



RECAP Active Transportation Strategy Unveiled

In April, **RECAP** (Route Enhancement Committee of the Aspotogan Peninsula) unveiled their active transport strategy for the 'loop'. Caribou Consulting, a team of Dalhousie Master of Planning students, was tasked with preparing an Aspotogan Peninsula Active Transportation Strategy. The following is an excerpt taken from the executive summary of the report.

Cyclists, pedestrians and motorists use the road regularly. However, conflict between motorists and these active users presents a significant challenge. Two public consultations were held in 2006 about the conflicts. Results of these meetings identified significant concerns such as narrow roadways and shoulders, poor pavement conditions and a lack of education among all road users with respect to road sharing.

The first priority of the Strategy is to improve road safety. In the short-term, the marketing and communications strategy focuses on education and awareness of safety concerns. Since the road is owned and maintained by the Nova Scotia

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR), an effective partnership is required to implement physical improvements. The Strategy identifies priority areas of concern and suggested solutions, including recommended road cross-sections and warning signage.

The low vehicle traffic and scenic qualities of the road can encourage active transportation among local residents and visitors to the area. The Strategy builds from existing active and healthy living programs to encourage and support local active transportation initiatives. The Strategy also proposes additional trail connections to increase route connectivity and aims to increase active tourism in the medium to long-term, which can provide economic benefits to rural regions.

The Aspotogan Peninsula is examined as a pilot project for active transportation investments in a rural coastal part of Nova Scotia. Integration with a future provincial active transportation network is explored.

Finally, the Strategy provides a phased implementation plan, including key partners, roles, timelines, financial considerations and policy amendments. For full report and RECAP information visit www.aspotoganloop.wordpress.com



The goals of the Strategy are to:

- ◆ Provide a safe, enjoyable and aesthetically pleasing route for all road users
- ◆ Promote active and healthy living
- ◆ Encourage tourism-based economic development
- ◆ Act as a pilot project for other rural coastal areas in NS

The scope of the Strategy includes:

- ◆ An improved route design
- ◆ A marketing and communications strategy
- ◆ An active transportation network that can be integrated with a larger NS network
- ◆ A phased implementation plan

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A Note from the Outgoing Chair...



It's difficult to believe that another year has gone so quickly, rather like the memory from my young days of those old black and white movies showing the days flying off into the air like the discarded pages of a dwindling calendar. Nonetheless, it has been a satisfying year at the AHT, with much work either already accomplished or projected in the new strategic plan presented by the Visioning Committee.

We know that, as a board, we have been very fortunate in having both the strong commitment of the able Directors drawn from this community and also the expertise, efficiency, and enthusiasm of our wonderful staff. As we prepare for 2011-2012, we welcome two Directors new to our table. The future is promising.

It has been a great pleasure to serve the Board as its Chair for the past two years. Thank you to all who have made it so, and I wish Leslie a similar happy experience as she begins her first term as Chair.

Mary Ellen Clancey, Outgoing Chair

A Note from the Incoming Chair...



As I begin my new role as Chair of the Aspotogan

Heritage Trust I would first like to thank our outgoing chair, Mary Ellen Clancy. Thank you for caring about your community and being willing to share your time and experience with us, and guiding us over the past two years. It is those, like you, with dedication and a sense of pride in their community, which makes the Aspotogan region a wonderful place to live.

I am a firm believer that if you want to have a strong and vibrant community, you have to be willing to get your hands dirty. Everyone has a role to play in building a strong community. Every little bit makes a difference in turning a community into a warm, welcoming place to live. I look forward to this new role with the Trust and am honoured to be given such an opportunity to give back.

Leslie Taylor, Incoming Chair

Introducing the 2011-2012 Board of Directors

Aspotogan Heritage Trust are pleased to welcome the two following community members to the Board of Directors; Christine Waller and Janet Fryday Dorey. This year there was a fantastic response to the AHT Director recruitment campaign, and the Board were faced with the very difficult task of choosing from some very committed and involved community applicants. The Board wishes Christine and Janet a long and happy time with the Trust. At the May AGM it was time to bid farewell to two Directors; Judy Hopkins and Wilma Raaymakers who have both served the Board and their communities with great vigour and enthusiasm. We will miss them but will no doubt continue to see their commitment in our community in their other volunteer endeavours.



Left to Right – Andy Hare, David Bond, Mackenzie Armstrong, Leslie Taylor, Mary Ellen Clancey, Janet Fryday Dorey, Gayle Shanks, Jean Coleman, Christine Waller, Raina Clancey, Robert Conrad, and Floyd Shatford.



Community Grants - March 2011

<i>Blandford Seaside</i> - Assist in offsetting the expenses of a community trip	\$ 500
<i>Junior Achievement</i> - sponsored the 'Our Business World' event for Gr. 6 students at CAMS	\$ 500
<i>Patchwork Quilters</i> - offset costs of charitable quilt making group	\$ 200
<i>South Shore "AA" Bantam Provincials</i> - supported provincial AA hockey championship	\$ 500
<i>Welcome Baskets</i> - contributed to offset costs of community welcome initiative	\$ 400
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Community Grants Allocations April 2010 - March 2011:	\$ 52,711
Community Initiatives Allocations April 2010 - March 2011 :	\$ 28,779

Application forms for Community Development Grants can be found online at www.aspotogan.org

Canada Summer Jobs at Aspotogan Heritage Trust

Job Title – Assistant Community Coordinator

Description – To assist with the coordination of summer activities/ events within the region as well as developing year-round programming for a newly created community resource center; update community resource database in conjunction with local community groups and business association; and work on a community planning strategy to increase youth engagement based on outcomes of recent community strategic planning project.

Job Title: Community 'Greening' Coordinator

Description: The Community 'Greening' Coordinator will create 'best practices' documentation, multi-media presentations and PR materials for use by community groups and businesses in the region. The successful candidate will also be tasked with developing a manual to be used by community groups at various events outlining ways of 'making events greener'.

Rate: \$11.00 per hour, 30-35 hours a week . **Start date** - June 20 until August 26

How to apply: Send resume and cover letter to Aspotogan Heritage Trust by email info@aspotogan.org
mail: PO Box 99, Hubbards, B0J 1T0

Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

Closing date: June 10

Breaking news from the Hooked Rug Museum of North America

A Museum MARKET PLACE for the Summer season at their site is expected in June 2011. Depending on funding the major exhibit areas in the Museum itself are expected to be partitioned and opened by June 1, 2012. Donald LeBlanc has been awarded the contract to upgrade the Museum Market Place which is about 40% of the building space.

The project is Nova Scotia's first International Museum and the first Rug Hooking Museum in the world.

Hundreds of additional hand hooked rugs have been consigned for sale.



"Investing in Community Visions"

AHT Statement of Operations ending March 31, 2011

	2011	2010
Revenue		
Draws from the Investment Portfolio	260,000	260,000
Interest from mortgages receivable	41,988	41,483
Rent & Miscellaneous Income	6,759	10,088
Summer student grant: Federal government	2,760	-
	311,507	311,571
Expenses		
Grants & Community Initiatives	109,513	73,803
Salaries & benefits	96,722	96,127
Board meetings, insurance & staff support	27,404	22,019
Interest & Bank Charges	7,403	7,401
Property & Maintenance Contracts	13,046	11,037
Memberships	577	666
Office expenses	16,017	13,579
Professional Fees	8,884	8,066
Property Insurance	2,084	2,084
Property Tax	1,141	1,154
Re-location Expenses	-	472
Telephone & internet	4,202	3,870
Travel	6,629	6,547
Utilities	3,351	3,580
Amortization	14,377	14,741
	311,350	265,146
Excess of Revenue over Expenses from Operations	157	46,425
Contributions to Aspotogan Preservation Trust	-	-15,000
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 157	\$ 31,425

Food Bank Donations



The local food banks give to families all-year round. Summertime is traditionally a time for low supplies at the food bank. If you can make a donation drop off your goods at the Hubbards Save-Easy or AHT office.

After dinner, rest awhile, after supper, walk a mile.

- Arabic Proverb

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Thank you to Volunteers

The Municipality of Chester held their annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 13. The following community members from the Aspotogan region were honoured for their volunteerism; Barb Boutillier (Aspotogan and Provincial nominee) nominated by the Parish of Blandford; Bonita MacLean (Hubbards) nominated by the Aspotogan Heritage Trust; Heather Norwood (Mill Cove) nominated by Through the Years Daycare; Walter (Bubs) Westhaver (Fox Point) nominated by Chester Municipal Crime Prevention Association; and Jan Shilletto (North West Cove) nominated by the Aspotogan Arts & Crafts Association. **Does your organization need volunteers for an upcoming Summer or Fall event? Contact us with your volunteering opportunities and we can help advertise the event.**

June is Active Transportation month

Find details of the 'Walk-fit Aspotogan' challenge in your mailbox.



For those longer trips to the city, check out www.hrsmartip.ca. There are currently around 1,500 potential carpoolers registered on the Halifax Regional Municipality carpooling website.

Need a ride? COMMUNITY WHEELS is here to help!

- Local service available two days per week
- Flexible, but must be booked in advance
 - A donation-based service
- A door-to-door service (when possible) with a friendly, helpful driver

Call Sandra at 275-5585

June is RECREATION month!



Summer student

Youth Recreation Coordinator

\$9.65 per hour, 30 hours per week over 10 weeks



HARA Junior program leaders (13-16)
 Needed to help coordinate summer soccer program.
 Paid opportunity and First Aid training available

Contact Suzanne Brown at 857-1133 for details