



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2009

SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING

7:30 p.m. Monday March 30, 2009

To elect a councillor to serve until Nov. 2009

To nominate and to act as councillor of a municipality one must be

- (a) not less than 18 years old
- (b) a Canadian citizen; and
- (c) resident for a period of one year preceding the date of the nomination.



Voters must be not less than 18 years old, Canadian citizens, and residents for not less than six months.

Councillors receive an honorarium of \$35/meeting. If you would like more information about the duties of Councillors, contact the Council office, 368-3090.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8:00 p.m. Monday March 30, 2009

All residents of Miltonvale Park are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Community to be held on **Monday March 30** beginning at **8:00** in the Winsloe Lions Hall. (*Storm date for both meetings—Tuesday March 31*).

Look for information packages containing the agenda, reports, and the budget at Green Valley Farm Market, the Winsloe Irving, Ann-Marie's Family Hairstyling, the Milton Convenience Store, and at the Council Office, by March 23th. Most information included in the packages can also be downloaded from www.miltonvalepark.com.

At the meeting, motions can only be made by Councillors. Residents may vote on motions regarding expenditures. Should a resident wish to address a concern, all comments should be addressed to the Chair.

Residents do not vote on motions regarding the tax rate. The tax rate is established by Council, at a meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting. There will be a chance at the meeting for residents to bring forward any concerns.

KEEP INFORMED!

To sign up for occasional email updates about community happenings and council events – email “subscribe” to admin@miltonvalepark.com.

Community Council Who's Who

Council Members:

Chair Brian Andrew - Ex-officio member of all committees

Gail Ling - Finance Chair, Personnel Committee

Sheila MacKinnon - Parks and Recreation Chair, Planning Board, Personnel Committee

Joe Murphy - Planning Board and Parks & Rec. member

Betty Pryor - Planning Board Chair, Water & Sewer Committee member

George Piercey – Chair -Water & Sewer Committee

Office Staff:

Administrator – Shari MacDonald

Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 and Wednesdays 9:00 -11:00 a.m., and by chance or appointment.

Development Officer – Alfie Wakelin

Office Hours: Mondays 8:00 -12 noon, beginning April 20, 2009 – early Nov. Please call 368-3090 to confirm Alfie is in the office. Winter hours and other times by appointment.

Council Volunteers:

Planning Board: **Charles MacKenzie, Steve**

Dickieson; Parks & Rec. Committee: **Joannie**

MacKinnon; Website Updates –**Nigel**

Cuthbertson

....THANKS folks!



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 19 TO 25, 2009

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Winsloe Lions Hall. A short meeting will be held after the Annual Meeting to establish the tax rate. The next meeting is **April 28, 2009**. Residents are encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on-line, after they have been approved at the following meeting.

Have a Community Event to Announce?

Send information to admin@miltonvalepark.com or call 368-3090 to have it posted on the website or call George Piercey at 368-2903 to rent the sign on the Milton Community Hall.

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

All land development in the Community of Miltonvale Park is currently controlled by an Official Plan and Development Bylaw, passed under the provisions of the PEI Planning Act. The Official Plan must be reviewed on a regular basis, ideally every five years. With funding assistance from the Capacity Building Fund, a comprehensive review is nearing completion. This funding is made possible through the New Deal for Cities and Communities agreement between the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Circumstances have changed quite significantly since the current Plan and Bylaw were prepared, and it is critical that residents and property owners in the community learn about the issues and provide input into the review process. Public meetings will be held soon to discuss the issues and to review drafts of the revised documents.

SELECTED ISSUES

1. **Charlottetown Special Planning Area -SPA**

At the time of municipal amalgamation in the Charlottetown Area the Province imposed a "Special Planning Area" encircling the three newly created municipalities of Charlottetown, Cornwall and Stratford, as well as around Summerside. These regulations have severely curtailed development and our ability to control development in our community. The 13 nearby affected communities received funding through the Capacity Building Fund, hired planner Phil Wood, met extensively and recommended the following to the Minister at a meeting in Dec. 2008:

"It is the strong consensus of the 13 affected communities that the current SPA regulations in the Cornwall, Charlottetown and Stratford Regions should be replaced by a more comprehensive set of land use planning regulations which better reflect sound land use planning principles and the interests and opinions of the affected communities (and unincorporated areas).

The following actions are recommended to the Minister of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour:

1. Communities within the SPA with Official Plans should be removed from the SPA once their Official Plans have been reviewed by the Department and are deemed to meet an acceptable technical standard. Communities must also commit to retain competent development control staff.

2. The Minister should immediately instruct her staff to facilitate the formation of a Regional Planning Board for the SPA which would begin work on the preparation of a Regional Land Use Plan for the entire

SPA. Eventually the Regional Plan should be expanded to encompass the 3 main watersheds. All areas not covered by an Official Plan should remain under the current SPA regulations until a Regional Plan is approved.

3. Those unincorporated areas within the SPA should either be encouraged to incorporate and participate in the Regional Planning process or should remain under the SPA regulations. Alternatively, the Minister could consider appointing representatives to represent these areas on the Regional Planning Board.

4. The Minister (and the new Commissioner) are strongly encouraged to pursue the preparation of a province-wide comprehensive land use plan. We also strongly recommend that consideration be given to a model which would see a series of regional plans similar to the one being proposed for the SPA covering the province's major watersheds."

Shortly after the communities began meeting over a year ago, the Province announced it would be appointing a Commission on the Land and Local Governance. Judge Ralph Thompson was named as commissioner. More information can be found at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/landandlocalgovernance/>

The Government was hesitant to act on our SPA recommendations while the commissioner is studying similar issues; therefore, in order to proceed with an official plan, Council is moving ahead using another provision within the Special Planning Area Regulations, which permits municipalities to prepare official plans that are consistent with the objectives of the Special Planning Areas. Subdivisions of land are still limited unless municipal servicing exists.

2. **Servicing**

Residents in the Sleepy Hollow area will be aware that there have been servicing concerns in relation to well contamination and the failure of septic and other sewage disposal systems. Other properties in the community have experienced problems to a lesser degree. The long term sustainability of our wells and on-site sewage treatment systems and the possible need for localized central systems is an issue which needs immediate attention. A comprehensive water and wastewater feasibility study has been on-going since June 2008, and the Final Report has been expected for some time.

Other issues discussed in planning board meetings include the Right to Farm, Protection of Water Resources, Non-Conforming Land Uses and Zoning.

PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD SOON!

CHILD BURSARY PROGRAM

All parents/guardians of children who live in the Community of Miltonvale Park can receive up to \$50 per child, per year, to reimburse costs incurred for their child(ren)'s extra-curricular cultural or sporting activities, camps, or lessons. A receipt (or acceptable copy) must be included with the application form which is available from the office or www.miltonvalepark.com. (>council information>on-line documents)



DONATION FROM COUNCIL



The Community Council was pleased to support Kelsie MacIntyre's upcoming school exchange to the UK. If

you are representing the area or province in an out-of-province competition, workshop or event, or other worthwhile endeavor, submit a letter to Council requesting support, at least 5 weeks before to the event.

STORM CLOSURE POLICY

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



STUDENT SUMMER JOBS

Council will be hiring two students to plan and implement the recreation program at the community park this summer. If you enjoy working and playing with children, submit a letter of application and resume. Check the website or contact the office for more details and deadlines. We will be applying for funding through provincial Jobs For Youth and federal programs, and ask that interested students also register with the provincial job banks:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/forms/display.php3?formnumber=1334>



CANADA DAY

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

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

Earth Hour 2009 - Lights Out for Climate Change!



Join WWF for Earth Hour 2009, by turning out your lights for one hour on **Saturday, March 28 from 8:30-9:30 p.m.** Earth Hour is a global lights-out phenomenon that will bring together millions of people from around the world to show support for action on climate change. This symbolic event will demonstrate to governments around the world that we want action on climate change now. www.earthhour.org

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Miltonvale Park Special Election Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30 at the Winsloe Lions Hall. (*Storm date - March 31*)

Miltonvale Park Annual Meeting – Monday, March 30, 2009 at 8:00 (following the Election Meeting) at the Winsloe Lions Hall.

The North Milton WI is hosting a **fund-raising auction** at 8:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 14th** at the Milton Community Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the neo-natal unit of the QE Hospital. Donations are welcome! Items for sale include baked goods, household items, services....

Bean Supper – Milton Community Hall, Thursday April 30 from 5:00-7:00. Adults-\$7, Children under 12-\$3; preschoolers-free. Call Shari at 566-2738.

Milton Community Hall Meeting – Monday, May 4th at the Milton Community Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Cornwall Library Art - Drop by the Potpourri Exhibition of Arts and Crafts by the residents of the 13 Communities Inc. at the Cornwall Library Art Gallery until April 4.

Land and Sea Festival – Reserve Saturday evening **May 16** for mussels, chowder and entertainment at the St. John Anglican Church in Milton. Call 368-2011 for information.



is coming...
Are you planning to build?

YOU NEED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO

- construct a new building,
- locate or change the location of any building or structure on a lot,
- locate a mobile home on a lot,
- make any structural alterations that will change the exterior dimensions of any building, including decks.
- build a swimming pool,
- change the use of any building or land
- construct a fence taller than six feet,
- or erect a satellite dish.



Permit fees will be **doubled** for construction that has started without the necessary permits. A complete fee schedule is posted on the website – but for general construction, fees are \$0.10/sq ft (min \$25, max \$1000, or max \$200 for agricultural buildings) and permits for a deck are \$15.



RECENT PERMITS ISSUED:

- 2008-23 PID 444232 baby barn Amber Drive 6-Oct-08
- 2008-24 PID 841072 non-com storage bldg- Crabbe Rd. 3- Nov-08
- 2008-25 PID 859660 wood shed -Old Route 2 26-Nov-08
- 2008-26 PID 281782 res/farm - Rustico Road 12-Dec-08
- 2008-27 PID 626465 com. addition N.Yorke River Rd. 12-Dec-08
- 2009-1 PID 1026756 semi-detached dwelling Rustico Rd. 12-Mar-09

The province is developing a website called PEI Planning Decisions to publicize all permits to aid the public if an appeal is warranted. Until it is operational within the next month, Miltonvale Park will still post permits on our website and at the Council Office.

If you have a concern about the above permits, or any building in the community, contact Alfie Wakelin at 368-3090 or develop@miltonvalepark.com.

EMERGENCY MEASURES

Visit www.getprepared.ca for information how to look after your family for 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

Municipal EMO coordinator Gary Robbins is temporarily living outside the community. Council is looking for residents who may be interested in receiving training in Emergency Measures and could help the community in the event of an emergency.



Relief Milker Wanted – Looking for someone who has been around cattle and can work several hours a week. Call Charles MacKenzie at 368-8694.

Have an ISSUE, IDEA or CONCERN?? Contact the office - admin@miltonvalepark.com or 368-3090. Agendas are finalized one week before regular meetings, so information (in writing) should be at the office before the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Spring Clean Up

- Metal - Monday, May 4
- Compost - Monday, May 11
- Waste - Monday, May 18



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

- Do not use solid coloured or blue bags.
- Keep the categories (metal, compost, waste) separate at the road.

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

APM CENTRE

The Community of Miltonvale Park is one of the thirteen communities that own the APM Centre. <http://www.apmcentre.com>. **Free Walking Track**
Usage Times: The Town of Cornwall sponsors free use of the track at the APM Centre to all residents of the 13 Communities during the following hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 8:00pm; until May 31, 2009. Please sign in at the canteen for access to the walking area. For information – call 628-8513

BUY LOCAL – Support your neighbours. Check for other businesses on www.miltonvalepark.com, and send us information on your business located in the community, for inclusion on the website.

RURAL MAILBOXES

You can have your mailbox re-assessed by calling 1-866-501-1669. The community mailbox sites are still being re-evaluated in light of safety concerns brought forward to Canada Post.



STREETLIGHTS: Two streetlights were installed where the Sleepy Hollow Road intersects with Heather Drive and with Royalty Road, as a trial project for a year. Please let the council know if you like the lights. The province will install a light this spring on Rte. 7 where the Crabbe & MacKenzie Roads meet.

