newfoundland and Labrador, a person who completed the previous Hunter Capability Test (no longer offered) or the current Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Program (FS/HE) is issued an OIC. Replacement OIC can be obtained by contacting the office in Corner Brook. Wildlife regulations require that hunters carry this card on their person as well when hunting game with firearms.

Last but not least of course is a valid hunting licence. It must also be carried on your person while hunting. Small game and coyote licences are sold at vending locations (sporting goods stores, etc..) throughout the province. Waterfowl licences are only sold at postal outlets. Big game licences (moose and caribou), except Labrador caribou, are only available through the province's draw process.

A quick recap of the paperwork you need while hunting: A) Gun Licence – PAL or POL, B) Gun Registration, C) Outdoor Identification Card, D) Valid Hunting Licence. Please note that some hunters don't have a gun licence or even own a gun but they can still hunt. A qualified hunter (someone who has an OIC and a valid hunting licence) can borrow a gun provided that he/she is directly accompanied by someone who can lawfully possess guns and the gun(s) being used is properly registered.

So if you are a prospective new hunter you'll be required to take the FS/HE Program, Part A and Part B. If you are an existing qualified hunter and want to be able to acquire and register your own firearms then you'll need only to complete Part A.

The Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Program has two parts:

Part A - Canadian Firearms Safety Course

Part A is actually the

Canadian Firearms Safety Course. It teaches participants the basics of firearms safety and the laws related to firearms storage, handling and transportation. By completing Part A, a person may also apply for a Firearms Possession and Acquisition Licence to obtain non-restricted firearms

Part B - Hunter Education Course

Part B teaches participants aspects of wildlife conservation and management, hunting laws, hunter ethics and responsibility, outdoor safety and survival techniques and other skills used for hunting. By completing both Part A and Part B, the participant meets the provincial requirement to obtain provincial licences to hunt with a firearm.

The College of the North Atlantic - (CONA), administers these courses for and on behalf of the Federal Justice Dept. (Part A), and Provincial Inland Fish and Wildlife Division (Part B).

Part A can be done either as

an evening course during the week, or as part of the whole package (Part A and Part B) which are both done over a week end. Typically Part A is done on Saturday and Part B on Sunday, at the Prince Phillip Parkway Campus - St John's.

Recently with the kind assistance of the RCMP Detachment on Bell Island, a trainer was given the unusual clearance by CONA, to deliver these courses for the residents of Bell Island, on the island itself.

The intention is to repeat this event. To this end, we need to have at least 6 persons, per class, for either a Part A course or a Part B course to run - but - with a maximum of 12 persons for the Part A course and a maximum of 20 persons for the Part B course.

Persons wishing to do only Part B, will have to present documentation that they have already done Part A.

Please contact the Bell Island R.C.M.P.

detachment at 488-3312 and provide your name and phone number if you wish to be contacted for future courses on Bell Island.

Submitted by: Ben Hammett, Department of Works, Services and Transportation

***Vera Perlin Players
May 26, 2005***

The Vera Perlin Players will be coming to St. Michael's High to perform on May 26, 2005. Their performance of new and old songs is sold out at the Arts and Culture Centre every year. These performers are students of the Vocational Training Centre in St. John's. They are performing for us to help raise funds for St. Michael's High and Special Olympics. Proceeds will also be shared with the Bell Island Summer Program for challenged individuals. We would appreciate your support very much.

Past performances have been terrific and it is a "must see event."

Place: St. Michael's High
Time: May 26, 2005 at 7:30

pm. Price \$10

The school will notify everyone when tickets are available.

**Submitted by:
Ms. Butler
Mrs. Lewis
Mrs. Parsons**

***Charges and
Convictions***

On 2005-04-01, a trial date was set for a 29 year old male from St. John's for a charge of Failing to Provide the Necessities of Life. The charge arose from an incident in the fall of 2003 that resulted in serious injury to his infant daughter. The trial is set for 2005-09-13.

On 2005-04-01 and 2005-04-15, a 24 year old male from Kitchener, Ontario, formerly of Bell Island, appeared in court for a charge of Failure to Provide a Breath Sample after a motor vehicle accident on 2005-02-24 on Davidson Avenue. A plea of Not Guilty was entered and a trial has been set for 2005-11-17.

On 2005-04-06, a 40 year

old male and a 41 year old female, both from Wabana plead guilty to charges under the Excise Act. The charges arose from a search of their residence by the RCMP Customs and Excise Section on 2005-01-19. A quantity of contraband tobacco was seized. Both received a fine of \$500.

On 2005-04-08, a 17 year old Wabana male had his dirt bike seized on Grammar Street after he was observed driving it. Police will ask for permanent forfeiture of the bike as this is not the first offence committed. Charges are pending.

On 2005-04-11, in Supreme Court, a 21 year old Wabana male plead guilty to a charge of Assault Causing Bodily Harm, Mischief, Assault and Breach of Probation. A charge of Break and Enter was withdrawn.. These charges stemmed from a 2003-03-08 incident in the East End residence of the 30 year old victim. The sentencing has been set for 2005-06-10.

On 2005-04-12, a 14 year

old male, from Lance Cove, was found guilty on two counts of Breach of an Undertaking. He was arrested and charged on 2005-03-15. A pre-sentence report has been ordered and sentencing is set for 2005-05-17.

On 2005-04-12, a 22 year old Wabana female was sentenced to nine months in jail and eighteen months Probation for a conviction for Failing to Provide the Necessities of Life. The charge arose from an incident in the fall of 2003 that resulted in serious injury to her infant daughter.

On 2005-04-13 and 2005-04-28, a 44 year old Wabana male, arrested on 2005-03-27 and still in custody, appeared in court. This male has been charged with two charges of Uttering Threats, one charge of Assault, one charge of Assault Causing/With a Weapon, two charges of Criminal Harassment, one charge of Mischief, three charges of Intimidation and sixteen charges of Breach of Probation. The charges arise from a number

incidents over the past year involving a female from the Front. The matter has been set aside until 2005-06-02.

On 2005-04-26, a 46 year old male appeared in court for trial on a charge of Uttering Threats from an August 1st, 2004 incident on Grammar Street. This male was found guilty and sentencing is set for 2005-05-12.

On 2005-04-27, a 48 year old Wabana male appeared in court for a charge of Impaired Driving from a April 29th, 2004 incident on Beach Hill. The charge was withdrawn.

On 2005-04-27, a 59 year old male from Lance Cove, appeared in court charged with Having Care or Control of a Motor Vehicle While Impaired and Having Care or Control of a Motor Vehicle With a Blood Alcohol in Excess of 80 mg. The charges arose from a 2004-10-15 incident outside his residence. The charge of Impaired Driving was withdrawn and a guilty plea was entered for the second charge. A sentence of 16 days in jail and a prohibition for driving for

two years was imposed.

On 2005-04-28, a 42 year old female from Wabana charged with Assault, Causing a Disturbance and Public Mischief (Making a false complaint to police) appeared in court. The charges arose from a 2005-01-13 incident at a friend's house. The matter has been set aside until 2005-06-07.

Thank You

The newsletter is now distributed to every household on Bell Island via Canada Post thanks to the sponsorship of the Town of Wabana. Extra copies can also be picked up at the Bell Island R.C.M.P. detachment Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

The newsletter is also available on the internet at website:

www.bellisland.net
Thanks to Reg Durdle for his help in doing this and for the excellent job he does on the website.

Closing

If you have any comments,

The Bell Island Policing Newsletter

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A Northern Perspective on Food & Retail Management




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Responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of our stores which range in size from 5000 - 85,000 sq.ft with 5 - 125 staff. A strong emphasis is placed on teamwork, leadership, and merchandising abilities. Relevant, past experience required.

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Meat Managers
Quick Service Restaurant Managers

Reporting to the Store Manager, our Department Managers are responsible for all aspects of the daily operation of their departments. A passion for the business as well as superior customer service and merchandising skills are necessary.

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Learn our business from the ground up and progress to Department Manager and/or Store Manager positions.

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- All applicants must be willing to relocate to Northern Canada

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Work Opportunity
Submitted By: Cherie Bennett
in Conjunction with The North West Company

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