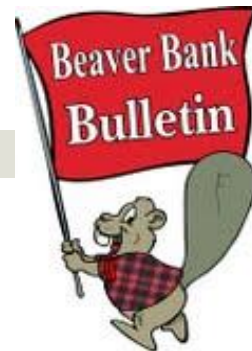


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The Voice of the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association



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Beaver Bank Fire Station to Celebrate 50 year Anniversary



New Station Chief Kevin Crewe (left) pictured with founding member George Hull.

Kevin Crewe has been appointed the new Station Chief of the Beaver Bank-Kinsac Fire Department. He has begun his 3 year term taking over from Chief Tim Keddy. Crewe who's background is with the Coast Guard, has been with the volunteer fire department since 2003, and says that when he moved here it was natural for him to join as he was a volunteer in his previous community. He says that he enjoys helping people and that Beaver Bank is fortunate to have a good

complement of volunteers in the department with 24 active members. "We are very fortunate in our community, we have people coming forward who want to volunteer with the department and we are always accepting applications."

After the amalgamation with HRM in 1996 they went through a few growing pains, but they now have good standardization of equipment, funding is provided so there's no need to fundraise, and they receive high-end training.

George Hull is a founding member of our fire department. He also served as Chief from 1969 to 1981. He says he mostly enjoys the fellowship. Years ago he decided that he wanted to volunteer. The fire department is what he chose to get involved in, and he hasn't looked back. He says everything has changed since they first began 50 years ago.

The department is gearing up for their 50th Anniversary this June and hopes the community will come out to visit during their open house on Saturday June 20th between 2 and 4pm.

20TH ANNUAL

BEAVER BANK

TOWN HALL MEETING

THIS YEARS THEME:
"Thank A Volunteer"

WHEN:
WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH
7-9 PM

WHERE:
BEAVER BANK KINSAC
COMMUNITY CENTRE

*This Annual Town Hall Meeting has been organized by
the volunteers of the*

Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association
*a community group which formed in 1995 to be the
voice of the community and to provide support for the
very passionate and proud residents of Beaver Bank.*

*To learn more about the Beaver Bank Community
Awareness Association visit: www.beaverbank.ca.*

**FREE AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

**VOLUNTEERED CHILD SUPERVISION
IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE**

GOAL

- ❖ TO PROVIDE YOU WITH
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY
FROM YOUR ELECTED
OFFICIALS, FIRE CHIEF, LOCAL
RCMP OFFICERS AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS
- ❖ TO PROVIDE YOU A CHANCE
TO VOICE YOUR CONCERNS
DURING AN OPEN MIC SESSION
- ❖ TO OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY
TO CONTROL YOUR COMMUNITIES
DESTINY

**LETS LOOK AT SOME
ESCAPE ROUTE
OPTIONS THE NEXT TIME
THE ROAD IS DOWN**

**SIGN UP FOR THE
NEW SPEED SIGN**

**The session ends with a couple of door prizes,
snacks, beverages and an opportunity to talk
one on one with the invited guests and your neighbours**

Beaver Bank Kinsac Seniors Association (50 Plus Keeners)

Schedule of Events for May and June 2015

Monday

9 am – Beginners Ukulele Practice

10 am Gentle Tai Chi at with Lisa Lindsay
Geared to Seniors \$3.00 Drop In

6:45 pm BINGO -Doors open at 6 pm.
First & third Monday of the month

Tuesday

9 am – Walking Club – TBA

1 pm– Crib every Tues. – Everyone welcome!

Wednesday

10 am Zumba Gold at with Monique Vander Linden
Geared to Seniors – \$3.00 Drop In

11:30 am (Brown Bag Lunch)

12 Noon – Painting and every Wednesday after through May & June unless cancelled for gardening.
For further info call Marie 902-865-1105.

Thursday

10 am Games & Giggles Drop In Cards (Pay Me), Darts, Puzzles, Wii Bowling

11:30 am EAT OUT Local Restaurants 1st Thursday of Month

12 Noon – Birthday Pot Luck 3rd Thursday of Month

Lynn Atton, Fitness Instructor will be back on June 8th

New members welcome. Membership is still only \$10.00 or \$15.00 per couple.
All activities take place at the BBK Community Centre with the exception of the Eat Out
For more information contact Ann – 902-865-0381



Changes to Curbside Garbage, Recycling and Green Cart Collection

Starting August 1, 2015 new program requirements will be enforced at the curb. Non-compliant bags will be tagged with a rejection notice and the resident will be responsible for proper bags and sorting.

RESIDENTIAL SINGLE UNIT



For more
information go
to the HRM
website.

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

Did you know?

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre boundaries begin at the Millwood - Stokil intersection on the Beaver Bank Road, and continue northerly to the East Uniacke Rd and includes all sub-divisions and side roads in between and parallel with the shores of Kinsac and Fenerty Lakes. This would also include Rivendale & Monarch sub-division and Woodbine Park. If you live within these boundaries then you **ARE** a member of the Community Centre. The business, property and affairs of the Community Centre is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Any member in good standing can be elected to the Board at the **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on **Wednesday June 17th, 2015 at 7:00pm**. Refreshments will be served after the Meeting.

If you are interested in supporting the Community Centre by sitting on an ad-hoc committee, volunteering to help with special projects or events, or be a bar tender. Please call Jessica at 902-865-5114 to fill out an application.

Please come out and support **YOUR** Community Centre at our AGM on Wednesday June 17th.

Chase the Ace Thursday Nights at the BBKCC!!

The BBKCC and The Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club have joined forces to bring Chase the Ace to Beaver Bank!! Join us Thursday nights 6:30-8pm to get your tickets for just \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20! Draw is at 8:15pm! Winner every night!! Full house rules at bbkcc.ca/chasetheace Cash bar and canteen on site!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

We had our second annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 28th! Families came and enjoyed a breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, juice, coffee and tea! Children could also decorate an Easter cookie in the lounge thanks to our Beaver Bank Keeners group! Even with the impending storm that day we had a sold out crowd of 368 enjoy breakfast and just over 150 kids get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny himself thanks to Tina Schwartz (Tina Schwartz Photography)! A special thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible, the community for their support, and to our Councillor, Brad Johns, for his contribution to the event. Our next Breakfast will be July 1 and this one is a freebie!!

Canada Day

Canada Day is quickly approaching! We are ready for another fun filled day here in Beaver Bank!! We'll kick off the celebration June 30th with a beer tent!! Admission is free and beers are \$3.50 so grab your friends and come celebrate Canada in Beaver Bank! On July 1 we will start the day with our Pancake Breakfast, and move right into our Flag Raising and Family Fair with bouncy castles, fair foods, and games! We always end the festivities with an amazing fireworks display at the Beaver Bank Ball field - 10pm sharp! Thanks to all who make this possible. All events are free of charge and we encourage you to bring your friends and family and come celebrate our beautiful country right here in our community. For updates and event times please keep an eye on our web site and Facebook!

Summer Camps

Summer camps will run from July 27-Aug 8th for \$25/ day or \$125/ week. Call today to reserve your spot! Camps run from 8:30-4:30 with early drop off and late pickup available. Updates on themes etc. will be posted to our web site and Facebook. Ages 5-12.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for upcoming events including our 13th **Annual Golf Tournament** in support of the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre. There is no skill required to participate so we encourage you to round up some friends for a fun filled day of golf, prizes and food all for a good cause!

If you're have an event coming up give us a call! We have amazing spaces to accommodate big and small events from anniversaries, baby showers, birthday parties, weddings, corporate and community meetings, concerts, and just about everything else! We have several rooms equipped with projectors along with cable TV, sound systems and so much more including a commercial kitchen! Call 865-5114 for more details.

Visit us online!! www.bbkcc.ca
facebook.com/bbkcommunitycentre
twitter.com/kinsacccommunity

Happy Spring!! (finally)

Jessica Gilby
Facility Coordinator

Please remember: The parking lot at the Community Centre is for staff, renters, and guests of Community Centre events. Thank you for your cooperation!

Update from Station 48



Spring is Almost Here, Right?

The one thing that was on everyone's mind the last couple of months is the topic of the weather. We can all agree that Spring is far overdue and hopefully by the time the bulletin is published, more spring-like weather has settled in to melt all this snow.

Your fire department continues to be busy training and responding to calls within our community. Since the last update, we have responded to 18 calls; 6 medical assists, 1 motor vehicle accident, 5 alarms activated, 1 CO alarm activation, 3 smoke investigations, 1 vehicle fire, and 1 structure fire. The total number of calls so far for the year is 41 responses which is on par with a normal year.

Due to all the snow on the ground and in the woods, Natural Resources delayed the start of the Burn Restriction season to April 15th, 2015. With warmer weather on the way, it won't take long before the snow is gone, the forest will begin to dry out, and homeowners will be out in their yards cleaning up from our long winter. DNR is going with the same program as last year with regards to residential burning as to when you can burn brush on your property. There is no burning at all from 8AM to 2PM. At 2PM you can go online or call DNR and check the burning status. There are three levels – GREEN: Burning allowed from 2PM to 8AM, - YELLOW: Burning allowed from 7PM to 8AM, and RED: No burning allowed at all. This status is updated daily and must be

checked before burning brush on your property. In extreme weather circumstances, DNR and HRM may implement burn bans at a short notice when the risk of a forest fire is extreme. As well, you must meet certain clearances from buildings and treelines, keep the fire a certain size, have only one fire going at a time, a means to extinguish the fire, and a responsible person watching/tending the fire. Again there are DNR and HRM policies in place about who can burn on their property. If you are serviced by city water and city sewer, you are not permitted to burn brush on your property. If you live on a property that does not have city water and sewer then you can burn but you must follow the provincial regulations. Hopefully we won't have to visit you with our fire trucks. As always, if you are not sure about burning in your area, please visit the fire station on a Tuesday night from 7PM to 8PM and we will assist you in getting the correct information. More information can be found at www.halifax.ca/fire.

Another quick safety note with the warmer weather finally here, the ice in the lakes and ponds is getting thin and dangerous. Please stay on shore and don't venture out on the ice now that Spring is finally here. The planning of our 50th Anniversary celebrations for the Beaver Bank – Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department is proceeding full steam ahead. It is a large milestone for the fire department – 50 years of service to the community – all with local

volunteers – making sure our neighbors, friends, and families are safe when the need arises. I won't go into too much here as there is an article dedicated to all the activities and events that are planned in the bulletin. We do want to extend an open invitation to the public for our Open House and BBQ on Saturday, June 20th, 2015. Everyone is welcome to tour the fire station, see the fire trucks, and get to know the past and present members of your fire department.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of people within our community that volunteer their time to the fire department. With ongoing training, responding to calls at all hours, and helping within the community, many hours are dedicated by our members to continue to provide the excellent service we strive to maintain. Over our 50 year history, there have been many high points and challenges that the fire department has faced and overcome. I personally want to thank all past, present, and future members for their continuing effort to serve our fire department and ensure it is ready to help our community when the need arises. We as the fire department also want to thank the community we serve for supporting your local fire department and its members; together our community grows stronger.

Until next time – stay and play safe.

-Kevin Crewe – Station Chief

Bill's Blog

Hopefully by the time you are reading this edition of the Bulletin, spring will be well under way and we will have traded our snow shovels in for garden shovels.

Nova Scotia Plants - The Nova Scotia Plants book was launched in October and can now be downloaded for free. The book, by Marian C. Munro, Ruth E. Newell and Nicholas M. Hill, provides a comprehensive catalogue of the province's flora. The project took seven years to complete and involved academics, resource managers, technicians and students. Nearly 30 photographers provided images of more than 1,500 species. Illustrated with computer-generated distribution maps and full-colour photographs, the e-book includes a glossary, discussion of plant communities and a background to botanical study in the province. To download Nova Scotia Plants, go to museum.novascotia.ca/books.

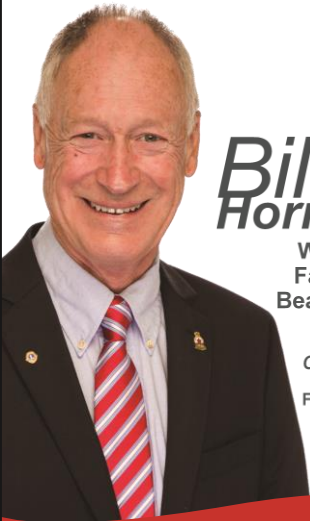
Brilliant Labs Fosters Creativity for Students - Premier Stephen McNeil and Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey announced that

Brilliant Labs will open in all eight school boards across the province in September 2015. Brilliant Labs offers students opportunities including labs where students work with technology such as 3D printers and can gain skill and experience in engineering, metal and woodworking, fashion, textiles, electronics, robotics, computer programming and video-audio engineering. Brilliant Labs, a not-for-profit organization, and its partners have been highly successful in New Brunswick where they work with more than 200 schools.

Do you want to serve your community? Nova Scotians looking to help support and serve their communities can now apply for the many available positions on the province's 160 agencies, boards and commissions. The province has launched its spring recruitment campaign to let people know about the opportunities available in a variety of roles. Applications for non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions are welcome at any time, with assessment of applications beginning May 11th. The application deadline for

adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions is May 19th. For more information on board position profiles, current opportunities and how to apply, visit http://novascotia.ca/exec_council/abc/current-opportunities.asp.

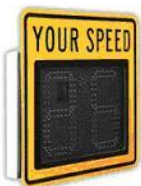
Make sure to keep up on the local community events and enjoy the nice weather now that it is here. We deserve it.



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Do you have concerns about speeding in your community?

The Beaver Bank Community RCMP office is making this speed detector available to our residents in an effort to slow the traffic down and keep our community safe. Remember that you should always report dangerous incidents to the RCMP via **911 if it is an emergency** or 244-7208 if it is not an emergency. Normally, this is for information purposes only but if problem areas are identified, a Citywatch message may be warranted or the RCMP may be asked to increase activity in that area. If you would like to make a request to have the sign erected in your neighbourhood, please contact our office at 864-6072 to find out more!

Write for the Bulletin!

We're always looking for volunteers to cover special events, take pictures, and send in stories.

If you would like to get involved in writing an occasional article for the Bulletin, please contact the editor. It is a perfect way to get involved, and also build your résumé. You will get a great deal of satisfaction out of it!

News and Views

Commemoration Event: 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Along with the Dutch Canadian Club of Nova Scotia, I will host a special commemoration ceremony on May 4th at the Dutch Monument near Pier 21 in Halifax.

The Dutch monument outside Pier 21 was unveiled in 2006 to commemorate all Canadians and Allied Veterans involved in the Liberation of the Netherlands. The monument recognizes the 5,700 Canadian service men and women who gave their lives and are buried in the Netherlands.

Microbead Pollution

My MP colleague Megan Leslie (Halifax) led an initiative to add microbeads to the list of toxic substances managed by the federal government under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. These manufactured pieces of plastic are used in everyday items like toothpaste and facial cleansers. Several studies have indicated they may have human health risks and cause significant risks to our environment. The plastic particles wash into our lakes, rivers, and oceans, and then enter the aquatic food chain. Sadly, birds and fish have starved to death or been asphyxiated as their digestive system is clogged with plastic. The NDP initiative to work towards eliminating microbeads from the products we use every day has received support from Conservatives and Liberals and several non-governmental organizations.

Benefits for Veterans

Last month, the federal government introduced three new benefits for veterans and their families – the Retirement Income Security Benefit, the Family Caregiver Benefit, and Critical Injury Benefits. The proposed

legislation (Bill C-58) will be debated in the House this spring.

The Retirement Income Security Benefit will provide a monthly retirement income security benefit at age 65 for disabled Canadian Veterans who receive the Earnings Loss Benefit due to being totally and permanently incapacitated because of their service.

The critical injury benefit is a \$70,000 tax-free award to support the most severely injured and ill Canadian Forces members and veterans. The family caregiver relief benefit will provide an annual tax-free grant of \$7,238 for families who provide caregiving support to veterans.

While these initiatives are a step in the right direction, I am concerned that only a small number of veterans and their families will benefit from these new programs.

For example, the family caregiver relief benefit, at just over \$7,000 per year, is woefully inadequate for family caregivers who have had to leave their jobs to take care of their veteran spouse. Only 350 spouses are expected to receive this benefit by 2020. I am also concerned that very few veterans will be eligible for the \$70,000 critical injury benefit. The Veterans Affairs Minister has estimated that more than 100 veterans injured since 2006 will receive this payment. On a go forward basis, the Minister expects about two or three people a year would qualify for this payment, if the current deployment situation remains the same.

I will be pushing for changes to this proposed bill including a higher family caregiver benefit and an increase in the lump-sum disability award for all veterans.

Veterans Denied Access to Veterans' Hospital Centres as Beds Sit Empty

I held a press conference recently to repeat my call to the federal government to allow modern day veterans to fill vacant beds at veterans' hospitals or long-term care centres across the country, including at Camp Hill.

There are over 10 empty beds at Camp Hill yet these beds cannot be filled by modern day veterans due to strict eligibility criteria defined by the federal government and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Other veterans' long-term care centres across the country report the same situation as Sunnybrook Veterans Centre in Toronto currently has an 87% vacancy rate."

Federal regulations limit eligibility to veterans long-term care centres like Camp Hill and Sunnybrook to World War II and Korean War veterans. Veterans who served in the Canadian Forces "post-Korea" are not eligible for care at these types of facilities. In limited circumstances, modern day veterans may receive access to a federally funded bed in a community facility as long as their need for care relates to their military service injury. With empty beds, it makes sense to allow a younger generation of veterans' access to these exceptional veteran care centres. A veteran is a veteran is a veteran. The federal government has a responsibility and moral obligation to provide the same federally funded level of long-term care to all veterans whether they served in modern conflicts or WWII or Korea.

As always, please contact me about any concerns or questions at (902) 861-2311 or toll free at 1-888-701-5557 or by email at peter.stoffer.c1@parl.gc.ca.



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CIOE- 97.5 FM is On the Air

The long awaited Community Radio station, CIOE-FM, licensed to serve communities throughout the Cobequid Region, was granted permission by Industry Canada, on April 9, to commence a 21- day test period.

Residents of Beaver Bank Kinsac are invited to tune to 97.5 on their radio dial to hear CIOE-FM which, for the purposes of the test period, is programming a mix of musical genres with timely station ID's.

Following the 21- day test period, the station will begin to broadcast its regular programming schedule consisting of an eclectic music mix and locally relevant, community driven spoken word features which reflect the local news, events and activities of the more than 30 communities within CIOE-FM's coverage area.

Chairman Jim Robson and fellow director Rae Marlborough, who represents the Beaver Bank Kinsac area, invite local residents to call the station at 902-252-7975 and report on local news, events and activities happening within their communities. This material in turn, will be featured throughout the broadcast day on CIOE-FM.

In addition to seeking local community information, Rae and Jim are also asking anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the station in any capacity, to call the station at the above number or contact Mr. Robson by Email at the following address: jimrobson@live.ca or phone 902-449-1117.

Commencement of the 21-day on-air test period brings to an end the three year wait on the part of local residents to have a Community FM radio voice to call their own.

The station, **97.5 - FM The Voice**, looks forward to launching its regular broadcast schedule in early May. In addition to its blended music format, CIOE will feature a number of special music based programs that will promote and expose the works and personalities of new and evolving local artists and performers.

From a spoken word perspective, in addition to covering local news, events and activities, CIOE has developed a number of special spoken word programs covering a diverse range of topics that will be relevant and interesting to listeners of all ages.

Beyond the value of local programming which places a sharp focus on each community, CIOE-FM also represents a great opportunity for small businesses to use radio advertising to target and serve their local customers. The station's advertising rates are highly affordable and extremely cost efficient for almost any business.

In addition, the station will be profiling new start-ups as well as existing businesses who have served their respective communities for years. Further, CIOE through its **Employment Help Line**, will advertise free of charge, the employment needs of local businesses.

For those local residents, who in their own way, want to help support CIOE-FM, which is a not-for-profit entity can buy an annual membership to the Cobequid Radio Society, the parent organization and license holder of CIOE-FM. The purchase of a membership ie. Individual @\$20. Family @ \$50. and Student @\$10. will enable members to participate at annual meetings and have access to various promotions and contests with local businesses throughout the year.

All in all, CIOE-FM will have a profoundly beneficial impact on every Cobequid community as it provided each with its own distinctive, dedicated Radio Voice **"97.5 FM The Voice."**

With summer vacation fast approaching check out the children's programs and activities offered in our area.

<http://www.halifax.ca/rec/ProgramsandActivities>

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*-submitted by Rae Marlborough and
 Jim Robson*

In Recognition of our Community's Volunteers

In recognition of one of our own

This year the Beaver Bank Awareness Association's theme for the Town Hall meeting is "Volunteers". One who has quietly served this community is Brian Pitts.

His biggest accomplishment is that of celebrating 40 years with the Beaver Bank Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department having served as Fireman, Lieutenant, Captain and Station Chief.

Brian acted as Building Coordinator when the fire department decided to move part of its operation to Kinsac corner. The community got together and successfully built the new fire hall in one day! He has also served on the board for the Beaver Bank Awareness Association for 20 years, and is currently the Treasurer. He has served on the board for the Beaver Bank Community Centre as well.

Brian has participated in various other projects within our community over the years including painting the Beaver Bank sign, projects for the Scouts such as painting and splitting wood at the Scout Camp and helping with apple day. He has also helped the Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club with inside repairs to walls and ceilings and painting, as well as making membership plaques for their officers. He has helped with the Brown Hall rebuild and was a baseball coach for the little league in Beaver Bank. Putting all the time he has served as a volunteer together he has almost served a year for every year of his life.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make this community special from the Fire Department to the Awareness Association to the Senior's Associations to the many, many people who dedicate time out of their lives to volunteer.

You make our community better!

"The pen is mightier than the sword", for with knowledge is power and a community with power will not be ignored or dumped on.

Each year I am amazed with the dedication of the Beaver Bankers who donate their time and energy to help keep us informed by producing the Beaver Bank Bulletin.

Every year the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association produces 6 issues of the Bulletin. This involves gathering articles, publishing the Bulletin online, having it printed and distributing to local businesses. The Bulletin costs approximately \$200 per issue and is produced by volunteers. Your contributions through articles, advertising and donations have made it possible to keep it going. Please continue to support the Beaver Bank Kinsac Bulletin so the Awareness Association can continue to do their part for us.

-Dave Barrett



Serving the community since 1960
Call Wade Slauenwhite 902-422-1211

Special Insert Dedicated to our Fire Department

“50 Years of 24/7”

History of the Department

On April 15, 1965 at a Rate Payers Meeting an organizing committee was established in hopes of creating a Volunteer Fire Department. This was the result of a number of fires in the area that increased the awareness for community safety and fire protection.

Many factors contributed to the successful creation of the Beaver Bank-Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department. The availability of a 1500 gal pumper from Windsor Fire Dept. which was purchased. Windsor also provided some coats, helmets and boots. A portable pump, nozzles and a ladder was donated from Sackville Fire Dept. and Mr. LB Stevens provided the space to house a truck at the old RCAF station. Chief Harold Parker provided the radio system testing to ensure good reception. Councillor AJ Smeltzer established a \$3400 per annum tax rate which worked out to .25 cents per 100 on the rate payer's tax bill. Frank Davis provided a truck and Ray Harnish provided a place to house the truck on the Kinsac corner. Lands and Forest also provided the necessary hose for the truck. The members used training material from the

Halifax Fire Department and the Naval Fire department to learn what they needed to know to safely extinguish fires. The Organizing Committee and 27 other volunteers were the first group of community members to make up the newly formed “Beaver Bank-Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department.

The Organizing Committee met with the volunteers to establish a rank structure consisting of a Chief, Deputy Chief, Captains and a secretary. Other members were also chosen for looking after training and the maintenance of the trucks. Now the Department was well on its way to holding necessary meetings, training and exercises required in the running of a fire department. A Ladies Auxiliary was formed for fundraising which completed the ground work for a successful organization.

After a number of motor vehicle accidents it was decided that the department should get trained in medical response. Ernie Pittman taught the initial first aid course and after that there were a few members who went on to get the training to be able to teach first aid and CPR. Members also started riding along with the guys and gals on the ambulance from the Victoria General Hospital to hone their medical training. Medical emergencies started to make up the majority of the department's responses.

In 1978 the department outfitted a rescue truck after receiving a stretcher from the Sackville Lions Club. In 1980 the department purchased an old Department of National Defence ambulance and this was used till 1982 when the department and the Ladies Auxiliary had raised enough money to purchase a brand new van which was converted to an ambulance. These trucks responded to many medical calls over the years from heart attacks to delivering a baby.

By 1985 the land on the corner of Kinsac Rd. was purchased for the construction of a new substation to give better coverage to the Beaver Bank-Kinsac area. A tender was put out to build a two bay hall but when the tenders came back too high something else had to be done. A building committee was formed and a plan to have a building bee was born. After much planning a day was chosen and the community was notified and they showed up in great numbers to help put up this hall. It was amazing to see how the community pulled together and had this building roof tight on time to have a dance in it that night. There were a bunch of very proud Beaver Bank-Kinsac residents enjoying a beverage and some great conversation that night. This hall was a great asset to the department and residents as it

cut response times to the southern end of the community in half.

In 1996 it was decided to amalgamate Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville, and what was called the county into one Region. This didn't go down without a fight from our department. Beaver Bank-Kinsac, Hammonds Plains and Musquodoboit Harbor all tried to resist being pulled into this amalgamation but failed. Some of the first years of this amalgamation were frustrating but as time went on things were made easier to deal with. There was no real need to fundraise for trucks, equipment and buildings anymore as now Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) took care of most of this kind of stuff. Being in this Region (HRM) took a lot of getting used to as there was someone else making decisions for your department but as time went on it did take some of the administrative burdens away and gave you more time to concentrate on the more important things like training and calls.

Sometime in 2001 LB Stevens informed the department that in the next year or so they would be tearing down the building where our Beaver Bank Villa station was located. A committee was formed to plan for a new station. Kinsac corner was the most central location but the lot that our substation was on wasn't big enough so the land next to the substation was

purchased. Deputy Chief Gord West who was heading up the building of the new station was approached by Councillor Brad Johns to ask if we could make this a joint project as there was some members in the community that showed interest in putting up a Community Centre but couldn't find a location. This idea was brought forward to the department members and after some discussion and sacrificing the area they had planned for their training area the members agreed that this would be good for the community. In 2002 a building committee was formed and in 2004 the Beaver Bank-Kinsac Community Centre and Fire Hall opened.

Tragedy struck just before midnight on Sept 23, 2009 just when we were finally getting most of the bugs out of the new building when fire broke out behind the building. By the time the crews arrived the fire had gotten a good hold on the roof making entry unsafe. They managed to get all the trucks out and fought the fire till the next morning. This was a very sick feeling to roll up and see our station on fire. The members with the help of the firewall between the office part of the building and the bays were able to save the bays where the trucks were housed. After spending a couple cold months outside while the bays were cleaned and the firewall supported the trucks were finally

put back in the hall. Temporary heat and a Johnny on the Spot were also brought in and this is what the members trained in and responded from for the next three years. During this time firefighter Grant O'Brien opened up his garage so the department could have their monthly meetings in a much more comfortable spot with a warm woodstove going in the winter months. This garage was called "Station 49". Many Thanks goes out to Grant for having the department meetings for all that time. During this hard time the department still never missed a call. That's dedication!

Finally in November 2012 things got a lot more comfortable as we started using the new part of the station. Our Grand Re-opening was May 2013 as we waited for better weather and for everything to be completely done. It's 2015 now and there are still a couple of minor bugs to iron out in the building but the department is moving along really well having one of the best complements of members in HRM (in the upper twenties). The equipment is all good and pretty well kept up to date. Training is top notch as the members are trained to a level one standard. Members still train every Tuesday night and have their meeting once a month and yes we still have that free night every third Tuesday of every third month just for the guys/gals to relax play a game of

shuffleboard or darts and maybe a slice of pizza.

Things have come a long way in the last fifty years. Things are a lot easier now rather than back then when the members built, begged, borrowed and fundraised for what they needed to help and protect their community. The fire department and the great Ladies Auxiliary that we had were the focal point of the community. They were the ones who put on the bingos, dances, Fun Days, winter carnivals etc. Through the years there have been many people that have come through our doors. Some have spent a short time and some have been here a long time. But every one of them have helped to make his department what it is today.

In closing I would like to mention a member who has been with us from the beginning, that's right, all fifty years. This member is George Hull. George was one of the founding members and served as Chief from 1969 till 1981. This is dedication. George has seen many changes through the years and was there during those times when things didn't come easy. Thanks George from all of us!!

Gord West

Past Chief

BBKVFD

Fire Department 50th year celebration Schedule

This year the Beaver Bank Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. That's 50 years of twenty-four/seven service. Over those fifty years we have had a lot of members come through the department and the Ladies Auxiliary. We would like to invite past members to come celebrate with us.

To celebrate this milestone we will be having a weekend of activities consisting of:

Friday June 19, 2015: 7-10pm Wine and Cheese / Meet and Greet (past/present members only).

Saturday June 20th: 2-4pm Open House at the Fire Station (open to the public also).

Saturday June 20th: 6:30pm-12am Banquet/Dance (past/ present members only).

Sunday June 21st: 10am -12pm Pancake Breakfast (past / present members only).

Space is limited for some of these events so we would like to get an idea of how many people would like to attend. You can do that by contacting bbkvfd50@gmail.com or go to our Facebook page –Beaver Bank Kinsac Volunteer Fire Dept 50th Anniversary to sign up or get more info. This Facebook page is for past members of the Fire Department or Ladies Auxiliary only. If you know someone that was in the Department or Auxiliary please pass the word along. We are trying to reach as many as we can.

-Gord West

Emergency Preparedness Week May 3 – 9

Emergency Preparedness for You and Your Family

Are you prepared for an emergency?

Refresh your emergency kit, have an emergency plan, stormproof your property, be ready to help your community in an emergency.

For more information check out the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) website.

From the Archives

The Devil's Tracks

There is a myth about the Devil's Tracks that has been passed down from generation to generation in Beaver Bank and Rawdon. Long, long ago when the earth was first formed, before the rocks became solid, the devil crossed the road at North Beaver Bank. He carried a bag of gold in each hand. Many years later, the tracks are still visible for all to see. If you follow the tracks deep into the woods you can see where the devil stopped to rest. The rocks show the shapes where he laid down the bags of gold. If you continue to follow the trail and see a snake in or near one of the footprints, you must stop and retrace your steps back the way you came. The snake is an omen that bad luck is waiting for you

further along the trail. At the trail's end you will find a cave where the devil hid the bags of gold. Nobody knows if he ever returned to claim them.

Long ago, two men from Beaver Bank decided to find the gold. They followed the trail, step by step, in the direction the devil had gone. They saw a snake curled up in one of the devil's footprints which had filled with water from a recent rain. Thinking the snake was dead and that the bad omen had died with it, they continued on their way. After many days of hiking they found the cave, but its opening was filled with large rocks. The men used dynamite to remove the barrier, but when the opening was large enough to enter, two black bears came after them. They ran for their lives, never to return. No amount of gold was worth their lives.

Through the years many people have followed the trail made by the devil, all wanting to find the gold, but none have succeeded.

The highway from Beaver Bank to Rawdon has been widened, paved and re-paved over the years but the tracks are still visible. Would you like to search for the cave that holds the bags of gold?

-Previously submitted by Heather Lunn and published in the Bulletin's December 1997 Issue, thank you Heather.



We would like to hear from you...

“How will Beaver Bank kids spend their summer this year?”

Send us your ideas for keeping kids busy this summer. What do you have planned for summer – ideas for childcare, summer camps, day trips, special activities...?

Email the editor: samsonkeilie@gmail.com and indicate “Kids Summer” in the subject line.

We would like to publish some answers in our next issue in July.



Announcements

Wedding Joudrey-Parsons



Janice and Walter Joudrey and Geri and Marvin Parsons, parents of Melissa Lynn Joudrey and Andrew Joseph Parsons are so very happy to announce the marriage of MJ and AJ on October 4, 2014 at All Saints Anglican Church in Bedford.

Reverend Trevor Lightfoot performed a beautiful ceremony. The reception and dance was held at the Diman Lebanese Centre, Kearney Lake with a wonderful meal served by Certainly Cinnamon Catering.

Friends and family from across the Atlantic Provinces were with us to celebrate the occasion.

Thank you to everyone for making the day so very special and one we will cherish forever.

Community

St. John's United Church Nickel Auction

When: May 9, 2015

Time: Opens @ 1:00 - Auction @ 2:00

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd

Why: Fundraiser for United Church

Thank you for your support and if you have an article you would like to donate, please contact Joyce at 864-7095 or Carol at 865-2962.

Hope to see you there!

Flea Market at Lockview High

148 Lockview Road, Fall River

Time: 9am -3pm

Lockview prom committee is having a flea market on May 2nd as a fundraiser, tables are available to rent (\$25 each) or \$2 entrance admission. There is child care available with lunch provided, a canteen on site. All money goes towards Lockview High's prom 2015.

Farm Market

Sundays

1-5pm

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

Beaver Bank Kinsac Seniors Association 50 Plus Keeners Annual General Meeting

May 21st at 1pm following the Pot Luck at 12:00 Noon.

Speaker: Jim Robson,
Chairman & Owner of the Cobequid Radio Society
CIOE – 97.5 FM

How to Submit an Announcement

Residents are welcome to submit wedding, engagement, baby, thank you and condolence announcements free of charge. Please submit using our online form at www.Beaverbank.ca. We are happy to assist you if you so require.



Church Services

Church of the Good Shepherd

Anglican Church of Canada
28 Trinity Lane, Beaver Bank
Rector: Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Sunday School (ages 3-9) 10:00 AM
Family, friends and new members welcome.

Church Wardens

Dwain Gordon: 864-0024
Brian Britten: 864-0678

Past Warden

Dameon Lowe: 865-2320
Please contact Rev. Cathy Lee regarding
Baptisms, Weddings, Illness or a Pastoral visit
at 865-0203.

We actively support Beacon House and
donations can be brought to the Church on
Sunday mornings, or dropped off at Hartlen's
Kwik-Way / Wilsons through the week or call
Jean Bevan at 865-2262 to make
arrangements.

Hall Rentals

Call Cora 864-7070

Fundraiser

June 6th: Lobster Supper 4 to 6 pm

Please check out our website at

<http://www.beaverbankchurch.com>

Faith Baptist Church

299 Stokil Dr., Lr Sackville
Phone: Office 865-5419
Kitchen / Hall: 865-3773
Email: faithbaptist@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Website: <http://faithbaptist.ca>
Pastor: Rev. Borden Scott 865-8224
Associate Pastor for Visitation:
Dr. João Matwawana 865-8850
Sunday Service: 11:00 am

First Sackville Presbyterian

60 Beaver Bank Rd, Lr. Sackville
(Across from Glendale Plaza)
Minister: Rev. Jean MacAulay
Church Office: 865-4053 (machine)
Email: jeanmacaulay@eastlink.ca
Sunday Service: 9:30 am
Sunday school: 9:40 am Sept. – June
Nursery Provided: Sept. – June

Crossroads Wesleyan Church

971 Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank
Phone: 864-2035
Web: www.mycrossroadschurch.ca
Pastor: Michael Zottarelli
Service: Sunday 11:00 am

Living Hope Baptist Church

Address: 971 Windgate Drive
Worship: Sundays 9:00 am
Sunday school: Sunday 9:00 am
Pastor: Rev. Kelly Holt

Knox United Church

567 Sackville Drive, PO Box 210
Lwr. Sackville, NS B4C 2S9
Minister: Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett
Church Office: 902-865-9216
Fax: 865-0599
Website: www.knoxsackville.ca
Office email: admin@knoxsackville.ca
Sunday Worship Services:
Early Service - 8:45am
Later Service - 10:30am
Summer Service starts on June 28th
with one Service at 9:30am until
September.

Events:

Youth Group - Sunday at 7pm
Bible Study - Sunday at 7pm
Choir practice - Wednesday at 7pm
See our Electronic sign for more events.
Everyone is Welcomed.

Sackville Independent Baptist

Address: 92 Beaver Bank Road
Pastors: Pastor Jeremy Eastwood
and Pastor Greg Little
Phone: 864-3433
www.sackvilleindependentbaptist.org
Sunday Service: 11:00am, & 6pm
Sunday school: 9:45am for all ages
Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7:15 pm
"Serving Him only by His grace and power"
(Ephesians 3:7-8)

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

Rector: Rev. Norma Mitchell
Church: 954 Old Sackville Road, Sackville
Church Hall: 934 Old Sackville Road, Sackville
Parish Office Telephone: 864-3154
Parish Hall Telephone: 865-7107
Email: site@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Services: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and
7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit (Roman Catholic)

Consisting of three parishes:
St Elizabeth Seton, 125 Metropolitan Ave
St Francis of Assisi, Mt Uniake
St John Vianney, 4 Beaver Bank Road
Mail for all 3 Parishes: 4 Beaver Bank Road
Lr. Sackville, NS, B4E 1G3
Phone: 865-2112 ext 0 (Secretary)
Emergencies After Hours 865-6133
Fax: 864-8645
Email: holytrinity@eastlink.ca
Website: www.holytrinityns.ca
Pastor: Father Marc Syrene
Associate Pastor: Father Jamie Utronkie
Administrative Secretary: Karen Smith
Mass times for St. John Vianney:
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9am 11:00am, & 6 pm

Sackville United Baptist Church

Address: 1240 Old Sackville Rd
Pastor: Pastor Christopher Drew
Phone: 902-865-3681
Sunday Service and Sunday School 10:30 am
Listen to Pastor Drew's sermons on our website.
www.SackvilleUnitedBaptistChurch.com

St. John's United Church

125 Knowles Crescent
Ivy Meadows Continuing Care Facility
Administration Floor, Side Door Entrance
Beaver Bank, N.S.
Minister: Rev. Diane MacVicar
Phone: 902-443-4336
Worship Time: 11:00 am



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Menu – May 2015

**Woodbine and Area
Seniors Group**
Brown Hall
351 Beaver Bank
Road



Bill Horne, MLA
Waverley-Fall River-
Beaver Bank
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Fall River, NS B2T 1E6
(902) 576-3411
BillHorneMLA@gmail.com



- May 5 **Ham Dinner with Mashed Potatoes or Goulash**
Soup or Salad, Desert, Coffee/Tea
- May 12 **Baked Haddock with Bread Dressing or Beef Stew**
Soup or Salad, Dessert, Coffee/Tea
- May 19 **Liver and Bacon with Onions with Mashed Potatoes or Chili**
Soup or Salad, Desert, Coffee/Tea
- May 25 **Pork Roast Dinner or Chicken with Stuffing Casserole**
Soup or Salad, Desert, Coffee/Tea

CARDS – AUCTION 45's

Cash Prizes!! Friday 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. \$5.00/person **Light Lunch!!**
50/50 - \$2.00



Guidelines for Submissions to the Bulletin

The BBK Bulletin will be published 6 times this year (January, March, May, July, September & November). The deadline will usually be the 15th of the month before publication. Please check the last page of the current Bulletin for the specific deadline date.

Written submissions may be sent by email using the "Submit a Story" form on the Beaver Bank website. For handwritten articles, please PRINT any names. Articles may also be mailed to our mailing address.

Thank you.

**Please submit articles for the next Bulletin by
June 15th for publication in July.**