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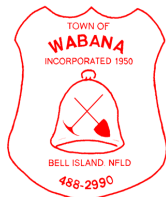
**The Town of Wabana**  
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On behalf of the editing committee of the Community Newsletter, we would like to thank all those groups and individuals who submitted articles for this issue. There are many great things happening on Bell Island and this Newsletter is just one means for residents to stay informed. We hope you enjoy the articles.

## Greetings From The Town of Wabana



We would like to extend warm and sincere wishes for a wonderful and blessed Christmas. We all hope you enjoy this holiday season with family and friends. We would also, at this time, like to express our best wishes for a great New Year, with good health and prosperity for you and yours.

## For Your Information

The Town is taking part in Newfoundland Power's "Take Charge of Your Town" Program which offers incentives and prizes to municipalities to promote efficient use of power. For details visit the Link: <http://www.takechargenl.ca/TownChallenge> or follow the link on [bellisland.net](http://bellisland.net)

The Town's ICSP Committee (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan) are building working groups around nine projects. The aim of each project is to address to needs of our community with local resources. Of prime importance is the Human Resource. We need volunteers to make these projects unfold. If interested please contact the Council Office. The project summaries can be found on page 6.

The Communications Strategy Project is organizing a five day radio event from March 15- March 19 2011. This will be a great opportunity for our community to reflect on our past and to realize our potential for the future.



*I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the voters of Conception Bay East – Bell Island for your tremendous support in the December 2, 2010 by-election. This district holds many challenges while at the same time great potential for prosperity. To improve on some of the services residents expect, there will have to be a concerted effort by all involved to identify our priorities and set goals to achieve them. I promise to work diligently on behalf of ALL the residents of the district. You gave me that responsibility and I intend to live up to it. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Conception Bay East-Bell Island a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

*David*



The Boys & Girls Club would like to thank Newsletter Committee for giving us this opportunity to post our Programs and Fundraising Project to all of our community.

### **Annual Fall Fair:**

The Fall Fair is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and once again it was a success because of the support we have received from our many volunteers, who came out to help sell some tickets and the donations that were made by the people and organizations on and off the island. We would also like to thank the many people who also came out to the fair each day and donated by buying and selling tickets, we hope you enjoyed the fair and got some great gifts for Christmas.

### **Card Game:**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 8am, we will be having our Annual Big Card Game. The cost to play will be \$5.00 per player and there will be prizes given for 10 top scores. We will also be serving Tea/Coffee, cookies and sandwiches after the card game. We would like to remind people that like a game of cards that in the new year we will be hosting a card game the last Monday of every month. There will always be tea served each night for only a cost of \$3.00. **Breakfast with Santa:**

On Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Breakfast with Santa. Children of all ages are invited to come have some breakfast and get their pictures taken with Mr. Clause. The cost is \$3.00 for breakfast and \$3.00 for 2 – 4x6 pictures. All of this fun will start @ 9am and will end at 11am. Hope to see you there.

### **Turkey Bingo:**

On Sunday December 5th, starting at 7:30pm with an Early Bird game at 7:15. All cards will be cheaper than a usual bingo night with more games to be played. There will be a special bingo package for children ages 5 and over at a cost of \$7.00.

### **Boy & Girl of the Month:**

Congratulations to our Boy and Girl of the Months for September and October 2010. For September the winners were Kandice Gosine & Madison Hallingham, for October is was Chelsea Tobin and Josh Whalen. These 4 teens are a part of our Teen Mentor Program and are doing a great job with helping with our daily programs. Congratulations once again and keep up the great work.

### **Thursday Night Bingo:**

Our Thursday night Bingo are our biggest Fundraiser of the year and we are always looking for new people to come out and support this event. Our Jackpot now is at \$3,500.00 in 55 numbers or less, so come on out and try your luck. Our Bingos start at 8:15 and is usually over around 10:15.

### **Lite a Light:**

For the month of December we will have our community Christmas Tree at the Hospital. Anyone wishing to Light a Christmas Light on our tree in memory of a loved one can do so by dropping into the hospital or coming to the Boys & Girls Club. The cost is a \$2.00 or whatever you wish to donate. Receipts will be issued for your donations upon request.



The board and staff of the Bell Island Heritage Society have had a very successful 2010. Our site was visited by over 10,000 people during the operating season which extends from June to September.

In May, the Canadian Museum Association held its national conference in St. John's, NL. The Bell Island Community Museum and the No. 2 Mine Tour was most fortunate to be awarded the opportunity to host a study tour for this event. The theme for this tour was "Marketing a Remote Site". It was attended by thirty-three conference participants from museums and heritage sites throughout Canada. We partnered with Dicks' Restaurant who provided a magnificent dinner and entertainment for these visitors. The entire study tour was an outstanding success. We received a wonderful thank you letter from Paul Lamothe, Chief of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation. He gave us rave reviews for our hospitality, presentation and success in marketing our remote site. Paul also sent this letter to the Canadian Museum Association and it was published in the September edition of its national magazine, Muse. The magazine featured our site in a four page spread, in English and French, complete with photos taken by board member Des McCarthy. The board and staff were very humbled and gratified to see that our hard work received national recognition.

In July, our site was visited by Marita Collings and her husband Barry. Marita is the only daughter of Captain Rolf Ruggeberg. Ruggeberg was Captain of the submarine U513 that sank the SS Lord Strathcona and the SS Saganaga in an attack off Lance Cove during WWII. Marita and Barry were reluctant to make this trip to Bell Island because of the role that Captain Ruggeberg had played in these war time disasters. However, thanks to Rick Stanley from Ocean Quest, who cajoled the pair into making the visit, they took the journey. Marita and Barry received a warm Bell Island welcome from board members and staff. They gifted our museum with several personal artefacts, memorabilia and photographs from the estate of the late Captain Ruggeberg. We are most grateful that Marita and Barry felt that it was befitting to bring this story full circle by donating her father's precious effects to our site. The board is beginning a process to ensure the proper exhibit of the items in this collection. We are hoping to have the exhibit open in the near future.

In August, Rick Stanley took four female journalists to Bell Island for a day of sightseeing and a night at the Belle of the Bay Inn. Once again, the museum and mine tour was the focal point of this trip. We were very fortunate that one of the journalists, Janie Robinson, a freelance writer with the Toronto Star, chose our beautiful island as the topic of an article, as well as a video. This appeared in the Toronto Star and on its web site during the latter part of September. Another proud moment for Bell Island!

A big thank you goes out to our friend Rick Stanley who is a wonderful promoter of Bell Island. In the fall of 2009, the Board of the Heritage Society presented Rick with a plaque in recognition and thanks for his efforts in ensuring the preservation and protection of the ships wrecks off our shores. These shipwrecks house the underwater graves of the fallen sailors and hold the tangible and intangible history of these important events.

The board and staff of the Bell Island Community Museum and #2 Mine tour wishes you a joyous holiday season and health and prosperity in the New Year!



## Bell Island Ferry Users Committee Year-end report-Looking forward to 2011

The Committee is looking forward in 2011 to further progress in improving the ferry service with a goal to have a more efficient and customer friendly service

**OFFICERS**-The Committee executive include: Chair Mayor Gary Gosine, Members : Tina Harold, Crystal Clarke, Councillor Dave Foley, Councillor Brian Kent , Ben Warford, Allison Normore, Wayne Durdle, Teresita McCarthy and Consultant Ed Kent

**DOCK WORK IMPROVEMENTS**- The dock works were completed in 2011 and Government tendered to repave the breakwater and reconfigure the ferry lanes. (Work has been deferred until the Spring due to unforeseen delays). Government has offered both Wabana and the Portugal Cove Councils the option to secure or build new terminal buildings which they would sublet at market value. We are working on a proposal and hopeful that planning and

design work for the new ferry terminal buildings will commence in 2011.

### REALIGNMENT OF FERRY LANES IN THE COVE-

Two operational ferry lanes are being built in the Cove with both lanes located on the ocean-side of the road and the movement of one ticket office up near the bridge to be manned at peak periods. The second main ticket office would be moved across the road near the fish plant.

**2011 SERVICE** – In 2011, we are hopeful for a continued **freeze on ferry rates** and less downtime and cancelled trips.

**COMMUTER APPLICATIONS:** Applications for the 2011 season are available. Those commuters who consider themselves year round permanent commuters should present their case for consideration of an automatic permanent renewal status. Misuse and abuse of commuter privileges continues to be an issue and your support is sought to ensure a proper credible system remains in place. Valid commuter status passes must be displayed and presented for ticket purchase and access to commuter preferred lines. Purchase of advance commuter rate tickets is urged to cut down on ferry loading wait time

### OTHER MATTERS:

- New policies are being considered by Govt for adoption to address passengers' access to car decks during sailings
- There is uncertainty as to whether to Beaumont Hamel will be back from Fogo Island for this Christmas
- A Committee has been formed by local citizens to assess options for a possible fixed link.
- Planning for new replacement vessels for Bell Island is not expected to begin until 2013, which is a concern
- The Committee continues to encourage Government to modernize its ticketing systems
- The Committee is seeking the introduction of a 650 am sailing on Sunday mornings and other schedule improvements
- The Committee is lobbying to have the intra provincial ministerial advisory ferry committee reactivated

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
Submitted by **Ed Kent**

## TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY

### New Beginner Classes starting on Bell Island

Monday, January 10th 2011  
7:00 pm

St. Augustine's Elementary School

For more Information call 488-3137

Email:  
ttcnlb@nl.rogers.com

www.taoist.org



**Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 18 Bell Island, NL**

**December 19 - 2:30pm - Children's Christmas  
Party with Santa**

**December 31 - New Years Eve Ball**

**Join us and The Hibbs Band and bring in the  
New Year.**

**Tickets now on sale**

**\$12.00 single**

**soup and sandwiches served**

**Seasons Greetings to all  
from Branch 18  
Royal Canadian Legion**

**Merry Christmas and God Bless**

was never set up and lighted until Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> and always kept lit until Twelfth Night or Old Christmas Day, January 6<sup>th</sup>,

The Tree is normally topped with an angel or a star. "The angels appeared to the shepherds on the hillside to announce the birth of Christ. The wise men followed a star to find the child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger". The Christmas is now garlanded with the brightest of tinsel and shining baubles reflecting God's abundant love for his people as he sent his beloved Son to be the light of the world. This has prompted families to place the manger scene of Bethlehem at the base of the tree indicating that Christ is central to celebrating Christmas. The Christmas tree only makes sense when we relate it to Christ who comes from the root of the Family Tree of Jesse and our salvation won on the tree of the cross.

While some civil governments have passed laws to rename the tree as the "Holiday Tree" instead of the Christmas Tree, we still can't get away from the fact that the Christmas Tree heralds the Good News that angels, stars and lights were an essential part of the First Christmas and Christ the light must be a central part of our Christmas today. As you gaze at all the trees and lights of this Christmas, may they be a reminder that we are all praying for one another this Holy Season no matter what our religious background may be. May Christ settle the hearts of every family member! May Christ the Prince of Peace and the Light of The World find a welcome in your heart and in your home!

God Bless You everyone!  
Father Jim Beresford  
St. Michael's Parish



**THE CHRISTMAS TREE:** Around 700 A.D. St Boniface discovered a Fir Tree growing out of the roots of an old oak tree. Boniface saw this as a symbol of Christianity growing out of the roots of the Jewish religion. When Jesus was born he was born into the Jewish family of King David. "Let Christ be

the center of your household as you celebrate the birthday of God's son."

Martin Luther established the Christmas tree as the counterpart of The Christmas Manger Scene. In Estonia and Latvia Christmas trees were decorated with apples, dates, pretzels and paper flowers.

The Christmas tree was introduced into Canada in 1781 in Sorel, Quebec and was decorated with candles and fruit..

Today large cities, towns and villages make the Christmas tree the center piece of their Christmas Decorations in the town squares. The dates of Christmas tree lighting were very important. The tree

A this time of year the members of the local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would like to wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season.

Greetings from:  
Cpl Trevor O'Keefe  
Cst. Jamie Hawkins  
Cst. Leo Doiron  
Cst. Stephen Brown  
Cst. Johnathan Murphy  
Clerk Crystal Clarke



To reach your local detachment call 488-3312



The death of Jack Babcock in February of 2010 marks the passing of the last Canadian soldier of World War 1. It is difficult to comprehend that in this conflict 60,000 Canadian servicemen died in that great slaughter of human lives. Newfoundland which was not part of Canada raised and supported its own Regiment and suffered the loss of a quarter of all its armed forces sent overseas. Our casualties were so great and the war debt so large that it probably led to changes in Newfoundland's political

future. War Memorials throughout Newfoundland commemorate their tremendous sacrifice. 150 Bell Island men had volunteered for service and 29 of those had paid with their lives. With that in mind, I decided to research how our own monument to them on Bell Island was built.

The first organized effort to construct a suitable war memorial to Bell Islanders who were killed in the World War 1 began in the winter of 1920. A public meeting was held by the Great War Veterans Association on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It was proposed that a new building be constructed to act as a club room for Veterans. A committee consisting of J.H. Bennett, C.B. Archibald, D. J. Jackman, W.H. Butler, A. MacDonald, and John Hussey was formed to begin raising money for the project. On April 13<sup>th</sup> a second public meeting was called and it was announced that \$3000 had been pledged. It was weeks after the meeting that some residents of the Island began to resurrect an old idea, that of building a hospital, instead of a club room, as a memorial to the veterans. This project seemed assured when it received support from Governor and Lady Harris who offered \$2500 towards its construction. However, the hospital was not to be because after the War markets for iron ore collapsed and hundreds of miners were laid off. The Great War Veterans Association decided instead to build a monument to the Bell Island's war dead. The Association's new executive consisting of N. G. Lodge, J. C. Mews, R. Hookey, C. O. Butler, L. C. Murphy, J. B. Butler, H. J. Gover, W. J. Somerton, and W. S. Sellers called a special meeting to decide on a site for the new memorial. Two possible sites were proposed. The first was offered by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company on Main Street and the second on land donated by The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company on Davidson Avenue. By secret ballot the Davidson Avenue site was selected. The Daily News reported on April 1921, that the monument was,

"A handsome spire of grey Aberdeen granite 15 feet high, including the base block three feet square. At the bottom of the shaft is a caribou head, gracefully carved in relief and on the other side the words, Lest we forget. The names carved number 27, one sergeant, two corporals, and 22 sailors and soldiers. [Two other names were added later.] The memorial is beautiful in design and execution. It will be a perpetual reminder to Bell Island's

permanent and transient population of the willing sacrifice and heroic service of her gallant sons who went and returned not."

Governor Sir Charles Harris officially unveiled the monument on June 15, 1921 in a ceremony attended by thousands of people. Our first Memorial Sunday service was held at the monument at noon on July 3<sup>rd</sup> after returning sailors and soldiers had attended their church parade. A wreath of natural leaves donated by Sir John C. Crosby and carried by the President of The Great War Veterans N. G. Lodge was laid at the base of the monument by Magistrate Power on behalf of the people of Bell Island.

Today we continue to honour those who sacrificed their lives in that War and other terrible Wars since. Each year in July and November Branch 18 of the Royal Canadian Legion parades to the Monument after an ecumenical church service. Along with the C.L.B. Old Comrades, the youthful faces of Army Cadet Corps 2410 and members of the RCMP, one can still see reservists, regular forces, and the occasional blue beret.

We can only imagine the suffering that was endured by 29 Bell Island families who lost loved ones by the end of First World War. Perhaps next time while observing the two minutes silence we may let our eyes glance toward the names etched in granite. There we will see Samuel Lodge who enlisted September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1914 one of the First 500 said to be one of the finest and well liked men ever to leave Bell Island to serve in the Regiment. He was killed in action October 1<sup>st</sup> 1915 in Gallipoli. There is Harry J. Stone who tried to enlist three times before he was accepted, killed in France on April 23, 1917 before his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will find the names of Martin Cahill age 25, Michael Jackman age 19, George Sparks age 19, Thomas Carroll age 46, Robert Lahey age 28, and Michael Ross, all killed July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 in that terrible slaughter at Beaumont Hamel. Thomas Carroll had advanced that day closer to enemy trenches than anyone else in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. You will find the names of James Newton, John Dwyer, James Bennett, Walter Greene and Joseph Dobbin, all of whom died of wounds sustained on the battlefields of France. You will see the name of Martin Dwyer who died a prisoner of war in Germany. There is Edward Stone, seaman in the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve who at the age of 22 was lost at sea with 23 other Newfoundlanders on H. M. S. Clan McNaughton near the coast of Ireland. Whether it was William Lannon, the first Bell Islander killed in France or William Reese the last Bell Island casualty of the First World War, their courage and devotion to duty was unequalled. Those named here all gave their lives. I have not commented on all those named on the monument or the numerous honours and the awards they received, since the monument itself was erected to keep their memories alive.

Perhaps because of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, the number of people attending the monument service appears to have increased in recent years. With the death of a single Canadian soldier in Afghanistan today, our country mourns the loss and expresses its heart felt sorrow to the grieving family left behind. Whether it is 1914 or 2010 the loss is profound, the suffering unbearable but the sacrifice is the same. The price of freedom is high and freedom is never free.

Written and submitted by Bernard Metcalfe  
Source: Daily News and NGB site.

## More News from the Town of Wabana

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### ICSP Project Summaries

#### **Communication Strategy**

This project aims to improve our community's ability to communicate by organizing efforts around the following five methods of communication: Face to face, Print, Radio, Television, Internet. The current edition of the newsletter is one of the projects under this strategy.

#### **Tidy Town Committee**

This project aims to bolster the level of community pride by addressing the following areas of the Tidy Towns program: Tidiness, Environmental Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation, Tree/Urban Forest Management, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, Turf and Groundcovers

#### **Lightkeeper's Tourism Centre**

This project aims to convert the former lightkeeper's residence into a space designed to welcome visitors to Bell Island and to provide them with all direction they may need to fully appreciate the Island's natural beauty and cultural heritage. The Lightkeeper's Tourism Centre intends to provide the coordination necessary to continue to grow our Tourism Industry.

#### **Fixed Link Task Force**

This project aims to explore the possible methods of building a fixed access to Bell Island.

#### **Community Gardens-Harvest Festival**

This is a two part project which links the proven potential of the Island's soil to produce great vegetables with the community's need to get together and appreciate the talents of all those who make this community a great place to live.

#### **Harry Hibbs & Friends Memorial Park**

This project aims to commemorate the legacies of Bell Island's musicians by creating a space where people can go for a stroll, ride bicycle, play in a splash park, grow a garden or simply enjoy the passing of time.

#### **Senior's Resource Centre**

This project aims to provide a space where our seniors can create a community to socialize, access resources, and organize themselves to improve the conditions faced by senior's on Bell Island.

#### **Waste Management Awareness Campaign**

This project aims to educate Bell Islander's on how to manage their garbage at the household level and thereby reduce unnecessary waste management expenses for taxpayer.

#### **Signage Plan**

This project aims to provide recommendations on the development, planning, coordination and implementation of a new signage system for Bell Island. Current research and development has identified the Tourist-Oriented Directional Signage (TODS) as the most universally-accepted and widely-used approach for integrating public and private tourist services and attractions signage into the highway system.

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## **The Bell Island Health and Wellness Advisory Council**

The Bell Island Health and Wellness Advisory Council is a partnership with individuals, the community and the health system working towards achieving optimal health and wellness for all citizens in our community. The mission of the Advisory Council is to promote optimal health and wellness for all citizens of Bell Island through advocacy and use of the 12 Determinants of Health. The Advisory Council was formed in 2006 after the release of the Bell Island Health and Well-Being Needs Assessment.

Although some of the recommendations of the Bell Island Health and Well-Being Needs Assessment have been implemented we continue to work with various agencies to promote improvements in health related issues for Bell Island.

Over the past four years the 11 member Advisory Council has been meeting on a monthly basis promoting health issues for the community and acting

in an advisory role for the Dr. Walter Templeman Health Centre. In the past year, there have been many changes at the Health Centre which should improve the delivery of health services to the Island. We continue to monitor these changes and make recommendations for improvements.

Recently the Advisory Council decided to schedule meetings on a bi-monthly basis. The last meeting was November 8, 2010 and the next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2011. At the moment the membership of the Advisory Council has been the same for the last 4 years. We think that we definitely need new members with new ideas and new energy. If you are reading this, I ask you to consider becoming a member of the Council. If you are interested in promoting health issues on the Island, contact a member of the Council.

Patrick Craig  
Chair



*Tourism Bell Island*



Tourism Bell Island is an industry organization which has been incorporated since March 2010.

It is Tourism Bell Island's vision to ensure that Bell Island become a leading destination of choice by promoting unique and memorable experiences for tourists and visitors. We believe that Bell Island has so many of the ingredients necessary for the development of a successful tourism industry.

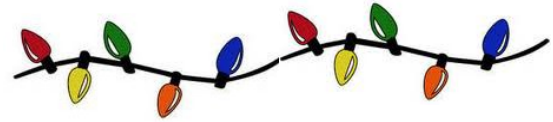
It is our mission to work in partnership with the residents of Bell Island, Town of Wabana, government, regional and community stakeholders to grow Tourism into a recognized and sustainable industry for Bell Island. Some of the goals we have set for ourselves are as follows:

- Develop a strategic plan for the tourism industry on Bell Island.
- Secure funding to develop the former lighthouse residence as a tourism centre.
- Create a welcoming and accessible environment (signage, storyboards and welcoming staff).

- Connecting with networks to facilitate the realization of our vision.

If you are interested in helping out, please give us a call at the Town Council Office.

On behalf of all of our members, we extend warm holiday wishes to you and your loved ones.



## Greetings from St. Augustine's Elementary School



The staff and students would like to wish the residents of Bell Island a safe and happy holiday season.

The past year has been a busy one at our school. In the spring of last year our school hosted a family of schools professional development day for over 150 teachers from approximately 10 schools. The day started with a performance from our elementary choir. Throughout the day teachers participated in sessions on a variety of topics such as, inclusive education, differentiated instruction, and the use of technology in the classroom. Visitors were treated to a catered lunch at St. Michael's Hall where they also enjoyed some local entertainment.

Throughout the year our students travelled to St. John's for a variety of field trips. They saw musicals and theatrical performances. They participated in hands on educational experiences. Our elementary choir performed at Choral Connections at Memorial University. In addition to travelling to St. John's we also had visitors to our school such as authors, story tellers and musicians. Presentations from the RCMP, fire department and Coast Guard also served to enrich the curriculum

Every day at our school over 100 hot lunches are prepared and served for a nominal fee of \$2.00 per child.

This is made possible with financial support from our partnership with the Kids Eat Smart Foundation and the countless volunteer hours of a dedicated group of volunteers who prepare and serve the meals. Without whose help we would not be able to offer such a program. Thank you ladies, may Santa reward you at Christmas time

In addition to the regular curriculum, students at the school take part in a variety of events to promote social justice and civic responsibility. A penny drive in October raised approximately \$600 for the local Breast Cancer Awareness group. Students have raised money for victims of the Earthquake in Haiti and closer to home, victims of Hurricane Igor. They filled shoe boxes as part of Operation Christmas Child and collected coats for the Coats for Kids Campaign.

Through out the year our students take part in a variety of fundraising campaigns. Money raised goes back to support and enhance the educational programs at our school. Currently we are in the middle of our Annual Christmas Ticket Sale. Tickets can be purchased from any student or by contacting the school on or before Monday, December 20th. Winning tickets will be drawn at our Christmas Concert on that evening. We would like to thanks the community for your continued support.

To learn more about our school please visit our school website at [www.staugustines.k12.nf.ca](http://www.staugustines.k12.nf.ca)

## Kiwanis Club of Bell Island



The Kiwanis Club of Bell Island will celebrate its 60th as of January 2011. We would like to thank the people of the Island for their support and inform them how our funds are used.

Our roster shows eleven (11) members but, despite our small number, we have been very active in our on Bell Island. Our activities last year included:

- Weekend curling bonspiel with 20 teams participating.
- Hotdog sale for the Janeway Telethon.
- Sale of hotdogs and drinks at the motor-cross bike races (thanks to Past-President Gary).
- Annual Bicycle Rodeo, which is a joint project between the local RCMP and our Club. This event is available to children up to grade 6 and stresses

bicycle safety. Several prizes of bicycles and helmets are won during the event.

- Annual Santa Claus Parade.

Our fundraising activities allowed up to make donations to the following groups:

Wabana Boys' and Girls Club	\$ 200.00
St. John's Music Festival	55.00
Janeway Foundation	100.00
St. Michael's High School Scholarship	300.00
Bell Island Figure Skating	500.00
Haiti Relief Fund	1100.00
Local Special Olympics group	50.00
Bell Island Minor Hockey	500.00
Bell Island Hockey Arena (arena rental)	1700.00
Bicycle Rodeo for kid's safety	600.00
Janeway Telethon	1200.00
Local Army Cadet Corp	600.00
Local Kid's Playground Project	100.00

Our meetings are held on Monday evenings in a room provided by the Town of Wabana at the Wabana Complex. There are no meetings during July and August. Anyone wishing to join our organization may do so by contacting any member.

On behalf of our Club I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brendan Keough, President



Crime Stoppers of  
Newfoundland & Labrador  
Hotline: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**Monsignor Bartlett Memorial Arena  
(709)488-2111**

**The senior hockey schedule is as follows:**

5 Dec 2010- CBN vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
11 Dec 2010-Torbay vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
  
08 Jan 2011- CBN vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
15 Jan 2011- Mount Pearl vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
23 Jan 2011- Torbay vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
29 Jan 2011- Torbay vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
  
05 Feb 2011- Mount Pearl vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
06 Feb 2011- CBN vs Bell Island 7:15pm  
Mount Pearl vs Bell Island game to be rescheduled

**Public skating schedule is as follows:**

**Wednesdays:** Adult Skating 5:30-6:30pm **\*\*new time\*\***  
Public Skate 8:00-9:00pm **\*\*new time\*\***

**Saturdays:** Public Skate 2:00-3:00pm  
Shinny Hockey 3:00-4:00pm

**Sundays:** Public Skate 2:00-3:00pm  
Old Timers Hockey 5:30-6:30pm- (\$7.00 per player).

Should you wish to rent ice time on the weekends please try and book before the last public event scheduled.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm Sat. Dec. 11, 2010** “Christmas on Ice” community skate. Come on in for a FREE complimentary hour of lights on ice, fun, prizes, special Christmas guests. (Children under the age of 8 years old will require a responsible chaperone in the building to supervise).

**\*\*Christmas week schedule will be on Facebook and recorded message.**

**\*\*Please note, the arena facebook site as well as the recorded message on the arena phone are updated regularly, please check for any schedule change\*\***

**\*\* Rental times available for children’s birthday parties. (One hour of ice time plus one hour in our heated section). \$100.00**

**\*\*\*\*Heated section is also available to rent for your special events. ( ex: baby showers and office parties).**

**Bell Island Playground Project**  
**P.O. Box 549**  
**Bell Island NL**  
**A0A 4HO**  
**709-488-2111**

**Cost of Equipment & Shipping:**

<b>COMMUNITY</b>		<b>LET THEM BE KIDS</b>
Fitness equipment	\$ 9,674.21	- \$7,424.21
Playground Equipment	\$31,217.52	- 31,217.52
Skate board park	<u>\$22,080.35</u>	<u>- \$19,830.35</u>
<b>Total Community Cost</b>	<b>\$62,972.08</b>	<b>\$58,472.08</b>

**PARK EQUIPMENT VALUE - \$121,444.16**

**Other expenditures:**

Supply and delivery of pea stone	\$7785.00
Landscaping materials	\$1334.40
T-shirt printing	\$ 228.03
Misc. expenses	\$ 250.39
Information board and sponsor signs	<u>\$1305.15</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,902.97</b>

<b>Equipment cost</b>	<b>\$62,972.08</b>
<b>Minus Kool-Aid and LTBK award</b>	<u>-\$5,000.00</u>
	<b>\$57,972.08 needed for equipment</b>

<b>Total cost to fundraise</b>	\$10,902.97
	<u>\$57,972.08</u>
	<b><u>\$68,875.05</u></b>

**DONATIONS**

Paypal	\$2021.27-\$52.89 =	\$ 1,968.38
<b><u>Grants</u></b>		
Home Depot	\$4000.00+\$1000.00 gift card =	\$ 5,000.00
NL recreation development grant		\$ 4,400.00
NL Dept Tourism		\$15,000.00
Town of Wabana		\$12,788.75
Capital Grant		\$ 1,000.00
Cash Donations		\$26,936.88
HST Rebate		<u>\$ 8,511.00</u>
<b><u>Total amount fundraised</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 75,605.87</u></b>
Bank fees		<u>\$ - 77.15</u>
		\$75,528.72

Cost to build	<u>-\$68,875.05</u>
Balance in account	<b>\$ 6,653.67</b>

**\*\* OUR HOPE IS TO ADD ON TO THIS PROJECT IN THE NEXT YEAR\*\*** Thank you to our community for coming together, standing proud and tall to make the “Helping Hand Park” a reality.

**Bell Island/Portugal Cove – TWO FERRY SCHEDULE**  
**Christmas 2010/ New Years Day 2011 period.**

**Note 1: Christmas Eve will have the normal Friday schedule.**

**Note 2: New Year's Eve will have the normal Friday schedule.**

**Note 3: Boxing Day will have the normal Sunday schedule.**

**Christmas Day (Saturday) and New Year's Day (Saturday):**

**Dep. Bell Island:**

F 6:50  
F 7:50  
F 8:50  
F 9:50  
F 11:00  
F 12:00

BH 2:00  
BH 3:30  
BH 4:50  
BH 6:10  
BH 7:30  
BH 10:20

**Dep. Portugal Cove:**

7:20 F  
8:20 F  
9:20 F  
10:30 F  
11:30 F  
12:30 F

2:40 BH  
4:20 BH  
5:30 BH  
6:50 BH  
8:10 BH  
10:50 BH

(F=Flanders; BH=Beaumont Hamel and or Nonia)

**NOTE:**

In the event of either vessel being out of service on the above dates; the **One Vessel Schedule** will come into effect; this would commence operations at 06:50 a.m. from Bell Island, and the final departure from Portugal Cove would be at 10:50 p.m.

Dial 895-6931 for recording on current operations.